

Bethlehem Lutheran Church



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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: Open Now thy Gates of Beauty **LSB 901**

Confession and Absolution* **LSB 184**

Introit* (Ps. 27:3-4a, 5; antiphon: Ps. 27:1-2)

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,
my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.**

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;
though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

**One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after;
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life.**

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

**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: O Lord, grant that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance that Your Church may joyfully serve You in all godly quietness; through

Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵ When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶ So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: ¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.'" And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰ As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹ So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

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

Gradual: Atone for our sins, for your name's sake! Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?" Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name deliver us.

Epistle: Romans 12:14-21

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. ¹⁷ Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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Holy Gospel*: Luke 6:36-42

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 6th chapter. **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

³⁶ Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. ³⁷ “Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.” ³⁹ He also told them a parable: “Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? ⁴⁰ A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher. ⁴¹ Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? ⁴² How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,’ when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye.

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

Nicene Creed*	LSB 191
Hymn of the Day: Oh God, My Faithful God	LSB 696
Sermon	
Offertory*	LSB 192
Offering	
Prayer of the Church*	
Service of the Sacrament*	LSB 194
Distribution Hymns: 845, 585 (Hymn of the Month), 851, 633	
Nunc Dimittis*	LSB 199
Benediction*	
Closing Hymn: Son of God, Eternal Savior	LSB 842

Announcements

This Week in Church History: This Tuesday, June 25th, we remember and celebrate the presentation of the Augsburg Confession (June 25, 1530). The Augsburg Confession, the principal doctrinal statement of the theology of Martin Luther and the Lutheran reformers, was written largely by Phillip Melanchthon. At its heart it confesses the justification of sinners by grace alone, through faith alone, for the sake of Christ alone.

Signed by leaders of many German cities and regions, the confession was formally presented to the Holy Roman Emperor Charles V at Augsburg, Germany, on June 25, 1530. A few weeks later Roman Catholic authorities rejected the Confession, which Melancthon defended in the Apology of the Augsburg Confession (1531). In 1580 the Unaltered Augsburg Confession was included in the Book of Concord.

Hymn of the Month: Our Lutheran hymnody is beautiful and theologically rich. Spanning centuries, these hymns teach the faith and speak to every situation in life. Some of these hymns we know well and are engraved on our hearts. Other hymns, we do not know as well. Yet, this does not mean that we should not try to learn them. In order that we may better know the hymns of our faith and sing them with all boldness and confidence, a hymn will be introduced at the beginning of the month or season. The hymn for the month of June is *'Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide'* (LSB 585).

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.

Hosting a Foreign Exchange Student: Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School needs your help to make a young person's dream of visiting the U.S. and experiencing all that high school has to offer become a reality! We are currently looking for three families to host a student for this upcoming school year. Do you enjoy learning about different cultures? Would you like to practice your foreign language skills? Have you always wanted to try your hand at making delicious international foods? Has your son or daughter always wanted a new sibling to call their own? Maybe you would just like to fill your empty nest! If your answer is yes to any of these then hosting a foreign exchange student may be for you! Please contact Dan Kueper at 618 520-0094 or dkueper@corlhs.org and he will answer all your questions and help determine if you, or someone you know will be the perfect fit! There will be a monthly stipend for each host family to help with grocery bills / fun family activities/ or for those unexpected expenses that come up! \$350 a month. Plenty of countries to choose from: Thailand(B), Japan(B), Italy(B or G), Germany(G).

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.

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This Week in Our Congregation:

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