

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: Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord **LSB 497**

Confession and Absolution* **LSB 184**

Introit* (Ps. 47:3, 6-8; antiphon: Ps. 47:1-2)

Clap your hands, all peoples!

Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

**For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,
a great king over all the earth.**

He subdued peoples under us,
and nations under our feet.

Sing praises to God, sing praises!

Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

For God is the King of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm!

God reigns over the nations;

God sits on his holy throne.

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, whose never-failing providence orders all things both in heaven and earth, we humbly implore You to put away from us all hurtful things and to give us

those things that are profitable for us; 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: Genesis 2:7-17

⁷ then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. ⁸ And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹ And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. ¹⁰ A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. ¹¹ The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. ¹² And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. ¹³ The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush. ¹⁴ And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates. ¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

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

Gradual: Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD. Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.

Epistle: Romans 6:19-23

¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification. ²⁰ For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to

sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Alleluia*

LSB 190

Holy Gospel*: Mark 8:1-9

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 8th chapter. **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹ In those days, when again a great crowd had gathered, and they had nothing to eat, he called his disciples to him and said to them, ²“I have compassion on the crowd, because they have been with me now three days and have nothing to eat. ³And if I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way. And some of them have come from far away.” ⁴And his disciples answered him, “How can one feed these people with bread here in this desolate place?” ⁵And he asked them, “How many loaves do you have?” They said, “Seven.” ⁶And he directed the crowd to sit down on the ground. And he took the seven loaves, and having given thanks, he broke them and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and they set them before the crowd. ⁷And they had a few small fish. And having blessed them, he said that these also should be set before them. ⁸And they ate and were satisfied. And they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. ⁹And there were about four thousand people. And he sent them away.

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

Nicene Creed*

LSB 191

Hymn of the Day: Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good

LSB 819

Sermon

Offertory*

LSB 192

Offering

Prayer of the Church*

Service of the Sacrament*

LSB 194

Distribution Hymns: 625, 596 (Hymn of the Month) 774 (2x), 642

Nunc Dimittis*

LSB 199

Benediction*

Closing Hymn: O Bless the Lord, My Soul

LSB 814

Announcements

Voters' Meeting: Our next voters' meeting will take place on Sunday, July 21st at 7pm.

Voters' Meeting Report: Reports for the upcoming Voters' Meeting are available in the narthex for members to pick-up and review.

Hymn of the Month: The hymn of the month for July is Paul Gerhardt's (1607-1676) hymn, 'All Christians Who Have Been Baptized' (LSB 596). The hymn's earliest source directed that it be sung to the tune of the great justification hymn, "Salvation unto us has come" (LSB 556). Yet, LSB sets it to the tune of Martin Luther's justification hymn, "Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice" (LSB 556). Either hymn is fitting for this Baptism hymn, for Baptism gives the gift of justification (God's declaration of righteousness for Christ's sake) to sinners. And so, in stanza 1, Gerhardt invites us to consider the gift that God "gives to everyone baptized into Christ Jesus" (Stz. 1). Gerhardt's use of "you" and "us" in the hymn makes it clear that the new birth by water and the Spirit in Baptism (John 3:5-6) brings the comfort of Christ's atonement to all who are baptized. However, is Baptism really necessary? Stanzas 2 and 3 answer that question: "You were before your day of birth...condemned and lost with all the earth" (Psalm 51:5; Romans 3:23). Yet, "all of that was washed away in Baptism. Baptism is a great comfort for:

- sin is "washed away – Immersed and drowned forever" (Stz. 3),
- it restores a sinner (Stz. 3),
- it is where we "put on Christ-Our shame is full covered" (Stz.4), and
- "here the flood of [Christ's] own blood now makes us holy, right, and good before our heavenly Father" (Stz. 4).

All of this gives us Christians the confidence to live in Christ, "in all that you endeavor" (Stz. 5) "within your own vocation" (Stz. 6). I pray God's richest blessings as you sing and meditate on this hymn.

Catechism Learn-By-Heart: This summer is a great time for students of all ages to work on learning-by-heart the Small Catechism. Handouts for the Catechism Learn-by-Heart Program are available in the narthex. While memorization is not a part of our modern culture and is deemed unimportant, learning the Small Catechism by heart is important. We know of no Jesus except that Jesus who is revealed to us in sacred Scripture. The Small Catechism gives us the most important texts and primary vocabulary of Holy Scripture so that we may boldly confess the faith in our vocations.

Christ Our Rock Fund Raiser: The CORLHS Track Team will be having a Rummage Sale and Chick-fil-A fundraiser on Saturday, July 27, 11 am - 4 pm at Christ Our Rock. Chick-fil-A must be pre-ordered between July 1 - July 21. For information, questions, or to sign up to volunteer: call the school at 618-226-3315 or contact Nickie Mitchell at nmitchell526@yahoo.com

Donate To The Little Free Pantry: Clinton County 4-H is sponsoring a summer food drive. The Little Free Pantry provides non-perishable food items to those in need of a meal. Summer is hot, but being hungry is really hard! Please help a neighbor in need by donating items at Hoffman Supermarket and Carlyle IGA. Just look for the signs and place your donations in the basket/box provided. Event ends Sunday, July 14th.

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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7:00pm Voters' Meeting