

# Bethlehem Lutheran Church



## Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity October 1, 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: We All Believe in One True God** **LSB 953**

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

**Introit\***

(Ps. 119:1-2, 5-6; antiphon: Ps. 119:137, 124)

Righteous are you, O LORD,  
and right are your just decrees.

**Deal with your servant according to your steadfast love,  
and teach me your statutes.**

Blessed are those whose way is blameless,  
who walk in the law of the LORD!

**Blessed are those who keep his testimonies,  
who seek him with their whole heart.**

Oh that my ways may be steadfast  
in keeping your statutes!

**Then I shall not be put to shame,  
having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.**

**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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and right are your just decrees.

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and teach me your statutes.

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

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

**Collect\*:** Lord, we implore You, grant Your people grace to withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds to follow You, the only God; 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 25:6-14**

<sup>6</sup>Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great,  
<sup>7</sup>for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble. What your eyes have seen <sup>8</sup>do not hastily bring into court, for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame? <sup>9</sup>Argue your case with your neighbor himself, and do not reveal another's secret, <sup>10</sup>lest he who hears you bring shame upon you, and your ill repute have no end. <sup>11</sup>A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver. <sup>12</sup>Like a gold ring or an ornament of gold is a wise reprover to a listening ear. <sup>13</sup>Like the cold of snow in the time of harvest is a faithful messenger to those who send him; he refreshes the soul of his masters. <sup>14</sup>Like clouds and wind without rain is a man who boasts of a gift he does not give.

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

**Gradual:** Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage! By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host.

**Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-6**

<sup>1</sup> I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—<sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

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

**Alleluia\***

**LSB 190**

## **Holy Gospel\*: Luke 14:1-11**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> One Sabbath, when he went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. <sup>2</sup> And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. <sup>3</sup> And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?” <sup>4</sup> But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. <sup>5</sup> And he said to them, “Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?” <sup>6</sup> And they could not reply to these things. <sup>7</sup> Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, <sup>8</sup> “When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, <sup>9</sup> and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give your place to this person,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup> But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. <sup>11</sup> For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

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

<b>Apostles' Creed*</b>	<b>LSB 192</b>
<b>Hymn of the Day: Seek Where You May to Find a Way</b>	<b>LSB 557</b>
<b>Sermon</b>	
<b>Offertory*</b>	<b>LSB 192</b>
<b>Offering: (LWML/Ladies Aid singing)</b>	
<b>Recognition of the LWML/Ladies Aid</b>	
<b>Prayer of the Church*</b>	
<b>Lord's Prayer</b>	
<b>Benediction*</b>	
<b>Closing Hymn: I Know My Faith Is Founded</b>	<b>LSB 587</b>

## 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 **8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Commandments**.

**Fall Pastors' Conference:** Pastor Jennings will be at the Southern Illinois Fall Pastors' Conference on Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>–Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. In case of emergency, you may reach him on his cellphone.

**Braille:** We will be making Braille prayer books on October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00am in New Minden.

**Thank You:** The Ladies Aid sends out a huge THANK YOU to all who helped peel, core, wash, cook, and can apple butter. We thank the Lord for all of you and all glory to Him for such a blessed weekend. There are a few jars left to sell, so please see Diane Buening or Mia Zimmermann if you'd like to get purchase any. It is such a fun tradition to keep alive. This was the 75<sup>th</sup> year of apple butter making.

**Church Council & Voters' Meeting:** Please mark your calendars for our next Church Council and Voters' Meetings. The Church Council will meet on Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm. The Voters' Meeting will be on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

**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](http://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 20<sup>th</sup> 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:**

Sunday: 8:30am Bible Class/Sunday School

9:30am Divine Service

Mon./Tues.: Pastor at SID Pastors' Conference

Tuesday: 7:00pm Church Council

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

Sunday: 8:30am Bible Class/Sunday School

9:30am Divine Service

6:00pm Agape Youth Bonfire at the Kupers'