

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: Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing **LSB 737**

Confession and Absolution* **LSB 184**

Introit*

(Ps. 84:1-2a, 4, 10b, 11b; antiphon: Ps. 84:9-10a)

Behold our shield, O God;

look on the face of your anointed!

For a day in your courts

is better than a thousand elsewhere.

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD.

Blessed are those who dwell in your house,

ever singing your praise!

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God

than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

The LORD bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

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*: O Lord, keep Your Church with Your perpetual mercy; and because of our frailty we cannot but fall, keep us ever by Your help from all things hurtful and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; 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: Proverbs 4:10-23

¹⁰ Hear, my son, and accept my words, that the years of your life may be many. ¹¹ I have taught you the way of wisdom; I have led you in the paths of uprightness. ¹² When you walk, your step will not be hampered, and if you run, you will not stumble. ¹³ Keep hold of instruction; do not let go; guard her, for she is your life. ¹⁴ Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not walk in the way of the evil. ¹⁵ Avoid it; do not go on it; turn away from it and pass on. ¹⁶ For they cannot sleep unless they have done wrong; they are robbed of sleep unless they have made someone stumble. ¹⁷ For they eat the bread of wickedness and drink the wine of violence. ¹⁸ But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day. ¹⁹ The way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know over what they stumble. ²⁰ My son, be attentive to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. ²¹ Let them not escape from your sight; keep them within your heart. ²² For they are life to those who find them, and healing to all their flesh. ²³ Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.

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

Gradual: It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night.

Epistle: Galatians 5:16-24

¹⁶ But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of

God. ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia*

LSB 190

Holy Gospel*: Luke 17:11-19

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 17th chapter. **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³ and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” ¹⁴ When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶ and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸ Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹ And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

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

Nicene Creed*

LSB 191

Hymn of the Day: From God Can Nothing Move Me

LSB 713

Sermon

Offertory*

LSB 192

Offering

Prayer of the Church*

Service of the Sacrament

LSB 194

Distribution Hymns: 431, 422, 617, 849, 693, 643

Nunc Dimittis*

LSB 199

Benediction*

Closing Hymn: Now Thank We All Our God

LSB 895

Announcements

Thrivent: At the beginning of June, Thrivent Financial came out in support of the LGBTQ lifestyle. This lifestyle is contrary to the clear words of Scripture on what God says about marriage, and what it means to be a man or a woman. As a result of this, our church decided at our July Voters' Meeting that we can no longer promote or receive funding from Thrivent. While the church does not have any accounts with Thrivent, many of our church groups take advantage of their action grants for various events and fundraisers. Members of the church are encouraged to step-up their support for these groups so that we may continue to have various events and fundraisers, but also be able to stand up for what we believe, teach, and confess. You are also encouraged to pray for the board of Thrivent that they may repent of their sin, and if you feel so inclined, reach out to your Thrivent representative to express your discontent with the organization's decision. In the meantime, Pastor Jennings and the elders will be composing a letter to send to Thrivent on behalf of the church. If you have any questions or concerns about this, please feel free to speak with Pastor Jennings.

Wednesday Religion Class: Wednesday Religion Class has begun. All students 1st – 8th grade are encouraged to attend classes that are held from 6:00pm – 7:30pm. Additionally, we're doing something a little different this year. Parents of these students 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.

Upcoming Agape Youth Event: Nerf War and Bible study at 6:00pm on September 10th. Bring your Nerf guns if you have them! If you are a parent or youth who has not joined the app TeamReach, please do so to stay connected to messages and event dates. Code: Ferrin

Family and Friends Movie Night: Come join in fun and fellowship for an outdoor movies night on Saturday, September 16th. Movie time will start at roughly 8:00pm. Bring a lawn chair or blanket for an enjoyable evening. Agape Youth will be selling homemade ice cream cups, popcorn and drinks. Come join us in watching the movie Up!

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.

Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School: A blood drive will be hosted at Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 from 11:00am-4:00pm in the school gymnasium. Please consider donating. Thank You!

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9:30am Divine Service

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