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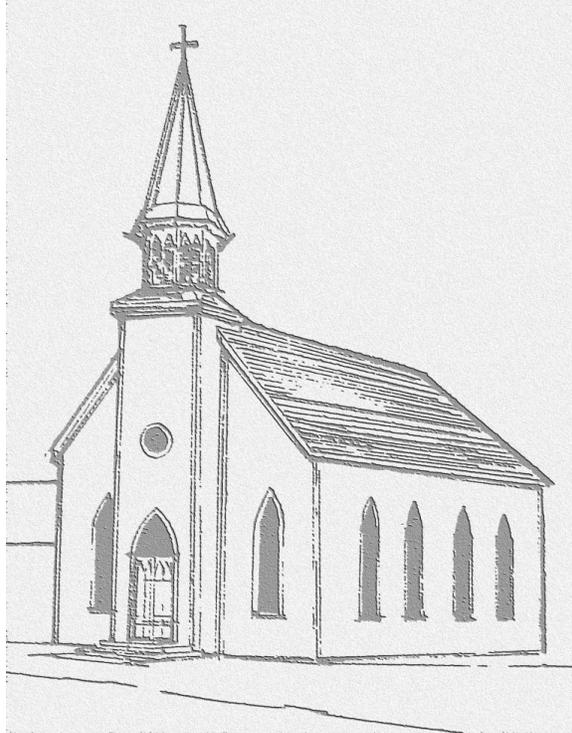
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Representing God's Love
To our Congregation,
Community, and the World

Divine Service: Setting One

Order of Service: *Lutheran Service Book*, pp 151-166

Pre-Service Music

Ringing of the Church Bell

OPENING HYMN

Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service

LSB 848



1 Lord, whose love through hum - ble ser - vice Bore the weight of
 2 Still Your chil - dren wan - der home - less; Still the hun - gry
 3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, Till Your love's re -
 4 Called by wor - ship to Your ser - vice, Forth in Your dear



hu - man need, Who up - on the cross, for - sak - en,
 cry for bread; Still the cap - tives long for free - dom;
 veal - ing light In its height and depth and great - ness,
 name we go, To the child, the youth, the a - ged,



Of - fered mer - cy's per - fect deed, We, Your ser - vants, bring the
 Still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, Your deep com -
 Dawns up - on our quick - ened sight, Mak - ing known the needs and
 Love in liv - ing deeds to show; Hope and health, good - will and



wor - ship Not of voice a - lone, but heart, Con - se -
 pas - sion Healed the sick and freed the soul, Use the
 bur - dens Your com - pas - sion bids us bear, Stir - ring
 com - fort, Coun - sel, aid, and peace we give, That Your



crat - ing to Your pur - pose Ev - 'ry gift that You im - part.
 love Your Spir - it kin - dles Still to save and make us whole.
 us to tire - less striv - ing, Your a - bun - dant life to share.
 ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom May Your mer - cy know and live.

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

LSB 151

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 119:73–75, 77; antiphon: v. 76

Let your steadfast love comfort me
according to your promise to your servant.
Your hands have made and fashioned me;
give me understanding that I may learn your commandments.
Those who fear you shall see me and rejoice,
because I have hoped in your word.
I know, O LORD, that your just decrees are righteous,
and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me.
Let your mercy come to me, that I may live;
for your law is my delight.
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.
Let your steadfast love comfort me
according to your promise to your servant.

