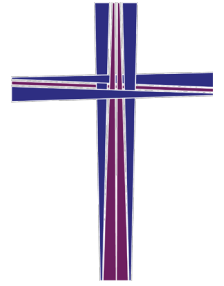


# Bethany Lutheran & Trinity Lutheran

*welcome you to worship!*



*Fifth Sunday of Lent*

March 21, 2021

8:00 a.m.

***Theme: Baptismal Covenant***

## Order of Worship

### **We Gather**

**Prelude**

*“What Wondrous Love Is This”*

Susan Barta / Amy Brekke

**Welcome**

**Welcome Video**

Mike & Wanda Bock 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**

O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, 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**

*“On the Via Dolorosa”*

Deb Slagstad

**Reading**

**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

**Special Music**

*“Were You There”*

Kari and Marin Donze

**Psalm**

**Psalm 51:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

<sup>2</sup>**Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.**

<sup>3</sup>For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

<sup>4</sup>**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb.

**<sup>6</sup>Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

<sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

**<sup>8</sup>Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

<sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.

**<sup>10</sup>Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

<sup>11</sup>Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

**<sup>12</sup>Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*"Listening Now"*

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## Gospel Reading

**John 12:20-33**

The holy gospel according to St. John, the 12th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

<sup>27</sup>"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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

## Message

Pastor Luci Sesvold

## Hymn of the Day

*"Lamb of God"*

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## Installation of Call Committee

P: The following persons, having been chosen/elected to be the Call Committee:

Laura Doebereiner, Kevin Jacobson, Jennifer Jenkinson, Jennifer Nelson, Jonathan Nelson, Melissa Tomesh, Dave Wilson

P: Saint Paul writes: There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them. There are different ways of serving, but the same Lord is served. There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives ability for some particular service to everyone. The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all.

You have been appointed to a position of leadership and trust in this congregation. You are to seek the will of God and the mind and spirit of the congregation with regards to our pastoral needs.

You will examine the qualifications of prospective pastors, interview those who appear to be suitable candidates, recommendation regarding the issuance of a call by the congregation. In all your deliberations, you are to be examples of faith active in love, seeking to maintain the life, harmony and ministry of this congregation.

On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I now ask you: Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the Call Committee?

Call Committee: We will and ask God to help and guide us.

P: People of God, I ask you, will you support these, your brothers and sisters in Christ, in their task, and will you undergird their efforts with your prayers?

**Congregation: We will.**

P: I now declare you installed as the Call Committee of this congregation. God bless you and your work together.

### **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 Music**

*"O Sacred Head Now Wounded"*

Bethany Belles

### **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 Hymn**

*"For by Grace You Have Been Saved"*

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#### **Prayer after Communion**

## **We Are Sent**

### **Announcements**

### **Blessing**

#### **Sending Hymn**

*"Lift High the Cross"*

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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.

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## 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.

LENT

# Lamb of God

## Your Only Son

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1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have  
2 Your gift of love we cru - ci - fied. We laughed and  
3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have



sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y  
scorned him as he died. The hum - ble king we named a  
brought me to your side to be led by your staff and



sod and to be - come the Lamb of God.  
fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God. O Lamb of  
rod and to be called a lamb of God.



God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me



in your pre - cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Text: Twila Paris, b. 1958

Music: Twila Paris

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YOUR ONLY SON

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## 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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## Lift High the Cross



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,  
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied  
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Refrain*



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.  
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.  
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956

Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947

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# The Bethany WeekAhead • March 21 - 27, 2021

**Sunday**  
**21** 8:00 AM Worship/Streamed Online & Radio  
Sunday School Lessons Available Online  
10:00 AM In-Person Worship/SA

**Monday**  
**22** 1:00 PM Quilting/QR  
4:30 PM Mission Concerns/Zoom  
6:00 PM Justice Resolution Forum/Spirit Lutheran in Eau Claire, Zoom

**Tuesday**  
**23** 8:45 AM Staff Meeting/Zoom  
12:00 PM Lunch Box/Parking Lot  
1:00 PM Luther Park Quilters/QR

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

**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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### 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

Holy Week 2021: **We have four different ways you can worship with us this year** because you matter. You can join us on the radio, through livestream, in person and in the parking lot!

