

Bethlehem Lutheran Church



Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Trinity *November 17th, 2024*

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The Order of Service

Divine Service Setting One (LSB 203)

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

Announcements

Opening Hymn: O Jesus, King Most Wonderful

LSB 554

Confession and Absolution*

LSB 203

Introit*

(Ps. 95:1-4; antiphon: Ps. 95:6-7a)

Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the LORD is a great God,

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth;

the heights of the mountains are his also.

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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let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Kyrie*

LSB 204

Gloria in Excelsis*

LSB 204

Collect*: Stir up, O Lord, the wills of Your faithful people that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by You be plenteously rewarded; 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 51:9-16

⁹ Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the LORD; awake, as in days of old, the generations of long ago. Was it not you who cut Rahab in pieces, who pierced the dragon? ¹⁰ Was it not you who dried up the sea, the waters of the great deep, who made the depths of the sea a way for the redeemed to pass over? ¹¹ And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. ¹² “I, I am he who comforts you; who are you that you are afraid of man who dies, of the son of man who is made like grass, ¹³ and have forgotten the LORD, your Maker, who stretched out the heavens and laid the foundations of the earth, and you fear continually all the day because of the wrath of the oppressor, when he sets himself to destroy? And where is the wrath of the oppressor? ¹⁴ He who is bowed down shall speedily be released; he shall not die and go down to the pit, neither shall his bread be lacking. ¹⁵ I am the LORD your God, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar—the LORD of hosts is his name. ¹⁶ And I have put my words in your mouth and covered you in the shadow of my hand, establishing the heavens and laying the foundations of the earth, and saying to Zion, ‘You are my people.’”

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

Gradual: You have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling. I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

Epistle: Colossians 1:9-14

⁹ And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹ being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³ He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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

Alleluia*

LSB 205

Holy Gospel*: Matthew 9:18-26

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 9th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁸ While he was saying these things to them, behold, a ruler came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” ¹⁹ And Jesus rose and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰ And behold, a woman who had suffered from a discharge of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment, ²¹ for she said to herself, “If I only touch his garment, I will be made well.” ²² Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart,

daughter; your faith has made you well.” And instantly the woman was made well. ²³ And when Jesus came to the ruler's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴ he said, “Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. ²⁵ But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl arose. ²⁶ And the report of this went through all that district.

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

Nicene Creed*	LSB 206
Hymn of the Day: In the Very Midst of Life	LSB 755
Sermon	
Prayer of the Church*	
Offering	
Service of the Sacrament*	LSB 208
Distribution Hymns: 741, 548, 461, 633	
Nunc Dimittis*	LSB 211
Benediction*	
Closing Hymn: Abide, O Dearest Jesus	LSB 919

Announcements

Pastor Jennings Vacation: Pastor Jennings will be on vacation from Friday, November 15th – Sunday, November 24th. In case of emergency, please contact Pastor Jones (Trinity – Hoffman) at 618-267-5921.

Church Officers: We are still in need of individuals to serve on both the Board of Elders and Education. As these are important positions in the congregation, we ask that you would prayerfully consider serving.

Church Budget: As mentioned in previous weeks, it appears that our church budget is going to be 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.

Ladies Aid Pinochle Tournament: The Ladies Aid will be hosting a pinochle tournament in the school basement **TODAY**, 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.

Ladies Aid: The Ladies Aid will be having a meeting on Monday, November 11th, at 7:00 pm in the school basement. We will be electing officers for 2025. Servers for this meeting are Sylvia Kleiboeker and Deb Albers. Food Pantry items for Matthew 25 are shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothpaste. Please plan to attend.

Youth Group News:

- Thanks to those who came and bought a sloppy Joe meal! The youth group appreciates your support!
- Agape youth group meets tonight at 6 for Friendsgiving! Each youth should bring a dish that starts with the letter of their first name!
- The casserole sale is back by popular demand - next Sunday after church!
- Gathering update - our group is officially registered for next summers gathering in New Orleans!

Open House: Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School's First Open House for prospective students is scheduled for Sunday, November 17, with tours from 2:00-4:00. Families will be able to visit the school, tour the facilities, and talk with current students, parents, and teachers. Come see how Christ Our Rock can serve your family. This event is open to all prospective students and families. Transfer students and potential freshmen are encouraged to attend. Interested families not able to attend can contact the school office at 226-3315 to receive an information packet and set an appointment to visit the school.

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 3)**

Catechism Learn-By-Heart: Members of all ages are encouraged 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: 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

Monday: Veteran's Day Church Office Closed
7:00pm Ladies Aid with election of officers for 2025

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

Sunday: 8:30am Bible Class/Sunday School
9:30am Divine Service
Fall Casserole Sale after church