

Bethlehem Lutheran Church



The Feast of All Saints *November 5, 2023*

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The Order of Service

Divine Service Setting One (LSB 151)

*(Please stand if you are able for portions of the liturgy marked with an *)*

Announcements

Opening Hymn: Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones **LSB 670**

Confession and Absolution* **LSB 151**

Introit* *(Ps. 31:1, 3, 5; antiphon: Rev. 7:14b)*

These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.

In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be | put to shame;

in your righteousness de- | liver me.

For you are my rock and my | fortress;

and for your name's sake you lead me and | guide me.

Into your hand I commit my | spirit;

you have redeemed me, O LORD, | faithful God.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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Kyrie* **LSB 152**

This is the Feast* **LSB 155**

Collect*: Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Revelation 7:2-17

²Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, ³saying, “Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.” ⁴And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel: ⁵12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed, 12,000 from the tribe of Reuben, 12,000 from the tribe of Gad, ⁶12,000 from the tribe of Asher, 12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali, 12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh, ⁷12,000 from the tribe of Simeon, 12,000 from the tribe of Levi, 12,000 from the tribe of Issachar, ⁸12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun, 12,000 from the tribe of Joseph, 12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed. ⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.” ¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.” ¹⁵“Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

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

Gradual

These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.

Blessed are those whose strength is | in you,

in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.

Epistle: 1 John 3:1-3

¹ See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³ And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

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

Alleluia*

LSB 156

Holy Gospel*: Matthew 5:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹ Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: ³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. ⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. ⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. ⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. ⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. ⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. ¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

Nicene Creed*

LSB 158

Hymn of the Day: For All the Saints

LSB 677

Sermon

Remembrance of the Faithful Departed*

*Marlene Schierschwitz (11/23/22), Curt Rueter (12/22/22) Verdell Hermsmeyer (1/1/2023),
Connie Schilling (4/13/2023), Norman Kleiboeker (4/24/2023), Winny Will (5/1/2023)*

Prayer of the Church*

Offering

We Give Thee But Thine Own*

LSB 781

Service of the Sacrament*	LSB 160
Distribution Hymns: 647, 674, 678, 648	
Post-Communion Canticle: Thank the Lord*	LSB 164
Benediction*	
Closing Hymn: Jerusalem the Golden	LSB 672

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 Second Article of the Creed (Part 2)*.

Produce Boxes: Just in time for Thanksgiving, the youth group is again selling Produce Boxes. A flyer is in your box with what items are included. Each box is \$30. Boxes may be picked up from 11-1 on November 22nd or you can make arrangements with a youth member for delivery. See Sara Kuper or a youth member this morning to order one or go to <https://tinyurl.com/producehyfg2> to place an order.

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This Week in our congregation:

Sunday: No Bible Class/Sunday School
9:30am Divine Service
Noon – 5:00pm Wurstmart

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

Sunday: 8:30am Bible Class/Sunday School
9:30am Divine Service