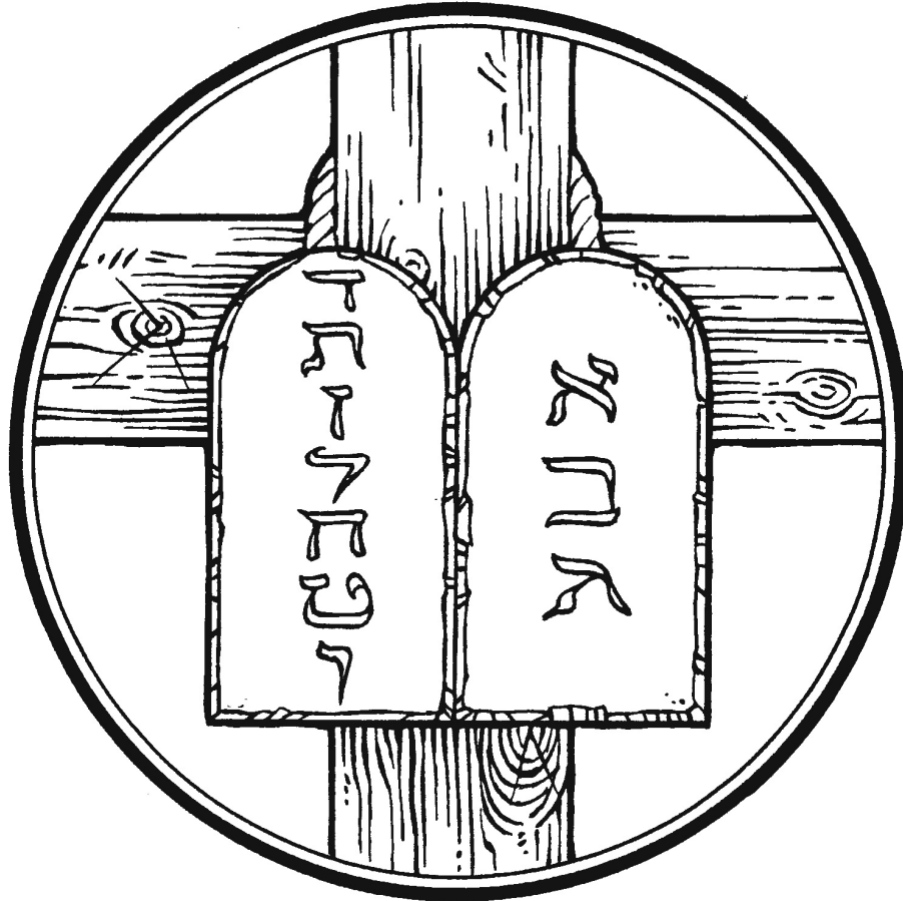


Bethlehem Lutheran Church



Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

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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: Blessed Jesus, at Your Word **LSB 904**

Confession and Absolution* **LSB 184**

Introit*

(Ps. 122:1, 6, 8-9; antiphon: Liturgical Text)

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
and let your prophets be proven faithful.

Hear the prayer of your servants,

According to the blessing of Aaron upon your people.

I was glad when they said to me,

“Let us go to the house of the LORD!”

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!

May they be secure who love you!

For my brothers and companions' sake

I will say, “Peace be within you!”

For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,

I will seek your good.

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.

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,

and let your prophets be proven faithful.

Hear the prayer of your servants,

According to the blessing of Aaron upon your people.

Kyrie* **LSB 186**

Gloria in Excelsis* **LSB 187**

Collect*: O God, because without You we are not able to please You, mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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: Deuteronomy 10:12-21

¹²“And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹³and to keep the commandments and statutes of the LORD, which I am commanding you today for your good? ¹⁴Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it. ¹⁵Yet the LORD set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day. ¹⁶Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn. ¹⁷For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. ¹⁸He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. ¹⁹Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. ²⁰You shall fear the LORD your God. You shall serve him and hold fast to him, and by his name you shall swear. ²¹He is your praise. He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen.

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

Gradual: I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the LORD!” Peace be within your walls and security within your towers!

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

¹ Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, ²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—⁶even as the

testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—⁷ so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ,⁸ who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.⁹ God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Alleluia*

LSB 190

Holy Gospel*: Matthew 22:34-46

The Holy Gospel according to St Matthew, the 22nd chapter. **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

³⁴ But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. ³⁵ And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” ³⁷ And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.” ⁴¹ Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, ⁴² saying, “What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” ⁴³ He said to them, “How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying, ⁴⁴ “‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet”’? ⁴⁵ If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?” ⁴⁶ And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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

Nicene Creed*

LSB 191

Hymn of the Day: Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

LSB 708

Sermon

Offertory*

LSB 192

Offering

Prayer of the Church*

Service of the Sacrament*

LSB 194

Distribution Hymns: 581, 402, 398, 842

Nunc Dimittis*

LSB 199

Benediction*

Closing Hymn: Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower

LSB 694

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 *Close of the Commandments*.

Voters' Meetings: Please mark your calendars for our next Voters' Meetings. It will be on Sunday, October 15th at 7pm.

Upcoming Announcements for Agape Youth Group

- Sara will be leading a Sunday morning Bible study at 8:30am-this will be twice a month. October dates are the 8th and 22nd.
- October 8th – bonfire at the Kuper house at 5:30pm. Bring a flashlight. We'll have hot dogs, bbq, drinks and s'mores. If anyone else wants to bring anything that would be great.
- Fall casserole sale will be held on October 22nd after church.

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, 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.

Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School: Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School's First Open House for prospective students is scheduled for Wednesday, October 25, with

tours from 6:30pm-8:00pm. That evening families will be able to visit the school, tour the facilities, and talk with current students, parents, and teachers. Come see how Christ Our Rock can serve your family. This event is open to all prospective students and families. Transfer students and potential freshman are encouraged to attend. Interested families not able to attend can contact the school office at 226-3315 to receive an information packet and set an appointment to visit the school.

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
5:30 Agape Youth Bonfire at the Kupers'

Monday: 7:00pm LWML/Ladies Aid

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

Sunday: 8:30am Bible Class/Sunday School
9:30am Divine Service
7:00pm Voters' Meeting