

Bethlehem Lutheran Church



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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 *)*

Announcements

Opening Hymn: Seek Ye First (Children will sing stanza 1) **LSB 712**

Confession and Absolution* **LSB 184**

Introit*

(Ps. 70:2b, 4a, 5b; antiphon: Ps. 70:1-2a)

Make haste, O God, to deliver me!

O LORD, make haste to help me!

Let them be put to shame and confusion

who seek my life!

Let them be turned back

and brought to dishonor who desire my hurt!

May all who seek you rejoice

and be glad in you!

You are my help and my deliverer;

O LORD, do not delay!

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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Let them be put to shame and confusion

who seek my life!

Kyrie*

LSB 186

Gloria in Excelsis*

LSB 187

Collect*: Almighty and merciful God, by Your gift alone Your faithful people render true and laudable service. Help us steadfastly to live in this life according to Your promises and finally attain Your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our

Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 29:17-24

¹⁷ Is it not yet a very little while until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest? ¹⁸ In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see. ¹⁹ The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD, and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel. ²⁰ For the ruthless shall come to nothing and the scoffer cease, and all who watch to do evil shall be cut off, ²¹ who by a word make a man out to be an offender, and lay a snare for him who reproves in the gate, and with an empty plea turn aside him who is in the right. ²² Therefore thus says the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob: “Jacob shall no more be ashamed, no more shall his face grow pale. ²³ For when he sees his children, the work of my hands, in his midst, they will sanctify my name; they will sanctify the Holy One of Jacob and will stand in awe of the God of Israel. ²⁴ And those who go astray in spirit will come to understanding, and those who murmur will accept instruction.”

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

Gradual: I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

Epistle: Romans 10:9-17

⁹ because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” ¹⁴ How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵ And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” ¹⁶ But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has

believed what he has heard from us?”¹⁷ So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

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

Alleluia*

LSB 190

Holy Gospel*: Mark 7:31-37

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 7th chapter. **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

³¹ Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³² And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³ And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. ³⁴ And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” ³⁵ And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶ And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷ And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

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

Nicene Creed*

LSB 191

Hymn of the Day: My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker

LSB 820

Sermon

Offertory*

LSB 192

Offering

Installation of Sunday School Teachers

Prayer of the Church*

Service of the Sacrament*

LSB 194

Distribution Hymns: 545, 811, 797, 627

Nunc Dimittis*

LSB 199

Benediction*

Closing Hymn: The Lord, My God, Be Praised

LSB 794

Announcements

Rally Sunday: Today is Rally Sunday, which means we're beginning a new catechetical year in the church and in our homes. With this, there are several important items to point out:

- The **Congregation at Prayer** starts anew. You're encouraged to use this in your daily devotions in the home.
- **Sunday Morning Studies:** Sunday School had their kickoff breakfast this morning and will begin classes next Sunday. All non-confirmed kids are encouraged to attend. All others are welcome to attend pastor's class in the sanctuary as we continue our study on seeing Jesus in the Old Testament.
- **Wednesday Religion:** Wednesday Religion classes will begin on September 6th from 6pm-7:30pm. All students in 1st – 8th grade are encouraged to attend. Additionally, we're doing something a little different this year. Parents of these student and other members of the church are invited to attend pastors' confirmation class in the preschool basement. This is a great opportunity for all members to review the basic tenants of what we believe, teach, and confess as Lutherans. If you have any questions, please talk to Pastor Jennings, Deb Albers, or Judy Kleiboeker.

Ultimately, all are encouraged to take advantage of these studies as we find great joy and comfort gathering around God's Word.

Installation of Sunday School Teachers: Prior to the Prayer of the Church this morning, we will have the installation of Sunday School teachers.

Youth Group Lunch: Youth Group members are invited over to Pastor Jennings' house for lunch and fellowship following the Divine Service on Sunday, September 3rd.

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.

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 22nd, around 1pm to start peeling and coring the apples. Then on Saturday, September 23rd 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 1st 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, 13th & Kane St, Today, August 27, 2023 from 10:30am-1:00pm. Dine in or carry out. Fried chicken, 2 sides, coleslaw & pie or cake dessert \$13.00.

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This Week in our congregation:

Sunday: 8:30am Bible Class/Sunday School
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Monday: Church Office Closed