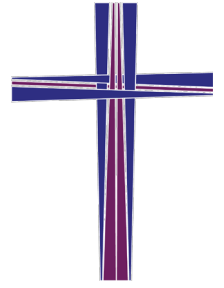


# Bethany Lutheran & Trinity Lutheran

*welcome you to worship!*



*First Sunday of Lent*

February 21, 2021  
***Theme: Baptismal Covenant***

8:00 a.m.

## Order of Worship

### **We Gather**

**Prelude**

Adam Bever and Jake Arnold Duet  
Accompanied by Amy Brekke

**Welcome**

**Welcome Video**

Doebereiner Family

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*"Naken / Broken"*

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**Greeting**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord, who runs to meet us while we are still far away, who gathers her children as a hen gathers her brood, who fills our hearts with treasure that lasts. **Amen.**

**Prayer of the Day**

Holy God, heavenly Father, **in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **We Hear God's Word**

**Special Music**

*"Speak, O Lord"*

DeAnna Westphal

**Reading**

**1 Peter 3:18-22**

<sup>18</sup>Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**Youth Special Music**

*"Father Abraham"*

Kids Choir, 2019

**Children's Moment**

Angie Buchli

**Gospel Acclamation**

*"Listening Now"*

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## Gospel Reading

Mark 1:9-15

The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

<sup>12</sup>And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Message

Pastor Chris Sesvold

## Hymn of the Day

*"By Faith"*

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## Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.\* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

## Sharing of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

## Offering

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## Offering Hymn

*"Borning Cry"*

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*Requested by Helen Miller in memory of Tom Miller*

## Offering Prayer

Faithful God, **you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven. Accompany us in this meal, that we may pass over from death to life with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Thanksgiving at the Table

## Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

**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.**

## Invitation to Communion

### Communion Song

*"For by Grace You Have Been Saved"*

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### Prayer after Communion

## We Are Sent

### Announcements

### In Remembrance

Ben Jacobson  
Jaci Willhite

### Blessing

### Sending Hymn

*"Bless Now, O God, the Journey"*

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### Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

Susan Barta

## Confession and Forgiveness

### Naked / Broken

1. When my mask is stripped away  
and my smile falls to the ground  
you can see into my heart,  
all my hiding has been found.

4. Create in me, O God,  
a clean, unbroken, heart.  
Let your Holy Spirit guide me  
in a brand new start.

#### Refrain:

Tell me how can I be loved,  
if then this is what God sees?  
Feeling naked, incomplete  
makes me fall down on my knees. *(Repeat)*

#### End Refrain:

So then this is how God loves!  
O Lord, open my mouth  
And I joyfully will sing  
your praises North and South! *(Repeat)*

2. I can only be myself  
standing stripped before your gaze,  
And the fear of who I am  
makes me turn my eyes away. *(Refrain)*

Steve Eulberg. 1984, 1998. Owl Mountain Music.

3. Have mercy on me, God  
and cleanse me from my sin  
From the guilt that all can see  
and what's hiding deep within. *(Refrain)*

## Listening Now

We're so thankful that You are still speaking  
You're still speaking gracious God,  
for the sake of the world You are seeking  
we are list'ning, list'ning now.

O God Your precious word has been a lamp unto our feet  
ev'ry time we stray and still it lights the shadows  
out along our path showing us the way.

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You're still speaking gracious God,  
for the sake of the world You are seeking  
we are list'ning, list'ning now.

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## Hymn of the Day

### By Faith

1. By faith, Abel offered a sacrifice.  
By faith, Noah listened to God's advice.  
By faith, Enoch rose to the greatest heights.  
There he could give, there he could live forever with You.

Refrain:

If I had faith ... faith as great as a mustard seed,  
then I could move ... move a mountain of human need.  
If I had faith ... faith as great as a loving deed,  
then I could give, then I could live forever with You.

