

Bethlehem Lutheran Church



Nineteenth 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: Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus **LSB 531**

Confession and Absolution* **LSB 184**

Introit* (Ps. 78:1-3, 4b; antiphon: Ps. 35:3b; 34:17a, 6b; 48:14a)

Say to my soul, "I am your salvation!"

When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears.

**The Lord saved him out of all his troubles;
this is God, our God forever and ever.**

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth!

**I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings from of old,**

things that we have heard and known,
that our fathers have told us.

**We will tell the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might,
and the wonders that he has done.**

**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*: Almighty and merciful God, of Your bountiful goodness keep from us all things that may hurt us that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish whatever You would have us do; 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: Genesis 28:10-17

¹⁰ Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹ And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. ¹² And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! ¹³ And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. ¹⁴ Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. ¹⁵ Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." ¹⁶ Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it." ¹⁷ And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

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

Gradual: O LORD, I call upon you; hasten to me! Give ear to my voice when I call to you! Let my prayer be counted as incense before you, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice!

Epistle: Ephesians 4:22-28

²² ... put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, ²³ and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. ²⁵ Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. ²⁶ Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and give no opportunity to the devil. ²⁸ Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.

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Alleluia*

LSB 190

Holy Gospel*: Matthew 9:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 9th chapter. **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹ And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city. ² And behold, some people brought to him a paralytic, lying on a bed. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven.” ³ And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, “This man is blaspheming.” ⁴ But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts? ⁵ For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’? ⁶ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he then said to the paralytic—“Rise, pick up your bed and go home.” ⁷ And he rose and went home. ⁸ When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

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

Apostles’ Creed*

LSB 192

Hymn of the Day: Praise the Almighty

LSB 797

Sermon

Offertory*

LSB 192

Offering

Prayer of the Church*

Lord’s Prayer

Benediction*

Closing Hymn: Triune God, Be Thou Our Stay (*Stzs. 1-3*)

LSB 505

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 *First Article of the Creed*.

Voters’ Meeting: Please mark your calendars for our next Voters’ Meetings. It will be tonight (Sunday, October 15th) at 7:00pm.

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 date is the 22nd.
- 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 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.

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.

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This Week in our congregation:

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9:30am Divine Service
7:00pm Voters' Meeting

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