

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: God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It **LSB 594**

The Rite of Baptism **LSB 268**

Introit*

(Ps. 119:1-2, 5-6; antiphon: Ps. 119:137, 124)

Righteous are you, O LORD,
and right are your just decrees.

**Deal with your servant according to your steadfast love,
and teach me your statutes.**

Blessed are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the LORD!

**Blessed are those who keep his testimonies,
who seek him with their whole heart.**

Oh that my ways may be steadfast
in keeping your statutes!

**Then I shall not be put to shame,
having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.**

**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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and right are your just decrees.

Deal with your servant according to your steadfast love,
and teach me your statutes.

Kyrie* **LSB 186**

Gloria in Excelsis* **LSB 187**

Collect*: Lord, we implore You, grant Your people grace to withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds to follow You, the only God; 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: Proverbs 25:6-14

⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great,
⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble. What your eyes have seen ⁸do not hastily bring into court, for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame? ⁹Argue your case with your neighbor himself, and do not reveal another's secret, ¹⁰lest he who hears you bring shame upon you, and your ill repute have no end. ¹¹A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver. ¹²Like a gold ring or an ornament of gold is a wise reprover to a listening ear. ¹³Like the cold of snow in the time of harvest is a faithful messenger to those who send him; he refreshes the soul of his masters. ¹⁴Like clouds and wind without rain is a man who boasts of a gift he does not give.

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

Gradual: Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage! By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host.

Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-6

¹ I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

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

Alleluia*

LSB 190

Holy Gospel*: Luke 14:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 14th chapter. **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹ One Sabbath, when he went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. ² And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. ³ And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?” ⁴ But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵ And he said to them, “Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?” ⁶ And they could not reply to these things. ⁷ Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸ “When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, ⁹ and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give your place to this person,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. ¹¹ For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

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

Nicene Creed*	LSB 191
Hymn of the Day: Seek Where You May to Find a Way	LSB 557
Sermon	
Offertory*	LSB 192
Offering	
Prayer of the Church*	
Service of the Sacrament*	LSB 194
Distribution Hymns: 618, 619, 644, 737 (Hymn of the Month)	
Nunc Dimittis*	LSB 199
Benediction*	
Closing Hymn: I Know My Faith Is Founded	LSB 587

Announcements

Thank You: The Ladies Aid sends out a huge THANK YOU to all who helped peel, core, wash, cook, and can apple butter. We thank the Lord for all of you and all glory to Him for such a blessed weekend. There are a few jars left to sell, so please see Mia Zimmermann or Ronda Zimmermann if you'd like to get purchase any. It is such a fun tradition to keep alive.

Thank You: The Trustees would like to thank those who participated in the Congregational Work Day. Thanks to Travis Schneider, Eric Hanke, Steve Haun, Jeff Pigg, Earl & Marilyn Schneider, Wayne Brink, Lucas Hanke, Diane Buening, and Pastor Jennings. Much was accomplished and thanks to all!

Voters' Meeting: We will have a brief voters' meeting following the Divine Service on Sunday, September 29th. We need to address a couple of items for the upcoming Circuit Forum in Hoyleton on Sunday, October 6th.

“Prayers For America In Word And Song”: St. John's, New Minden, is hosting a service of prayer and preaching (with plenty of hymns) Sunday, October 13, at 3:00 p.m. Mrs. Karen Shimkus from Holy Cross, Collinsville, will serve as organist. Rev. Timothy J. Scharr, President of the Southern Illinois District, will give the message. The Service will be preceded by a half hour of chamber music by Karen Shimkus and friends in the St. John's Memorial Chapel, beginning at 2:30 p.m. An offering will be taken, with half of the proceeds going to the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty, which serves as the presence of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in our nation's capital.

Hymn Festival: Good Shepard Lutheran in Collinsville will be hosting a hymn festival on FRIDAY, September 27th at 7p. Titled “God's Own Child”, it will be a celebration of the rich baptismal hymnody found in Lutheran Service Book. Hymn commentary will be given by Pr. Will Weedon, host of the Lutheran Public radio podcast “*The Word of the Lord Endures Forever*” along with organist Chris Loemker, orchestra, and choir. The Choir will be comprised of singers from local LCMS congregations. For more information, or to register to sing with the choir, please visit the website www.GodsOwnChild.org.

The Sarcoma Stomp Run for Research will be held on October 12th from 10am-2pm at the Carlyle Lake Main Dam. This 5K and Fun Run benefits the STL Cure Sarcoma and the Bo Arvin Memorial. In addition to the run, there will be a bounce house, kids activities, food trucks. For additional information about this, please go to runsignup.com/race/il/carlyle/sarcomastomprunforresearch or search for 'Sarcoma Stomp Run for Research' on Facebook. You may also contact either Joann Sugg (618-581-9443) or Madi Nolte (618-335-3432).

Sterling Silver Evening Planned: The CORLHS Sterling Evening is right around the corner! We will be gathering on October 19, 2024, for our 20th annual dinner and auction. We are currently accepting donations for both the live and silent auctions. New items only please. Your donations may be dropped off at the school (or with your congregational representative) during school hours from now until October 11th. Thank you!!! — The Sterling Evening Planning Committee.

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This Week in our congregation:

Sunday: 8:30am Bible Class/Sunday School
9:30am Divine Service

Tuesday: Pastor at Circuit Meeting

Wednesday: 6:00pm-7:30pm Religion/Confirmation Classes

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