2. By faith, Abram entered the promised land.  
By faith, Sarah listened to God's command.  
By faith, Isaac trusted his father's hand.  
There he could give, there he could live forever with You. *Refrain*
3. By faith, Joseph rose in the government.  
By faith, Moses slept in a desert tent.  
By faith, Rahab entered a covenant.  
There she could give, there she could live forever with You. *Refrain*

## Borning Cry



- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;  
 3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.  
 you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.  
 I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
 If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
 When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."  
 I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."  
 I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



- 4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

## For by Grace You Have Been Saved



1 For by grace you have been saved and e - ven faith is not your  
2 "So my grace is all - suf - fi - cient for each child who is my  
3 So this weak - ness with con - tent - ment I'll ac - cept now in my -



own, it's the gift of God for you and not the works that you have  
own, for my strength is now made per - fect for each child who is my  
self, all my hard - ships, pains, and griefs that still lie deep with - in my -



done. Don't let an - y - bod - y boast, for this is  
own. When you're weak, then you are strong, for this is  
self. When I'm weak, then I am strong, for this is



God's great gift. A - men.  
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Sending Hymn

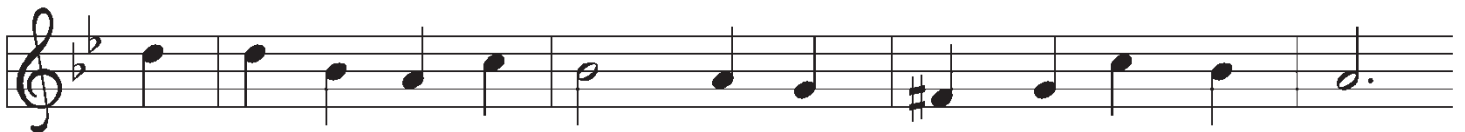
## Bless Now, O God, the Journey



1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,  
2 Bless so - journ-ers and pil - grims who share this wind - ing way;  
3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.



the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.  
your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus - tains the day.  
We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow,



The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun - tain round,  
We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;  
but wait - ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.



then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.  
to - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.  
Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: LLANGLOFFAN, Welsh tune, 19th cent.

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# The Bethany WeekAhead • February 21 - 27, 2021

**Sunday**  
**21** 8:00 AM Worship/Streamed Online & Radio  
Sunday School Lessons Available Online

**Monday**  
**22**

**Tuesday**  
**23** 9:00 AM Staff Meeting/Zoom  
12:00 PM Lunch Box/Parking Lot

**Wednesday**  
**24** 12:00 PM Midweek Lent Worship Experience/SA  
6:00 PM Midweek Lent Worship Experience/GR

**Thursday**  
**25** 7:00 PM AA/3F

**Friday**  
**26**

**Saturday**  
**27**

*Main Level:* CR-Conference Room GR-Gathering Room LI-Library NA-Narthex SA-Sanctuary NS-Nursery BR-Bell Room  
*Lower Level:* LL-Luther Lecture FH-Fellowship Hall QR-Quilting Room YR-Youth Room *Upper Level:* 3F-3rd Floor

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**COVID-19 Update:** On Monday, February 15, 2021 the Bethany Council approved the recommendation to move to Phase 2 in the Bethany Lutheran Church Pandemic Response: Regathering for Worship. A detailed description of what this entails has been emailed today, February 18, 2021. A paper copy will also be mailed out to every Bethany household today. Please watch for this information.

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**Weekly Worship Opportunities:**

- Tune in every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. to WJMC FM 96.1 & AM 1240
- 8:00 a.m. worship is streamed live on Bethany's website and Facebook page
- Watch on local access cable channels 992 (Charter) & 993 (Mosaic) on Sundays at 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM and Thursdays at 7:00 PM

Midweek Lent services: In person OR online

- In-person worship 12:00 and 6:00 p.m. every week during Lent - reserve a spot on Bethany's website under the Signups tab or contact the church office at 715-234-9028 or lhullinger@bethanyricelake.org.
- Online worship available after 8:00 a.m. each Wednesday

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**Ushers Needed:** While we are excited to be moving into Phase 2 of regathering and in-person worship, we need your help! We are in need of ushers to instruct and guide participants during upcoming worship services. You can sign up online to usher. The signup link can also be found on the Signups tab of the Bethany website.

You will be given instructions and training for your role. If you have any questions, please contact Amy Brekke at brekke.amy@gmail.com or Mark Nymo of the Safely Regathering Task Force at nymomtn@gmail.com.

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**Thank you:** The Building an Inclusive Church Task Force would like to thank the many people that were at the annual meeting, and the discussion that occurred at the meeting. Next steps on the journey to become a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation include the submission of information to Reconciling Works. Once approved as an RIC congregation, we will recommend that the logo for Reconciling Works be placed on Bethany's website as a sign of our acceptance and welcome to people identifying with LGBTQIA+ community.

Again, our thanks for the support and affirmation of our work over the past 20 months. Bethany has taken one large step of welcome to others!

