

# Bethlehem Lutheran Church



## Twelfth Sunday after Trinity August 18<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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**Announcements**

**Opening Hymn: Praise the Almighty** **LSB 797**

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

**Introit\***

*(Ps. 70:2b, 4a, 5b; antiphon: Ps. 70:1-2a)*

Make haste, O God, to deliver me!

O LORD, make haste to help me!

**Let them be put to shame and confusion**

**who seek my life!**

Let them be turned back

and brought to dishonor who desire my hurt!

**May all who seek you rejoice**

**and be glad in you!**

You are my help and my deliverer;

O LORD, do not delay!

**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.**

Make haste, O God, to deliver me!

O LORD, make haste to help me!

Let them be put to shame and confusion

who seek my life!

**Kyrie\***

**LSB 186**

**Gloria in Excelsis\***

**LSB 187**

**Collect\*:** Almighty and merciful God, by Your gift alone Your faithful people render true and laudable service. Help us steadfastly to live in this life according to Your promises and finally attain Your heavenly glory; 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 29:17-24**

<sup>17</sup> Is it not yet a very little while until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest? <sup>18</sup> In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see. <sup>19</sup> The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD, and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel. <sup>20</sup> For the ruthless shall come to nothing and the scoffer cease, and all who watch to do evil shall be cut off, <sup>21</sup> who by a word make a man out to be an offender, and lay a snare for him who reproves in the gate, and with an empty plea turn aside him who is in the right. <sup>22</sup> Therefore thus says the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob: “Jacob shall no more be ashamed, no more shall his face grow pale. <sup>23</sup> For when he sees his children, the work of my hands, in his midst, they will sanctify my name; they will sanctify the Holy One of Jacob and will stand in awe of the God of Israel. <sup>24</sup> And those who go astray in spirit will come to understanding, and those who murmur will accept instruction.”

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

**Hymn:** In the Very Midst of Life (Hymn of the Month)

LSB 755

**Epistle: Romans 10:9-17**

<sup>9</sup> because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. <sup>11</sup> For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. <sup>13</sup> For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” <sup>14</sup> How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? <sup>15</sup> And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” <sup>16</sup> But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” <sup>17</sup> So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

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

**Alleluia\***

**LSB 190**

**Holy Gospel\*: Mark 7:31-37**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup> Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup> And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup> And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup> And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” <sup>35</sup> And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup> And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup> And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

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

**Apostles’ Creed\***

**LSB 192**

**Hymn of the Day: My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker**

**LSB 820**

**Sermon**

**Offertory\***

**LSB 192**

**Offering**

**Prayer of the Church\***

**Lord’s Prayer\***

**Benediction\***

**Closing Hymn: The Lord, My God, Be Praised**

**LSB 794**

### **Announcements**

**Parents Meeting August 28th:** A new year of religious studies is right around the corner. For parents who have children that are not confirmed, please plan on attending our parents’ meeting on Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Please note this is for all parents, including those who send their kids to Trinity – Hoffman. We will meet at the preschool to discuss the upcoming religion school year as well as ways to help you bring

your child up in the faith and to prepare them for confirmation. So, mark your calendars and we'll see you on August 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Rally Sunday:** Rally Sunday will be next Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. This is a day where we begin a new catechetical year in our church and in our homes. Sunday School will have a special breakfast to go with their study. We will also have the installation of Sunday School teachers next Sunday as well.

**Thank You:** Thanks to everyone who came out to the Ice Cream Social a couple of weeks ago. It was a great time! Also, thanks to everyone who had a hand in helping and also in donating supplies and food. Ice cream is still available in gallons (\$14) or quarts (\$5). See a youth group member today to pick yours up!

**Attention:** The wooden flower vase carrier with the vase inserts for the original vases is missing. If you have them or know where they might be, please return them to the church. Thank You!

**Thank You:** On behalf of the congregation, the trustees would like to thank Eddie Hermsmeyer for restoring the Cross that stands on the south side of the church. Eddie cleaned, painted, and installed new lights and it looks terrific. A hearty thank you Eddie from your church family.

**Congregation Work Day Planned:** The trustees are planning a congregation workday for Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:30am. There are numerous areas needing attention so members with all talent levels please consider assisting. Many hands make light work. Some of the projects that we will tackle that day are: painting (church, school, and parsonage), landscape trimming and removal, washing exterior of the parsonage, and leveling of the sewer line dirt. Thanks; look forward to seeing you on Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> for a morning of fellowship and fun.

**Apple Butter Orders:** Get your orders in by September 1<sup>st</sup> to make sure you get some of the traditional tasty apple butter from the Ferrin Ladies Aid. It is loved in many states! Same price as the last few years, \$8.00 per quart and \$6.50 per pint, if you have your own jars, flats and rings; otherwise, it is \$1.00 per jar more, for us to provide them for you. Call or text Mia Zimmermann at 618-560-3814 or Ronda Zimmermann at 618-553-6206 to place your order.

**Hymn of the Month:** The hymn of the month for August is Martin Luther's hymn, "In the Very Midst of Life" (LSB 755). This hymn is based on the medieval Latin hymn, "In the midst of life, we are in death." Luther's version of the hymn, however, altered the text so that it was no longer a desperate cry uttered in mortal danger. In this hymn, Luther compels the singer to face the earthly reality that death encompasses the world. This is a result of sin, which weighs down and oppresses God's people. Because

of this reality, Christians might begin to feel that hell and its powers have overtaken them. In all situations, the hymn reminds us that Christians can only flee to the holy and mighty God, the God who is also merciful, having given His Son, Jesus Christ, up to death for our sins. On account of Jesus, Christians rest in the assurance that the “eternal Lord God” does indeed “preserve and keep” them “in the peace that faith can give” (Stanza 3). This hymn is the hymn of the day for Trinity 24. God’s richest blessings to you as you sing and meditate on this hymn throughout the month.

**Messiah Chicken Dinner:** Messiah Lutheran Church in Carlyle will be having a Chicken Dinner Fundraiser, Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am to 1:30pm at Messiah Carlyle Fellowship Hall, 1901 Thirteenth St., Carlyle. Dine-In or Carry-Out options. Meal includes 3 pieces of chicken, two sides, coleslaw and home-made dessert for \$14.

**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.

**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.

**Issues Etc.:** 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 KFUD, 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.

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**This Week in our congregation:**

Sunday: 8:30am Bible Class/Sunday School  
9:30am Divine Service  
Tuesday: 10am-3pm-Pastor at Circuit Meeting  
Sunday: 8:30am Bible Class/Sunday School  
9:30am Divine Service  
Monday: Church Office Closed

