

# Bethlehem Lutheran Church



## Eleventh Sunday after Trinity August 20, 2023

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**The Order of Worship**  
**Divine Service Setting Three (LSB 184)**

*(Please stand if you are able for portions of the liturgy marked with an \*)*

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**Announcements**

**Opening Hymn: Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion** **LSB 559**

**Confession and Absolution\*** **LSB 184**

**Introit\*** (Ps. 68:1, 3, 7a, 10b, 19; antiphon: Ps. 68:5b, 6a, 35b)

God is in his holy habitation;

he settles the solitary in a home.

**The God of Israel—he is the one**

**who gives power and strength to his people.**

God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered;

and those who hate him shall flee before him!

**But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God;**

**they shall be jubilant with joy!**

O God, when you went out before your people,

in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.

**Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up;**

**God is our salvation.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son**

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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**Kyrie\*** **LSB 186**

**Gloria in Excelsis\*** **LSB 187**

**Collect\*:** Almighty and everlasting God, always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than we either desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of

Your mercy, forgiving those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things that we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **Old Testament Reading: Genesis 4:1-15**

<sup>1</sup> Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD." <sup>2</sup> And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. <sup>3</sup> In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, <sup>4</sup> and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, <sup>5</sup> but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. <sup>6</sup> The LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? <sup>7</sup> If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it." <sup>8</sup> Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. <sup>9</sup> Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" <sup>10</sup> And the LORD said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. <sup>11</sup> And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. <sup>12</sup> When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth." <sup>13</sup> Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is greater than I can bear. <sup>14</sup> Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me." <sup>15</sup> Then the LORD said to him, "Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual:** In God my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him. To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me, hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help.

**Epistle: Ephesians 2:1-10**

<sup>1</sup> And you were dead in the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup> in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— <sup>3</sup> among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. <sup>4</sup> But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— <sup>6</sup> and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup> not a result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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**Alleluia\***

**LSB 190**

**Holy Gospel\*: Luke 18:9-14**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

<sup>9</sup> He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: <sup>10</sup> “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup> The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup> I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ <sup>13</sup> But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ <sup>14</sup> I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

**Apostles’ Creed \***

**LSB 192**

**Hymn of the Day: From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee**

**LSB 607**

**Sermon**

**Offertory\***

**Offering**

**Prayer of the Church\***

**Lord's Prayer**

**LSB 199**

**Benediction\***

**Closing Hymn: Chief of Sinners Though I Be**

**LSB 611**

### **Announcements**

**Catechism Learn-By-Heart:** This summer is a great time for students of all ages to work on learning-by-heart the Small Catechism. Handouts for the Catechism Learn-by-Heart Program are available in the narthex. While memorization is not a part of our modern culture and is deemed unimportant, learning the Small Catechism by heart is important. We know of no Jesus except that Jesus who is revealed to us in sacred Scripture. The Small Catechism gives us the most important texts and primary vocabulary of Holy Scripture so that we may boldly confess the faith in our vocations.

**Announcements:** If you have an announcement for the bulletin, please have it to me by 9:30am Wednesday morning. I print the bulletins on Wednesdays. Thank you, Jackie.

**Rally Sunday:** Sunday School classes are at 8:30am at the school building each Sunday. We would be happy to have your child or grandchild join us as we study God's good Word of Life and Salvation! August 27<sup>th</sup> there will be a light breakfast and the children will sing a song in church they have been practicing. There will be bowling at Bartelso from 2:00pm-4:00pm. The cost of bowling is \$3.50 per game.

**Flowers:** Want to beautify the church? How about considering a Sunday to put flowers on the Altar in honor or in memory of someone or a special occasion, or just because our God is an awesome God. Lots of Sundays are open. They can be cut flowers, silk flowers, or a potted flower. There are vases here that can be used, or use some mason jars. Wal-Mart has some pretty flowers and so does Schnuck's. Sign up in the church office on the flower chart.

**Matthew 25 Food Pantry:** The Ladies Aid/LWML is collecting food items for the food pantry in Carlyle. So many in our community are barely making ends meet and they rely on the food pantry to help supplement their food supply.

**Help Needed for Apple Butter:** It is that time once again! Time for the annual apple peeling and cooking to make this Ferrin fall favorite; however, we need your help! Please come join us, Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, around 1pm to start peeling and coring the apples. Then on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> we will begin at 7:00am to cook, stir, and can the delicious apple butter. Come; help us keep this tradition alive. Please pray for God to bless us with good weather, willing helpers, and safety. We are cooking 25 bushels, so we could use as many hands as possible for both days. Oh, there will be lunch available too! BBQ sandwiches and soups and sides. You are welcome to bring something, if you wish.

**Apple Butter Orders:** Get your orders in by September 1<sup>st</sup> to make sure you get some of the traditional tasty apple butter from the Ferrin Ladies Aid. It is loved in many states! Same price as the last few years, \$8.00 per quart and \$6.50 per pint, if you have your own jars, flats and rings; otherwise, it is \$1.00 per jar more, for us to provide them for you. Call or text Diane Buening at 618-520-3673 or Mia Zimmermann at 618-560-3814 to place your order.

**Chicken Dinner:** Chicken Dinner Fundraiser at Messiah Lutheran Church (Carlyle) Fellowship Hall, 13<sup>th</sup> & Kane St, August 27, 2023 from 10:30am-1:00pm. Dine in or carry out. Fried chicken, 2 sides, coleslaw & pie or cake dessert \$13.00.

**Private Confession and Absolution:** The Lutheran Confessions state that private absolution should be retained and not abolished in the churches (Augsburg Confession XI). With this in mind, if at any time you desire private confession and absolution, please give Pastor Jennings a call to set-up a time to meet privately.

**Confessional Lutherans, We've Got Your Back:** Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUO, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

### **Upcoming Events at Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School:**

- The 20th Annual Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School Tee Off Golf Scramble will be held Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, at Greenview Golf Course in Centralia. Registration begins at 12:00pm with Shotgun Start at 1:00pm. To sponsor or sign up please contact Dan Kueper at (618) 226-3315.
- Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School is celebrating its 20th year and the **Sterling Evening Dinner & Auction** will take place on **Saturday, October 21, 2023**, with the theme, Start Up to Stand Out! Mark your calendar for this event and if you are willing to donate items, please contact Dan Kueper at (618) 226-3315.

**Find Bethlehem on Podbean or Facebook:** Listen to Pastor Jennings sermons on Podbean or our Facebook page. Download the app 'Podbean' to your smartphone. Search for Bethlehem Lutheran church and begin listening.

### **This Week in our congregation:**

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