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**THE VOTES ARE IN:** Four Council members met last week to count the ballots. As you many remember, you had to be "present" for our Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 31 in order to vote. We had many members who were able to join the meeting via Zoom, as well as members who joined by phone. This year's meeting drew 149 confirmed members...one of our largest turn-outs in recent years.

Of those in attendance, 128 sent/handed in their ballots. All four members running for Council positions were elected. The new members are Wanda Bock, Mackenzie Narins, Deb Slagstad and Dave Myre. All were elected to serve a three year term. Congratulations!

Building an Inclusive Church's motion to become a Reconciling in Christ Church also passed with 79% of voters voting in favor of that motion. Thank you to the BIC for all of their hard work on this effort.

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**Lent-in-a-Box:** Journey through Lent with our Lent-in-a-Box! This is a resource with fun, meaningful activities for households to do at home as you journey through the Lenten season. Our Lent Devotion booklet is a great companion to this resource. Our hope is that each household experiences Lent together in a meaningful way. Boxes are available; please contact Angie Buchli at abuchli@bethanyricelake.org to arrange a time to pick yours up!

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**At the Foot of the Cross Returns:** This is a Lenten Drama Portrayal written by Dennis Mauer and many of the same actors are returning this year. Join us each Wednesday as we hear from members portraying significant figures present at the crucifixion of Jesus. Next Wednesday, we hear from Mary Magdalene, portrayed by DeAnna Westphal, as she struggles with Jesus' death. She thanks Jesus for his kindness to her and all women.

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**Devotional Booklet:** More are available to pick up from the bin under the carport. Booklets are titled "At the Foot of the Cross: Reflections on Faith Inspired Hope."

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## **Prayer Ministry**

### **New Prayers for Members:**

**Ongoing Prayers for Members:** Sandie Anderson • Ray Arnevik • Red Axtell • Jaquan Bever • Laif Bever • Irene Christianson • Ron Debner • Jonathan Fritz • Jim Hagen • Heidi Jacobs • Kevin Jacobson • Doug Karis • Carolyn Kochel • Dave Lhotka • Maci Lundequam • Alyssa McCullough • Dick Moe • Regina Mueller • Randy Read • Shirley Stokes • Virginia Tronstad • Ray Vaughn

**New Prayers for Family & Friends of Members:** Bonnie Brandt

**Ongoing Prayers for Family & Friends of Members:** Chuck Dahl • John Jaros • Clara Kern • Paul Klancher • Pr. Chad Kohlmeyer & Family • Marianne Koser • Charlie Lawton • Mark Loehlein • Gloria Mattakat • Colin McCann • Bruce Olson • Kaye Olson • Nolan Passint • Mary Simma • Holly Thompson • Kelly White (Anderson) • Paul Wilker

**Active Military Duty:** Tanner Ely • Samuel Krebs • Alex Kusilek • Jonathan Marsh • Ethan Nieman • Alain Pierre • Jason Randall • Abby Ring

**Sympathy and Grief:** Kevin Jacobson and family upon the death of his son, Ben.

Family and friends of Jaci Willhite upon her death.

Janet Diercks and family upon the death of her mother, Delores Potvin.

You may make requests for the Prayer Ministry by calling the church office at 715-234-9028. You can also email bethany@bethanyricelake.org or fill out a request form on Bethany's website.

## **Prayers for Our Home Members**

Sandie Anderson • Edie Berg • June Brunette • Irene Christianson • Foster Dunwiddie • Pauline Eidahl • Donna Gagner • Elaine Gonske • Betty Granum • Nancy Herbert • Esther Honetor • Alice Johnson • Sid & Carolyn Johnson • Dick Moe • Lois Nefstead • Randy Read • Nadyne Reiten • Janie Riggs

## **Congregational Leaders & Staff**

**Ministers:** All Members • **Ministry Team:** Peter Muschinske, *Interim Pastor*; Luci Sesvold, *Associate Pastor* • **Director of Education, Youth & Congregational Ministries:** Angie Buchli • **Director of Business:** Dawn Paul • **Communications & Publications Specialist:** Leah Hullinger • **Cleaner:** Amanda Baker •

**Council President:** Pam Crouse • **Council Members:** Mal Bailey, Wanda Bock, Tami Bowman, Andy Denison, Mike Diercks, Bill Evans, Alexa Giddings, Dave Myre, Mackenzie Narins, Jennifer Nelson, Deb Slagstad, Brad Wiedmann