KYRIE

LSB 152

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 154

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

COMMON ALLELUIA

LSB 156



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 16:19-31

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹⁹[Jesus said:] “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ ²⁷And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house—²⁸for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ ³⁰And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN

Compelled to Talk to the Brothers

1. There once was a wealthy, self-satisfied man.
He lived like a king, and he feasted first rate;
But day after day he walked right past a man
Who begged for the food that he left on his plate.
2. This tale is not pleasant or easy to tell,
For both men passed on in the way of all flesh,
And one went to heaven, the other one -- well,
His life had been full, but his end was not blessed.
3. The rich man in torment then begged for a drink,
But when he found out the poor man from his gate
Could not help or comfort him -- what do you think?
He begged that his brothers might not share his fate!
4. The love of our Savior whose mercy alone,
Has won our salvation and paid our sins' dues,
Compels us to talk to the brothers at home
And speak with our sisters to tell the good news.
5. Lord God, we have failed you in word and by deed;
As beggars we come to the throne of your grace.
Awake our compassion for people in need,
Especially for those who still hide from your face.

*Gilbert A. Franke. October 11, 1998, Mission Festival, St. Paul, Bishop. Rev. Jim Linderman's sermon: "Compelled to Talk to the Brothers".
Luke 16:19-31. Tune: MALDWYN 11 11 11 11. (LW # 349, "Delay Not, Delay Not" OR Tune: ST DENIO 11 11 11 11. (LSB # 802
"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise")*

SERMON

Real Life is More than Fine Living – Luke 16:19-31

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Learn to be Happy with What you Have – 1 Timothy 6:8-9

APOSTLES' CREED

LSB 159

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.

OFFERING & OFFERTORY

Lord of All Good

LSB 786



1 Lord of all good, our gifts we bring You now;
 2 We give our minds to un - der - stand Your ways;
 Δ 3 Fa - ther, whose boun - ty all cre - a - tion shows;



Use them Your ho - ly pur - pose to ful - fill.
 Hands, eyes, and voice to serve Your great de - sign;
 Christ, by whose will - ing sac - ri - fice we live;



To - kens of love and pledg - es they shall be
 Hearts with the flame of Your own love a - blaze—
 Spir - it, from whom all life in full - ness flows:



That our whole life is of - fered to Your will.
 Thus for Your glo - ry all our pow'rs com - bine.
 To You with grate - ful hearts our - selves we give.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

BENEDICTION

LSB 166

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
C Amen.



1 How can I thank You, Lord, For all Your lov - ing - kind - ness,
 2 It is Your work a - lone That I am now con - vert - ed;
 3 Lord, You have raised me up To joy and ex - ul - ta - tion
 4 Grant that Your Spir - it's help To me be al - ways giv - en
 △ 5 O Fa - ther, God of love, Now hear my sup - pli - ca - tion;



That You have pa - tient - ly Borne with me in my blind - ness!
 O'er Sa - tan's work in me You have Your pow'r as - sert - ed.
 And clear - ly shown the way That leads me to sal - va - tion.
 Lest I should fall a - gain And lose the way to heav - en.
 O Sav - ior, Son of God, Ac - cept my ad - o - ra - tion;



When dead in man - y sins And tres - pass - es I lay,
 Your mer - cy and Your grace That rise a - fresh each morn
 My sins are washed a - way; For this I thank You, Lord.
 Grant that He give me strength In my in - fir - mi - ty;
 O Ho - ly Spir - it, be My ev - er faith - ful guide



I kin - dled, ho - ly God, Your an - ger ev - 'ry day.
 Have turned my ston - y heart In - to a heart new - born.
 Now with my heart and soul All e - vil I ab - hor.
 May He re - new my heart To serve You will - ing - ly.
 That I may serve You here And there with You a - bide.

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September Bible Verse

⁵For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men,
 the man Christ Jesus, ^{6a}who gave himself as a ransom for all.

1 Timothy 2:5-6a

Our Mission Statement

Representing God's Love to our Congregation, Community, and the World!



