

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: The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done **LSB 464**

Confession and Absolution* **LSB 184**

Introit*

(Ps. 86:1, 7, 12-13; antiphon: Ps. 86:3, 5)

Be gracious to me, O Lord,
for to you do I cry all the day.

**For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.**

Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me,
for I am poor and needy.

**In the day of my trouble I call upon you,
for you answer me.**

I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
and I will glorify your name forever.

**For great is your steadfast love toward me;
you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.**

**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.**

Be gracious to me, O Lord,
for to you do I cry all the day.

For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.

Kyrie* **LSB 186**

Gloria in Excelsis* **LSB 187**

Collect*: O Lord, we pray that Your grace may always go before and follow after us, that we may continually be given to all good works; 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: 1 Kings 17:17-24

¹⁷ After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill. And his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. ¹⁸ And she said to Elijah, “What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance and to cause the death of my son!” ¹⁹ And he said to her, “Give me your son.” And he took him from her arms and carried him up into the upper chamber where he lodged, and laid him on his own bed. ²⁰ And he cried to the LORD, “O LORD my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by killing her son?” ²¹ Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the LORD, “O LORD my God, let this child's life come into him again.” ²² And the LORD listened to the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. ²³ And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper chamber into the house and delivered him to his mother. And Elijah said, “See, your son lives.” ²⁴ And the woman said to Elijah, “Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth.”

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

Gradual: Nations will fear the name of the LORD, and all the kings of the earth will fear your glory. For the LORD builds up Zion; he appears in his glory.

Epistle: Ephesians 3:13-21

¹³ So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory. ¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at

work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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

Alleluia*

LSB 190

Holy Gospel*: Luke 7:11-17

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

¹¹ Soon afterward he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. ¹² As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. ¹³ And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not weep.” ¹⁴ Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, “Young man, I say to you, arise.” ¹⁵ And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. ¹⁶ Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and “God has visited his people!” ¹⁷ And this report about him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.

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

Nicene Creed*

LSB 191

Hymn of the Day: The Will of God Is Always Best

LSB 758

Sermon

Offertory*

LSB 192

Offering

Prayer of the Church*

Service of the Sacrament*

LSB 194

Distribution Hymns: 741, 633, 467, 461

Nunc Dimittis*

LSB 199

Benediction*

Closing Hymn: For Me to Live Is Jesus

LSB 742

Announcements

Wednesday Religion Class: As mentioned in previous weeks, members of the church are invited to attend pastors' Lutheran catechesis class in the preschool basement on Wednesday night beginning at 6pm. This is a great opportunity to review the basic tenants of what we believe, teach, and confess as Lutherans. This week our focus will be on the *6th & 7th Commandments*.

Hymn Festival: Good Shepherd Lutheran (1300 Beltline Road; Collinsville, IL) will be celebrating St. Michael and All Angels with a hymn festival on Friday, September 29th at 7:00pm. Titled "*With Angels and Archangels*," it will be a celebration of the rich hymnody found in Lutheran Service Book that deals with these special messengers of God. Hymn commentary will be given by Pr. Will Weedon, host of the Lutheran Public Radio podcast "*The Word of the Lord Endures Forever*" (<https://thewordendures.org>) along with organist Chris Loemker, orchestra, and choir. The choir will be comprised of singers from local LCMS congregations. For more information, or to register to sing with the choir, please visit the website www.withangelsandarchangels.org.

Boys Basketball Coach Opening: Christ Our Rock is searching for a Boys Basketball coach for the 2023-2024 season. Interested parties should send resumes to Mr. Don Duensing, Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School, 9545 Shattuc Road, Centralia, IL 62801, 226-3315, dduensing@corlhs.org.

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 KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School: 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.

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This Week in our congregation:

Sunday: 8:30am Bible Class/Sunday School

9:30am Divine Service

Tuesday: 10:00am–3:00pm Pastor at Circuit Meeting

Wednesday: 6:00pm-7:30pm Religion/Confirmation Classes

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9:30am Divine Service