

# Bethlehem Lutheran Church



## Fifth Sunday after Trinity June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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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 \*)*

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**Opening Hymn: Thy Strong Word** **LSB 578**

**Confession and Absolution\*** **LSB 184**

**Introit** (Ps. 27:1a, 11-12, 14; antiphon: Ps. 27:7, 9b)

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;  
    be gracious to me and answer me!

**O you who have been my help,**  
    **forsake me not, O God of my salvation!**

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

**Teach me your way, O LORD,**  
    **and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.**

Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;  
    for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence.

**Wait for the LORD;**  
    **be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!**

**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 God, You have prepared for those who love You good things that surpass all understanding. Pour into our hearts such love toward You that we, loving You above all things, may obtain Your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through

Jesus Christ, Your son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with Yu and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 19:11-21**

<sup>11</sup> And he said, “Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD.” And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. <sup>12</sup> And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. <sup>13</sup> And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” <sup>14</sup> He said, “I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.” <sup>15</sup> And the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. <sup>16</sup> And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. <sup>17</sup> And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. <sup>18</sup> Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.” <sup>19</sup> So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him. <sup>20</sup> And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” And he said to him, “Go back again, for what have I done to you?” <sup>21</sup> And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.

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

**Gradual:** Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed! O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!

### **Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

<sup>18</sup> For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” <sup>20</sup> Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

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**Alleluia\***

**LSB 190**

### **Holy Gospel\*: Luke 5:1-11**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, <sup>2</sup> and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup> Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. <sup>4</sup> And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.” <sup>5</sup> And Simon answered, “Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.” <sup>6</sup> And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. <sup>7</sup> They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. <sup>8</sup> But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.” <sup>9</sup> For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, <sup>10</sup> and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be

afraid; from now on you will be catching men.”<sup>11</sup> And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

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

<b>Nicene Creed*</b>	<b>LSB 191</b>
<b>Hymn of the Day: “Come, Follow Me,” the Savior Spake</b>	<b>LSB 688</b>
<b>Sermon</b>	
<b>Offertory*</b>	<b>LSB 192</b>
<b>Offering</b>	
<b>Prayer of the Church*</b>	
<b>Service of the Sacrament*</b>	<b>LSB 194</b>
<b>Distribution Hymns: 585 (Hymn of the Month), 438, 467, 490</b>	
<b>Nunc Dimittis*</b>	<b>LSB 199</b>
<b>Benediction*</b>	
<b>Closing Hymn: Before You, Lord, We Bow</b>	<b>LSB 966</b>

**Church Office Closed:** The church office will be closed this Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup> due to Independence Day.

**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.

**Braille Team:** The Braille Team will be making books on Tuesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 am in New Minden. If anyone is interested in being a part of this, please contact Ronda Zimmermann at 618-553-6206.

**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](mailto: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).

**Issues Etc.:** Truth, Goodness & Beauty... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUEO, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

**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:**

Sunday: 8:30am Bible Class/Sunday School

9:30am Divine Service

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