Congregation: Edith Erwin, Deloris Griffin, Donna Hinze, the family of
 Dustin Hunter, Lathel Norris, the family of Lisa Powers, the Parish Hall
 Renovation, the call process

Shut-ins: Renee Brinkmann, Mildred Holle, Mary McCoy, James
 Schoenemann, Lorine Schroeder

Community: Brenham Pregnancy Center, those affected by COVID-19, Faith Mission, St. Matthew's
 (vacancy), the Lord's blessing for rain

World: The Ukraine



Thank you, Pastor Franke, for serving as our vacancy pastor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week's Schedule September 25 – October 2

Today: *Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*
9:00 AM Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
10:15 AM Divine Worship Service
Acolyte: Confirmand
Guest Register: Donna Hinze
Ushers: Kaden Flisowski Delwin Gaskamp
Greg Gaskamp Kevin Goessler
11:30 AM Confirmation Class

Monday: **10:00 AM** Worship Online

Thursday: **6:30 PM** Women's Bible Study

Next Sunday: *Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*

9:00 AM Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
9:00 AM Youth League Meeting/Bible Class
10:15 AM Divine Worship Service
Acolyte: Confirmand
Guest Register: Lois Holle
Ushers: Tom Hayden Stanley Haferkamp
Craig Kankel Clinton Kettler
11:30 AM Youth Brown Bag Special
11:30 AM Confirmation Class

Serving in September: Elder – Chris Smitherman / **Trustee** – Delwin Gaskamp

Serving in October: Elder – Mike Schroeder / **Trustee** – Melvin Ashorn

If you have a question or thought concerning spiritual care or the church property, please contact the appropriate elder or trustee.



Save the date! Have an easy Sunday lunch! **NEXT Sunday, October 2nd**, the youth league will have the “**Brown Bag Special**” after the worship service. The brown bag will consist of a pulled pork sandwich, chips and cookies. The cost is \$8.00/bag. The funds raised will go toward the purchase of televisions for the Sunday School rooms.

Circuit Forum Meeting Summary

The Circuit 32 Forum was held on 09/18/2022. Kevin Harrington served as Bethlehem's representative to the forum. Those chosen to represent Circuit 32 at the Summer 2023 Synodical Convention in Milwaukee, WI are:

<u>Pastoral Delegate</u>	<u>Rev. Tim Eden, Bryan</u>
<u>Alternate</u>	<u>Rev. Richard Lamb, Anderson</u>
<u>Lay Delegate</u>	<u>Adam Harris, North Zulch</u>
<u>Alternate</u>	<u>Kevin Harrington, Washington</u>



The LWML is still accepting donations of plastic bags. There are boxes in the parsonage's kitchen to leave your donations. *Thank you for your support!*



Christmas Service Volunteers Needed



We are looking for **volunteers** to give input, suggestions, and **assist with the Children’s Christmas Service** this year. This is the Sunday School Outreach Project and an opportunity to let their “Little Gospel Lights Shine.” Our goal is to assist the Children in both learning and sharing the Christmas story with the congregation and visitors who need to be reminded of God’s Love. If this is something that resonates with you, **please sign up in the Narthex** or contact Sherry Watson at 214-676-0217.

Lutheran Witness Subscription

If you want to **discontinue** or **update** your church member **Lutheran Witness subscription**, please fill out a form in the narthex and leave it in the basket there **by October 16**. In addition, we ask that you **donate \$14.50 to offset** the annual subscription cost.



Nominations from the congregation are welcome!



Please contact a member of the Call Committee if you know a pastor we should consider. The members of the *Call Committee* are *Daryl Dahman, Kevin Harrington, Diane Jaehne, Diane Kettler, Don Koester, Charles Meyer, Paul Richter, Lori Schramme, Collin Schroeder, Mike Schroeder, and Chris Smitherman.*

Last Week at Bethlehem

SERVICE	ATTENDANCE	GIFTS IN RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL
9-18 Sunday School	11	\$24.00
9-18 High School	2	
9-18 Adult Bible Class	15	
9-18 Worship Service	87	General Fund: \$1,966.20 Dustin Hunter Memorial: \$750.00 Lisa Powers Memorial: \$115.00 LW Subscription: \$20.00 Parish Hall Fund: \$1,797.83