

Bethlehem Lutheran Church



The Feast of All Saints *November 3rd, 2024*

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The Order of Service

Divine Service Setting Four (LSB 203)

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

Announcements

Opening Hymn: Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones **LSB 670**

Confession and Absolution* **LSB 203**

Introit* *(Ps. 31:1, 3, 5; antiphon: Rev. 7:14b)*

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

**In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.**

For you are my rock and my fortress;

and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me.

**Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.**

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 204**

Gloria in Excelsis* **LSB 204**

Collect*: Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Revelation 7:2-17

²Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, ³saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads." ⁴And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel: ⁵12,000

from the tribe of Judah were sealed, 12,000 from the tribe of Reuben, 12,000 from the tribe of Gad, ⁶ 12,000 from the tribe of Asher, 12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali, 12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh, ⁷ 12,000 from the tribe of Simeon, 12,000 from the tribe of Levi, 12,000 from the tribe of Issachar, ⁸ 12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun, 12,000 from the tribe of Joseph, 12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed. ⁹ After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹ And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." ¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." ¹⁵ "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷ For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

Gradual: These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

Epistle: 1 John 3:1-3

¹ See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³ And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

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

Alleluia*

LSB 205

Holy Gospel*: Matthew 5:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹ Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: ³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for

they shall be comforted. ⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. ⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. ⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. ⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. ⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. ¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

Nicene Creed*	LSB 206
Hymn of the Day: For All the Saints	LSB 677
Sermon	
Prayer of the Church & Remembrance of the Faithful Departed*	
<i>Melba Nolte (10/20/2024)</i>	
Offering	
Service of the Sacrament*	LSB 208
Distribution Hymns: 647, 674, 678, 648	
Nunc Dimittis*	LSB 211
Benediction*	
Closing Hymn: Jerusalem the Golden	LSB 672

Announcements

Church Officers Results: At last Sunday's Voters' Meeting, the church selected the following individuals to serve as officers: Brent Hanke (Vice-Chairman), Jaime Schneider (Secretary), Eric Hanke (Trustee), and Cindy Hoffman (Financial Secretary). Thanks to all who were willing to serve. We are still in need of individuals to serve on the Board of Elders and Education. We ask that you would prayerfully consider serving.

Church Budget: Having discussed the church budget at the Voters' Meeting last Sunday night, it appears that our numbers are tight coming into the final months of the year. As God has so richly blessed us and has given us all good things, members are asked to prayerfully consider what they are giving to the Lord and His church.

Hymn of the Month: We will not have a hymn of the month for November. However, we will continue with this in December for the Season of Advent.

Braille Team: The Braille Team will be making books on Tuesday, November 5th, 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.

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.

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 Second Article of the Creed (Part 2)**

Catechism Learn-By-Heart: While school is back in full swing, it's always the perfect 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 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: 9:30am Divine Service
Noon-5:00pm Wurstmarkt
Monday 7:00pm Men's Club
Wednesday: 6:00pm-7:30pm Wednesday Night Religion
Sunday: 8:30am Bible Class/Sunday School
9:30am Divine Service
2:00-4:30pm Ladies Aid Pinochle Tournament
6:00pm Agape Youth "Friendsgiving" and Bible Study