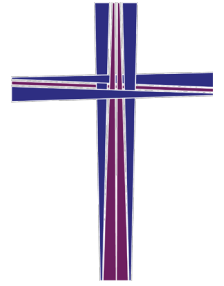


Bethany Lutheran & Trinity Lutheran

welcome you to worship!



Third Sunday of Lent

March 7, 2021

8:00 a.m.

Theme: Baptismal Covenant

Order of Worship

We Gather

Prelude

Susan Barta / Amy Brekke

Welcome

Welcome Video

Brad Wiedmann 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, **through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only 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

First Reading

Exodus 20:1-3

¹God spoke all these words: ²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me.

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

Special Music

"Were You There"

Bethany Belles

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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

Youth Special Music

“ABCs with I Am a C”

Bethany Kids Choir, 2019

Children’s Moment

Angie Buchli

Gospel Acclamation

“Listening Now”

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Gospel Reading

John 2:13-22

The holy gospel according to St. John, the 2nd chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” ¹⁹Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” ²⁰The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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

Message

Pastor Peter Muschinske

Hymn of the Day

“Built on a Rock”

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Commissioning of Council

The following people have been elected [by the congregation] to positions of leadership. We give thanks for their willingness to serve. In baptism we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God; we rejoice now that these sisters and brothers will lead us in our common life and our mutual mission as a congregation.

The presiding minister addresses those being installed.

You have been elected to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation.

You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith bear witness to God, who gathers us into one together with the whole church.

You are to seek to involve all members of this congregation in worship, learning, witness, service, and support, so that the mission of Christ is carried out in this congregation, in the wider church, in this community, and in the whole world.

You are to be faithful in your specific area of serving, that the Spirit who empowers you may be glorified.

You are to be examples of faith active in love, fostering peace, harmony, and mutual understanding in this congregation.

On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you: Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been elected?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

The presiding minister addresses the congregation.

People of God, I ask you: Will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

The presiding minister addresses those being installed.

I now declare you installed as officers / council members of this congregation. Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you may be faithful servants of Christ. **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

Bethany Text Giving Available: 715-303-3484

Offering Hymn

"How Great Thou Art"

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Requested by Sue Arnevik in honor of friends and family.

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

Heidi Jacobs

Blessing

Sending Hymn

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

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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.

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)*

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)*

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)*

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

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)*

Steve Eulberg. 1984, 1998. Owl Mountain Music.

Gospel Acclamation

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.

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.

Built on a Rock



1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are
2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not
3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones: we are his own hab - i -
4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is
5 Through all the pass - ing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are



fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are
dwell - ing— high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly
ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us
bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our
ring - ing, man - y may come to hear your Word, who here this



chim - ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the
tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -
life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their
Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with
prom - ise is bring - ing: "I know my own, my own know me; you, not the



souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.
bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
midst will show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.
us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.
world, my face shall see; my peace I leave with you. A - men."

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Carl Doving, 1867–1937, adapt.
Music: KIRKEN DEN ER ET GAMMEL HUS, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887
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How Great Thou Art



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der con - sid - er
 2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
 3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to
 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y
 birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun - tain
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur - den glad - ly
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



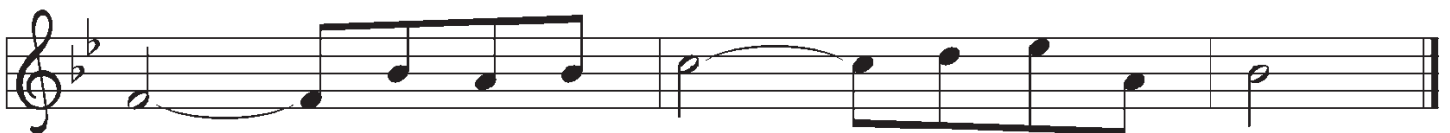
thun - der, thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
 gran - deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
 bear - ing he bled and died to take a - way my sin;
 ra - tion and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

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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Text: Kari Tikka, b. 1946; tr. Michael Harper
Music: ARMOLAULU, Kari Tikka
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In the Cross of Christ I Glory



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of
ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the
love up - on my way, from the cross the
cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that



sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

Text: John Bowring, 1792–1872

Music: RATHBUN, Ithamar Conkey, 1815–1867

The Bethany WeekAhead • March 7 - 13, 2021

Sunday
7 8:00 AM Worship/Streamed Online & Radio
Sunday School Lessons Available Online
10:00 AM In-Person Worship/SA

Monday
8 1:00 PM Quilting/QR
6:00 PM Property Committee/Zoom

Tuesday
9 9:00 AM Staff Meeting/Zoom
10:30 AM Executive Committee/Zoom
12:00 PM Lunch Box/Parking Lot
5:30 PM Personnel Committee

Wednesday
10 12:00 PM Midweek Lent Worship Experience/SA
6:00 PM Midweek Lent Worship Experience/SA

Thursday
11 9:30 AM Caring Community Coordinators/Zoom
5:00 PM Worship & Music/Zoom
7:00 PM AA/3F

Friday
12

Saturday
13

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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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
- In person 10:00 a.m. worship on Sundays. Reserve a spot through Bethany's website under the Signups tab or contact the church office at 715-234-9028 or lhullinger@bethanyricelake.org.

Midweek Lent services: In person OR online

- In-person worship 12:00 and 6:00 p.m. every week during Lent - reserve a spot through Bethany's website under the Signups tab or contact the church office at 715-234-9028 or lhullinger@bethanyricelake.org.
- Online worship available after 9:00 a.m. each Wednesday

Synod Delegates: A vacancy has opened an opportunity for two new persons to attend the Northwest Synod of WI Synod Assembly on April 15 (evening) and Saturday, April 17. The theme this year is "Justice and Joy: When justice is done, it brings joy to the righteous." Bethany may have three voting representatives. (This event will be by Zoom, so participants are required to have Zoom capabilities.) More information can be found at nswi.org/2021-synod-assembly.

