

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 *)*

Announcements

Hymn: Father Most Holy **LSB 504**

Confession and Absolution* **LSB 151**

Introit

(Ps. 31:1, 5, 9, 16; antiphon: Ps. 31:2b-3)

Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me!

For you are my rock and my fortress;

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

In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me!

Into your hand I commit my spirit;

you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;
my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body also.

Make your face shine on your servant;

save me in your steadfast love!

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.

Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me!

For you are my rock and my fortress;

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

Kyrie* **LSB 152**

Gloria in Excelsis* **LSB 154**

Collect*: O Lord, mercifully hear our prayers and having set us free from the bonds of our sins deliver us from every evil; 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 35:3-7

³ Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. ⁴ Say to those who have an anxious heart, “Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.” ⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶ then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

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

Gradual: You are the God who works wonders; you have made known your might among the peoples. You with your arm redeemed your people, the children of Jacob and Joseph.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

¹ If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. ⁴ Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸ Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³ So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

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

Tract: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing! Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Holy Gospel*: Luke 18:31-43

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 18th chapter. **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

³¹ And taking the twelve, he said to them, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. ³² For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. ³³ And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise.” ³⁴ But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said. ³⁵ As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. ³⁶ And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant. ³⁷ They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.” ³⁸ And he cried out, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” ³⁹ And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁰ And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to him. And when he came near, he asked him, ⁴¹ “What do you want me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, let me recover my sight.” ⁴² And Jesus said to him, “Recover your sight; your faith has made you well.” ⁴³ And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

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

Nicene Creed*

LSB 158

Hymn of the Day: Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

LSB 685

Sermon

Prayer of the Church*

Offering

Offertory*: We Give Thee But Thine Own

LSB 781

Service of the Sacrament*	LSB 160
Distribution Hymns: 732, 744, 849, 688	
Thank the Lord*	LSB 164
Benediction*	LSB 166
Closing Hymn: Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good	LSB 819

Announcements

What Does This Mean: Quinquagesima comes from the Latin word for “fiftieth.” Quinquagesima is approximately fifty days from Easter and is the last Sunday prior to the Season of Lent, which starts this Wednesday. Additionally, this Sunday trumpets the Reformation theme of “Faith Alone.”

Ash Wednesday: Ash Wednesday is February 14th. 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. While we did this for Lent last year, it’s good for us to read through it again and again. Luther writes, “I am also a doctor and preacher, yea, as learned and experienced as all...yet I do as a child who is being taught the Catechism, and every morning, and whenever I have time, I read and say, word for word, the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord’s Prayer, the Psalms, etc. And I must still read and study daily, and yet I cannot master it as I wish, but must remain a child and student of the Catechism, and am glad so to remain.” So this Lent, let us continue to be students of the catechism, and joyfully read and take to heart this blessed gift that our church boldly confesses. For those who don’t have a copy, you may access it online at 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.

Ash Wednesday Soup Supper: Prior to the Ash Wednesday Divine Service, there will be a soup supper from 5:15pm – 6:30pm. The Siddell family will be making the soup and chili, while the Ladies Aid will have the sides and desserts. A free-will offering will go toward CORLHS.

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.

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 5:45pm. 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.

Valentine Pork Chop Dinner: Hoffman Trinity Lutheran School will be hosting their annual Valentine Pork Chop Dinner and Auction **TODAY, February 11th between 10:45am -1:00pm**. The cost for dine-in and carry-outs is \$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. 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. Thank you for your continued support! Trinity Lutheran Hoffman PTL.

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