

Bethlehem Lutheran Church



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The Order of Worship
Divine Service Setting Three (LSB 203)

*(Please stand if you are able for portions of the liturgy marked with an *)*

Announcements

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

Confession and Absolution* **LSB 203**

Introit*

(Ps. 119:1, 38-40; antiphon: Liturgical Text)

The whole world is in your power;

O Lord, King Almighty, no one can gainsay you.

For you have made heaven and earth;
you are Lord of all!

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

Confirm to your servant your promise,
that you may be feared.

Turn away the reproach that I dread,
for your just decrees are good.

Behold, I long for your precepts;
in your righteousness give me life!

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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O Lord, King Almighty, no one can gainsay you.

For you have made heaven and earth;
you are Lord of all!

Kyrie* **LSB 204**

Gloria in Excelsis* **LSB 204**

Collect*: O Lord, keep Your household, the Church, in continual godliness that through
Your protection she may be free from all adversities and devoutly given to serve You

in good works; 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 1:1–2:3

¹ In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ² The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. ³ And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. ⁶ And God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” ⁷ And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. ⁸ And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. ⁹ And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹ And God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.” And it was so. ¹² The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. ¹⁴ And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶ And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷ And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. ²⁰ And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.” ²¹ So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw

that it was good. ²² And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. ²⁴ And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so. ²⁵ And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” ²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. ²⁸ And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” ²⁹ And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹ And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. **2** Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. ² And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

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

Gradual: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Epistle: Ephesians 6:10-17

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, which you may be able to stand against the schemes of the

devil. ¹²For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

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

Alleluia*

LSB 205

Holy Gospel*: John 4:46-54

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 4th chapter. **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

⁴⁶So he came again to Cana in Galilee, where he had made the water wine. And at Capernaum there was an official whose son was ill. ⁴⁷When this man heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went to him and asked him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. ⁴⁸So Jesus said to him, “Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe.” ⁴⁹The official said to him, “Sir, come down before my child dies.” ⁵⁰Jesus said to him, “Go; your son will live.” The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way. ⁵¹As he was going down, his servants met him and told him that his son was recovering. ⁵²So he asked them the hour when he began to get better, and they said to him, “Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.” ⁵³The father knew that was the hour when Jesus had said to him, “Your son will live.” And he himself believed, and all his household. ⁵⁴This was now the second sign that Jesus did when he had come from Judea to Galilee.

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

Apostle’s Creed*

LSB 207

Hymn of the Day: Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide

LSB 585

Sermon

Prayer of the Church*

Offering

Lord's Prayer & Collect

Benediction*

Closing Hymn: Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

LSB 708

Announcements

Voters' Meeting: Please mark your calendars. Our next voters' meeting will be next Sunday, October 27th at 7pm in the preschool basement. All voting members are encouraged to attend as we will be electing church officers for next year and discussing various items for the upcoming district convention.

Serving on Church Boards: At the next voters' meeting, we will be electing a new Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Financial Secretary, Elder, Trustee, and Board of Education. These are important positions within our church, and as outlined by our church constitution, each of these positions need to be filled. We ask that each member prayerfully consider serving our church.

Lay Delegate to the SID Convention: The Southern Illinois District convention will be held Thursday-Saturday, February 20-22, 2025 at the Regency Conference Center in O'Fallon, IL. In addition to a pastoral delegate, every congregation in the SID is to have a voting Lay Delegate at the convention. If you are interested in serving as Bethlehem's Lay Delegate, or have any questions about this opportunity, please speak with Pastor Jennings prior to the October 27th Voters' Meeting. At this Voters' Meeting, we will voting on who will serve as our church's Lay Delegate.

Hurricane Assistance: The LCMS is reaching out to individuals affected by the recent hurricanes. If you are interested in financially supporting the synod's efforts, you may go [lcms.org/hurricane-response](https://www.lcms.org/hurricane-response) or call 888-930-4438.

Lutheran Catechesis Class: As mentioned in previous weeks, members of the church are invited to attend pastors' Lutheran Catechesis class in the preschool basement on Wednesday nights beginning at 6pm. This is a great opportunity for members to review the basic tenants of what we believe, teach, and confess as Lutherans. This week our focus will be on **The First Article of the Creed (Part 2)**

Sausage Supper: Sausage Supper sign-up sheets are at both entrances of the church. If you are available to help, please sign up by **TODAY**, October 20th. Also, please include the time you prefer to work.

Sloppy Joe To-Go Meals: After church, **TODAY**, October 20th the youth will have to-go meals of sloppy joe, chips, and a side salad available for \$7.00 until supplies run out. Additionally, NYG registration form and fee are **due TODAY, October 20th**.

Men's Club Meeting: The Men's Club will be having a meeting on November 4th at 7:00 pm in the school basement. Servers will be Darrell Brink and Elbert Brink.

Sausage Orders: Please get your sausage orders to Earl Schneider by **November 2nd** evening church service. The forms are on the table in the narthex.

Ladies Aid Pinochle Tournament: The Ladies Aid will be hosting a pinochle tournament in the school basement on Sunday, November 10th from 2:00- 4:30 pm. The cost will be \$15.00. Players are asked to RSVP to Dena Brammeier at 618-304-4564.

Chili and Chicken Soup Supper: Trinity Lutheran Church – Nashville Fellowship Club invites you to their Chili and Chicken Soup Supper on Wednesday, October 23, 2024. Serving is 4:30 – 7:00 pm in the TSJ Gym located at 680 W. Walnut Street, Nashville. Adults \$10, Children 10 years and under are \$5.00 (dine in only) and includes Chili or Chicken Soup, Dessert and Drink. Carry-outs (containers provided) are available for \$10 each. Thank you for your support.

150th Anniversary Celebration: Trinity Lutheran Church of Hoffman continues its 150th Anniversary yearlong celebration of “Great is Thy faithfulness Lord, unto me,” with a special worship service and luncheon on Reformation Sunday, October 27, 2024. Please join us for 9:30 worship with Rev. Dr. Leopoldo Sanchez, Professor of Systematic Theology at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis as Guest Proclaimer. We welcome you to be our guest for lunch in the school gym.

Book Launch Coming: Eunice Redeker Hausler has just published her second book “Blessed by the Lord, Led by the Spirit.” This is the expanded edition of her first book “Thank you Lord for the Privilege.” This time the story is told via personal correspondence preserved through the decades of her life (thus with much more detail of the workings of life on the mission fields she served). The Launch will be held November 3, 2024, in the school gym of Trinity, Hoffman starting at 1:30. There will be an inspirational devotion with singing and author signing of books. All are invited to attend.

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 KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen at your convenience at 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

Wednesday: 6:00pm–7:30pm Wednesday Night Religion

Sunday: 8:30am Bible Class/Sunday School
9:30am Divine Service
7:00pm Voters' Meeting