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*Worship
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Put on the
full Armor of God
Ephesians 6:11



Pre-Service Music

Ringing of the Church Bell



At Bethlehem Lutheran Church we teach and confess that **Holy Communion** consists of four different visible elements: the bread, the wine, the body, and the blood. When the Word of God is added to the bread and wine *it is* the body and blood of Jesus Christ, 1 Cor. 11: 23-26. There are many different beliefs concerning Holy Communion so on the basis of 1 Cor. 11: 27-29 we request that you speak with the Pastor or one of the Elders before receiving Holy Communion.

OPENING HYMN

Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken

LSB 521, vs. 1-3



1 Christ, the Lord of hosts, un - shak - en By the dev - il's
2 Mi - chael fought the heav'n - ly bat - tle, God - ly an - gels
3 Long on earth the bat - tle ra - ges, Since the ser - pent's



seeth - ing rage, Thwarts the plan of Sa - tan's min - ions;
by his side; Warred a - gainst the an - cient ser - pent,
first de - ceit; Twist - ed God's com - mand to Ad - am,



Wins the strife from age to age; Con - quers sin and
Foiled the beast, so full of pride, Cast him earth-bound
Made for - bid - den fruit look sweet. Then the curse of



death for - ev - er; Slams them in their steel - y cage.
with his an - gels; Now he prowls, un - sat - is - fied.
God was spo - ken: "You'll lie crushed be - neath His feet!"

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OPENING SENTENCES

P O Lord, open my lips,

C and my mouth will declare Your praise.

P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

C make haste to help me, O Lord, 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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Samuel 17:38–40

³⁸Then Saul clothed David with his armor. He put a helmet of bronze on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail, ³⁹and David strapped his sword over his armor. And he tried in vain to go, for he had not tested them. Then David said to Saul, “I cannot go with these, for I have not tested them.” So David put them off. ⁴⁰Then he took his staff in his hand and chose five smooth stones from the brook and put them in his shepherd’s pouch. His sling was in his hand, and he approached the Philistine.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Ephesians 6:10–14

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, that 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,

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.





1 Rise! To arms! With prayer em-ploy you, O Chris-tians, lest the
 2 Cast a - far this world's vain plea - sure And bold - ly strive for
 3 Wise - ly fight, for time is fleet - ing; The hours of grace are



foe de-destroy you; For Sa - tan has de-signed your fall.
 heav'n-ly trea - sure. Be stead-fast in the Sav - ior's might.
 fast re - treat - ing; Short, short is this our earth - ly way.



Wield God's Word, the weap - on glo - rious; A - gainst all foes be
 Trust the Lord, who stands be - side you, For Je - sus from all
 When the Lord the dead will wak - en And sin - ners all by



thus vic - to - rious, For God pro-pects you from them all.
 harm will hide you. By faith you con-quer in the fight.
 fear are shak - en, The saints with joy will greet that day.



Fear not the hordes of hell, Here is Em - man - u - el.
 Take cour - age, wea - ry soul! Look for - ward to the goal!
 Praise God, our tri - umph's sure. We need not long en - dure



Hail the Sav - ior! The strong foes yield To Christ, our shield,
 Joy a - waits you. The race well run, Your long war won,
 Scorn and tri - al. Our Sav - ior King His own will bring



And we, the vic - tors, hold the field.
 Your crown shines splen - did as the sun.
 To that great glo - ry which we sing.

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SERMON

Breastplate of Righteousness – Ephesians 6:10–14

LORD'S PRAYER

☩ Our Father who art in heaven.

hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

APOSTLES CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

PSALM 118

Selected Verses

⁵Out of distress I called on the LORD;
the LORD answered me and set me free.
⁸**It is better to take refuge in the LORD
than to trust in man.**
⁹It is better to take refuge in the LORD
than to trust in princes.
¹³**I was pushed hard, so that I was falling,
but the LORD helped me.**
¹⁵Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous:
“The right hand of the LORD does valiantly,
¹⁶**the right hand of the LORD exalts,
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!”**
¹⁷I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the LORD.
¹⁹**Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.**
²⁰This is the gate of the LORD,
the righteous shall enter through it.

COLLECTS

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have

done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.
Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

PERSONAL PRAYER

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LSB 162

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

DISTRIBUTION

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray. Almighty God, since You have called Your Church to witness that in Christ You have reconciled us unto Yourself, grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may proclaim the Good News of Your salvation that all who hear may receive the gift of salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS AND BLESSING

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken

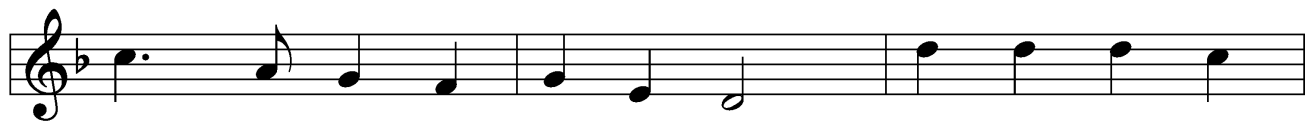
LSB 521, vs. 4-6



4 Je - sus came, this word ful - fill - ing, Tram - pled Sa - tan,
5 Swift as light - ning falls the ty - rant From his heav'n - ly
6 Je - sus, send Your an - gel le - gions When the foe would



death de - fied; Bore the brunt of our temp - ta - tion,
perch on high, As the word of Je - sus' vic - t'ry
us en - slave. Hold us fast when sin as - saults us;



On the wretch - ed tree He died. Yet to life was
Floods the earth and fills the sky. Wound - ed by a
Come, then, Lord, Your peo - ple save. O - ver - throw at



raised vic - to - rious; By His life our life sup - plied.
wound e - ter - nal Now his judg - ment has drawn nigh!
last the drag - on; Send him to his fi - ery grave.

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POSTLUDE

Welcome to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, where we worship Christ the Crucified. Blessings to you as you celebrate with us today.

2021 LENT AND HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Date		Time	Theme
Feb 17	Ash Wednesday	7:00pm	“Put On”
Feb 24	2 nd Wednesday	7:00pm	“Belt of Truth”
Mar 3	3rd Wednesday	7:00pm	“Breastplate of Righteousness”
Mar 10	4 th Wednesday	7:00pm	“Shoes”
Mar 17	5 th Wednesday	7:00pm	“Shield of Faith”
Mar 24	6 th Wednesday	7:00pm	“Helmet of Salvation”
Apr 1	Maundy Thursday	7:00pm	“Sword of the Spirit”
Apr 2	Good Friday	7:00pm	“The Mystery of the Gospel”
Apr 4	Easter	8:30am	“Boldly”
Apr 4	Easter	10:15am	“Boldly”