If interested, please contact the church office, or Pam Crouse, by Friday, March 5.

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.

From the Council President: Recently I read a devotion entitled, "*The Inadequacy of Words*," based on Isaiah 55:8-9.

"My thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways are not your ways... As high as the heavens are above the earth, so my ways are beyond your ways, and my thoughts are beyond your thoughts."

It made me wonder, what would Jesus ask of us right now? Of course, first and foremost is to love and care for one another. Let your needs be known to someone you trust and we pray that as servants and saints, we can find a healing place to reside. You can reach our pastoral staff just by calling the office. Council members are also ready to hear your concerns. Thank you for the conversations underway about what is best for Bethany at this time and place. Read more about this on the Bethany 411! webpage.

Office Hours: We are pleased to announce the opening of our doors and office to walk-ins according to the following schedule: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. As with our limited regathering for worship, all who enter are asked to wear a mask over nose and mouth, sign in (to report to us if you develop covid and for us to share news of a positive case with you) and limit time and touch. On other days, phones are answered or messages checked often. As always, contact either pastor in a time of urgent need.

Bethany Tots: These resources are available for parents of newborns through toddlers (age 3) to help to teach faith at home through activities, crafts and games. The Frolic lessons have been adapted for parents to do at home with your tots.

Pastor Luci and Angie Buchli will be at Bethany Sunday, March 14 from 9:00-10:00 a.m. handing out the lesson, book and activity cards. Just pull up under the carport anytime Sunday, March 14 from 9:00-10:00 a.m. we will hand you your Bethany Tots lesson materials. If you missed our lesson pick up in November and/or December, you can get those at this time also. If you cannot make that time, please contact Angie Buchli to arrange another time. We look forward to seeing you!!

Bethany Trust Fund: The Bethany Trust Fund is pleased to announce that it is now accepting funding requests for 2021. All requests must be made by completing an application which can be found on the Bethany website by going to Resources and Trust Fund tab. The application is at the bottom of that page. If you have trouble finding the information, please get in touch with Leah

in the church office. In addition, the Trust Fund welcomes Chick Feather to the committee. Chick is well known in the community and brings a wealth of experience to the Trust Fund. Also, Roxie Olsen was recently added to our committee due to the recent resignation of Rick Benson. Both Roxie and Chick are solid additions to the Trust Fund. In the weeks ahead, we look forward to telling the story of how the Trust Fund has touched the lives of individuals and organizations. If you would like to leave a legacy that will impact the lives of many for years to come, please contact any member of the Trust Fund or Dawn Paul at the Bethany church office.

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!

First Communion Class: First Communion classes will be offered in March and April 2021. Classes will consist of four sessions and meet in person in the Gathering Room or Fellowship Hall on Sundays March 7, March 14, April 11 and April 18 at 10:45 a.m. Students will receive their first communion on Sunday, April 25 at the 10:00 a.m. worship service. These special classes are designed to support ongoing learning by exploring the stories, rituals and images of this meal. We strongly encourage a parent or another adult to attend class with each child. If you prefer an at-home class option, please let us know when you register.

The classes will be open to all children age three years and older. We highly encourage students to attend a First Communion class sometime between age three and 3rd grade. However, please know that you, as parents and guardians, have the primary responsibility to determine when your child should begin receiving Holy Communion.

Please register for the class by contacting Angie Buchli at abuchli@bethanyricelake.org before March 5, so that we can make sure to have enough supplies for everyone. If you have any questions, please contact Angie Buchli or Pastor Luci at pastorluci@bethanyricelake.org.

Easter Cake Decorating Contest: Get in the Easter spirit! Households are invited to participate in an outrageously fun cake decorating challenge. No experience needed and starter kit provided.

Households must register by Wednesday, March 10 to participate. (If you would like more than one starter kit, cost will be \$5/additional kit. Contact Angie Buchli.)

Each starter cake decorating kit will include two 8" round white cake layers and approximately 3 ½ cups vanilla whipped icing. We will contact participants when starter kits are available for pick up.

Winners chosen in THREE categories:

- **Easter Scene:** Use decorating elements of your choice to create your favorite Easter themed scene and finished cake is round two-layers.
- **Fresh Fruit Decoration:** Use fresh fruit as main decorating element and finished cake is round two-layers.
- **Reshaping Challenge:** Finished cake can be any theme and appears other than a two-layer round cake.

Pictures of finished cakes must be submitted no later than Easter Sunday, April 4. Winners will be announced the following week after Easter, but you are welcome to enjoy your cake once you have submitted the picture!

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 the Centurion, portrayed by Jake Donze.

Freshening Up: As we start to regather for worship, you may notice there is a fresh coat of paint! Painters are painting the main level, Fellowship Hall and parts of the basement. The building hasn't had new paint since the addition was added.

The paint color was selected from samples chosen to be neutral and to the lighter side to be classic/timely in nature and coordinate with other features in the building. Members of the Property Committee, their significant others and staff voted on the color by blind ballot. If you have questions, please contact Keith Moffatt, Property Chair.

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Prayer Ministry

New Prayers for Members: Lynn Sulackow

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

New Prayers for Family & Friends of Members:

Ongoing Prayers for Family & Friends of Members: Bonnie Brandt • 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: Dave Jacobs and family upon the death of his wife, Heidi.

Carolyn Johnson and family upon the death of her sister, Joanna Buelow.

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

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