

# Bethlehem Lutheran Church



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**The Order of Worship**  
**Divine Service Setting One (LSB 151)**

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

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**Announcements**

**Hymn: Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens** **LSB 589**

**Confession and Absolution\*** **LSB 151**

**Introit**

(Ps. 44:1-2, 7-8; antiphon: Ps. 44:23, 25a, 26a)

Awake! Why are you sleeping, O Lord?

Rouse yourself! Do not reject us forever!

**For our soul is bowed down to the dust.**

**Rise up; come to our help!**

O God, we have heard with our ears, our fathers have told us,  
what deeds you performed in their days, in the days of old:

**you with your own hand drove out the nations, but them you planted;**

**you afflicted the peoples, but them you set free.**

But 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.**

**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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Rouse yourself! Do not reject us forever!

For our soul is bowed down to the dust.

Rise up; come to our help!

**Kyrie\*** **LSB 152**

**This Is the Feast\*** **LSB 155**

**Collect\*:** O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; 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: Isaiah 55:10-13**

<sup>10</sup>“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, <sup>11</sup>so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. <sup>12</sup>“For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. <sup>13</sup>Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

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

**Gradual:** Let your enemies know that you alone, whose name is the LORD, are the Most High over all the earth. O my God, make them like whirling dust, like chaff before the wind.

**Epistle: Hebrews 4:9-13**

<sup>9</sup>So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, <sup>10</sup>for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. <sup>11</sup>Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. <sup>12</sup>For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

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

**Tract:** O God, you have rejected us, broken our defenses; you have been angry; oh, restore us. You have made the land to quake; you have torn it open; repair its

breaches, for it totters. That your beloved ones may be delivered, give salvation by your right hand and answer us!

### **Holy Gospel\*: Luke 8:4-15**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>4</sup> And when a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable, <sup>5</sup> “A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. <sup>6</sup> And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. <sup>7</sup> And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. <sup>8</sup> And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold.” As he said these things, he called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.” <sup>9</sup> And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, <sup>10</sup> he said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that ‘seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.’” <sup>11</sup> Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. <sup>12</sup> The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. <sup>13</sup> And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. <sup>14</sup> And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. <sup>15</sup> As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.

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

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| <b>Apostles' Creed</b>                                   | <b>LSB 159</b> |
| <b>Hymn of the Day: Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide</b> | <b>LSB 585</b> |
| <b>Sermon</b>  |                |
| <b>Prayer of the Church*</b>                             |                |
| <b>Offering</b>  |                |
| <b>Offertory*: We Give Thee But Thine Own</b>            | <b>LSB 781</b> |
| <b>Lord's Prayer &amp; Collect*</b>                      | <b>LSB 162</b> |
| <b>Benediction*</b>                                      | <b>LSB 166</b> |

**Announcements**

**What Does This Mean?** Sexagesima is the second Sunday in what is often referred to as Pre-Lent. The word ‘Sexagesima’ comes from the Latin word for ‘sixtieth.’ We are approximately 60 days from Easter. This Sunday trumpets the Reformation theme of Scripture Alone.

**New Sunday Morning Bible Study:** For centuries, the psalms have been central to the church’s worship. While the language is beautiful and rich and comforting, the poetry can make the psalms a little challenging to understand and pray. So, join us on Sunday mornings at 8:30am as we begin a new study on the Book of Psalms in order that we may integrate these prayers into our daily devotions and pray them with all boldness and confidence in any time of need.

**Ash Wednesday:** Ash Wednesday is February 14<sup>th</sup>. As we begin the penitential Season of Lent on this day, there will be a Divine Service that evening at 7pm.

**Lenten Devotional:** Throughout the Season of Lent, we will be reading through the Large Catechism again. For those who don’t have a copy there are two options. You may access it online at [www.bookofconcord.org](http://www.bookofconcord.org), or the church can order you a hard copy. If you would prefer a hard copy, please let Pastor Jennings or Dena know.

**Wednesday Religion Class:** As mentioned in previous weeks, members of the church are invited to attend pastor’s 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 Sacrament of Holy Baptism (Part 2)*

**Private Confession and Absolution:** The Lutheran Confessions state that private absolution should be retained and not abolished in the churches (Augsburg Confession, XI). With this in mind, if at any time you desire private confession and absolution, please give Pastor Jennings a call to set-up a time to meet privately.

**Men’s Club Meeting:** will be Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the school basement. Servers for the meeting are Elbert Brink and Jeff Brink.

**The Braille Team:** will be making prayer books on Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am in New Minden.

**Valentine Pork Chop Dinner:** Hoffman Trinity Lutheran School will be hosting their annual Valentine Pork Chop Dinner and Auction **on February 11<sup>th</sup> between 10:45am - 1:00pm.** Dinner includes a smoked pork chop, baked potato, green beans, cinnamon applesauce, and a delicious dessert all for only \$14.00. Tickets for children 2-10 will be \$6.00. The annual auction will begin at 1:00pm in the gym. Bidding for the silent auction will be during the meal times. If you wish to see what will be on the auction, please use the Facebook site <https://fb.me/e/33QLgLxg4> or search for it on FB using “Trinity Lutheran Hoffman 2024 Pork Chop dinner & Auction.” All proceeds will go toward the PTL and will be used for the continued education of the students at the school, in the areas of technology, Physical Education, classroom materials, and school wide projects, just to name a few. If you would like to donate an item to the auction, please contact the school by January 30<sup>th</sup>. Perhaps giving a monetary gift is more of what you want to do, we would appreciate that too; just contact the school office at 618-495-2246. Thank you for your continued support! Trinity Lutheran Hoffman PTL.

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