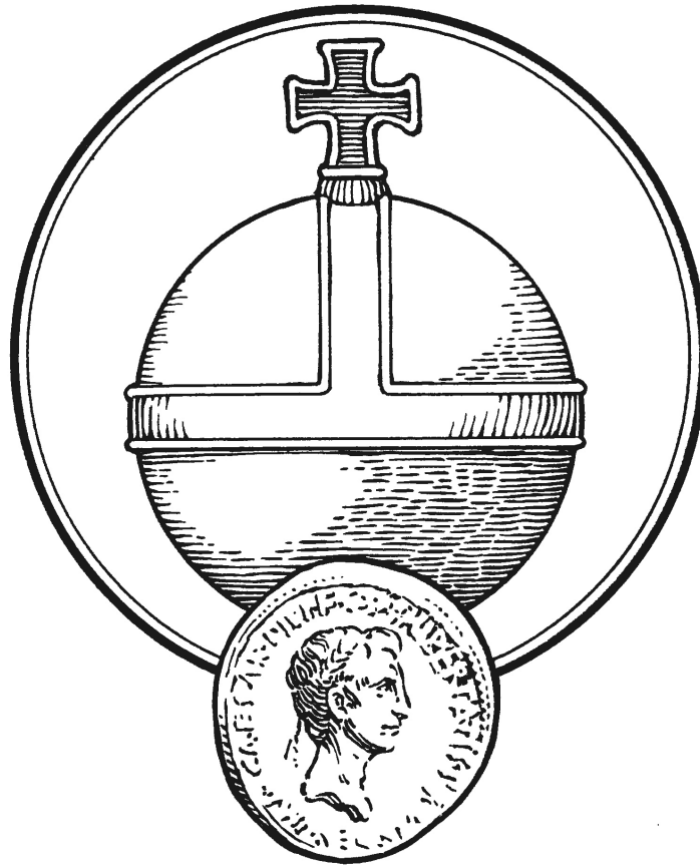


Bethlehem Lutheran Church



Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity *November 12, 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: All People That on Earth Do Dwell **LSB 791**

Confession and Absolution* **LSB 151**

Introit* *(Ps. 85:1, 7, 9, 11; antiphon: Jer. 29:11a, 12)*

I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD,
plans for wholeness and not for evil.

**Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me,
And I will hear you.**

LORD, you were favorable to you land;
You restored the fortunes of Jacob.

**Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,
And grant us your salvation.**

Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,
That glory may dwell in our land.

**Faithfulness springs up from the ground,
And righteousness looks down from the sky.**

**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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plans for wholeness and not for evil.

Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me,
And I will hear you.

Kyrie* **LSB 152**

This is the Feast* **LSB 155**

Collect*: O Lord, absolve Your people from their offenses that from the bonds of our sins, which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon ourselves, we may be

delivered by Your bountiful goodness; 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: Proverbs 8:11-22

¹¹for wisdom is better than jewels, and all that you may desire cannot compare with her. ¹²“I, wisdom, dwell with prudence, and I find knowledge and discretion. ¹³The fear of the LORD is hatred of evil. Pride and arrogance and the way of evil and perverted speech I hate. ¹⁴I have counsel and sound wisdom; I have insight; I have strength. ¹⁵By me kings reign, and rulers decree what is just; ¹⁶by me princes rule, and nobles, all who govern justly. ¹⁷I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently find me. ¹⁸Riches and honor are with me, enduring wealth and righteousness. ¹⁹My fruit is better than gold, even fine gold, and my yield than choice silver. ²⁰I walk in the way of righteousness, in the paths of justice, ²¹granting an inheritance to those who love me, and filling their treasuries. ²²“The LORD possessed me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of old.

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

Gradual: You have saved us from our foes and have put to shame those who hate us. In God we have boasted continually, and we will give thanks to your name forever.

Epistle: Philippians 3:17-21

¹⁷Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

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

Holy Gospel*: Matthew 22:15-22

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

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words. ¹⁶ And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” ²¹ They said, “Caesar's.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.” ²² When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

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

Nicene Creed*	LSB 158
Hymn of the Day: Who Trusts in God a Strong Abode	LSB 714
Sermon	
Prayer of the Church*	
Offering	
We Give Thee But Thine Own*	LSB 781
Service of the Sacrament*	LSB 160
Distribution Hymns: 730, 754 (tune 915), 645, 940	
Post-Communion Canticle: Thank the Lord*	LSB 164
Benediction*	
Closing Hymn: Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good	LSB 819

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 3)*.

Produce Boxes: Just in time for Thanksgiving, the youth group is again selling Produce Boxes. The box includes: 1 pineapple, 1 celery, 3 lbs. onion, 12 oz. cranberries, 1 winter

squash, 3 lbs. sweet potatoes, 1 bag carrots, 1 lb. brussel sprouts, 1 cabbage, 3 lbs. gala apples, 5 lbs. potatoes. 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.

Hanging of the Greens: Bethlehem Lutheran Church will be Hanging the Greens on December 9th at 3:00pm (after Sunday School practice). All are invited to attend a fun social afternoon/evening in preparation of the Advent Season. We are going to decorate the church building inside and out together as a congregation this year. All children under 5th grade must have a parent in attendance to help with the decorating. Young and old are encouraged to help with the decorating. After we finish decorating (hopefully by 5:00pm) we will have a potluck in the school basement. Please bring a dish to share. You may let Pastor Jennings, Jeff Kleiboeker or Susan Kleiboeker know if you are interested in helping. Even if it's just for a few minutes, we would love to have you come.

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This Week in our congregation:

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

Monday: 7:00pm Ladies Aid/LWML

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

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