*Palm Sunday:* Join us on Sunday, March 28 for Palm Sunday worship!

- 8:00 a.m. live on Bethany's website, Facebook page and WJMC Radio, FM 96.1 & AM 1240
- 9:30 a.m. Palm Sunday Neighborhood Procession (weather permitting)
- 10:00 a.m. in person worship - Please preregister

*Maundy Thursday:* Join us on Thursday, April 1 for Maundy Thursday worship!

- 7:00 p.m. In person worship – Please preregister
- Live on Bethany's website and Facebook page

*Good Friday:* Join us on Friday, April 2 for Good Friday worship!

- 7:00 p.m. In person worship – Please preregister
- Live on Bethany's website and Facebook page

*Easter Sunday:* Join us on Sunday, April 4 to celebrate our Risen Lord!

- 8:00 a.m. live on Bethany's website, Facebook page and WJMC Radio, FM 96.1 & AM 1240
- 10:00 a.m. In person – Please preregister
- 11:00 a.m. Drive-In
- Children's Easter Egg Hunt at 9:45 and 10:45 a.m.

**Pop-Up Paint Party - Easter Sunrise:** Join us for an evening of painting! Get ready to make a unique piece of art with friends and family. Each individual will create their own version of "Easter Sunrise," designed and taught by Roger Britton. No experience necessary and all supplies will be provided.

Sign-up now to reserve your spot for Tuesday, March 30 at 6:00 p.m. Please contact the office at lhullinger@bethanyricelake.org or 715-234-9028 to register. **Registration deadline is Friday, March 26.**

We can accommodate 15 households for the in-person class at Bethany (masks will be required) or you can pick-up your supplies and paint at home! Pre-registration is needed for both in-person and at home painting to ensure the correct number of supplies. Take a little break during Holy Week to create memories and a lasting piece of art that you will treasure for years to come!

**Attention all New Member Sponsors:** The Welcome Team is working on a fun, Easter project and we would love the help of our past host family sponsors to implement it. If you were/are a sponsor for new members in 2019, 2020 or 2021, we would love it if you could reach out to Kayelon Campbell Murphy at kayelon.cmurphy@gmail.com! We are only asking for a few minutes of time at your convenience over the next few weeks. Thank you so much for your support to your new members!

**Safely Regathering Task Force Update:** The task force met this week to review data and recommendations, as well as solidify our plan for Phase 3. We currently remain in Phase 2 with 12.9 daily cases per 100,000. To move to Phase 3, we would need to see <10 daily cases per 100,000. We are getting close! The numbers are reassuring, with hospital capacity improved and vaccination numbers increasing in the county. Phase 3 would allow up to 50% of capacity per room, as long as physical distancing is maintained. Masks would still be required. Additional services could be considered as needed.

Many of you may have questions about vaccination – mainly – "How do I get a vaccine?" The first step is to determine if you are eligible. To determine eligibility, a great resource is the Wisconsin Department of Health website [www.dhs.wisconsin.gov](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov). New eligibility groups open on Monday, March 22 to include those 16 and older with certain health conditions. If you have a health condition, be sure to check the list to see if you

are eligible. Then the challenge becomes to find a place to get your vaccine. One resource is [www.vaccinefinder.org](http://www.vaccinefinder.org) but many clinics, pharmacies and public health departments will have a waiting list for appointments. Be patient – supply is increasing!

We will continue to meet regularly to review the ever-changing data and recommendations. If you have questions, do not hesitate to reach out to one of our members or contact Mark Nymo, chair of the Safely Regathering Task Force, at [nymomtn@gmail.com](mailto:nymomtn@gmail.com). Also check the COVID-19 page on Bethany's website.

**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](mailto:brekke.amy@gmail.com) or Mark Nymo of the Safely Regathering Task Force at [nymomtn@gmail.com](mailto:nymomtn@gmail.com).

**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.

If you missed the March 14 pick up, please contact Angie Buchli to arrange another time. We look forward to hearing from 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.

**Synod Assembly Resolutions:** Did you know there will be five Social Justice Resolutions being voted on at the Northwest Synod of WI's Synod Assembly in April? If you are interested in learning more about the resolutions and the topics they correspond with, please check out the synod's Social Justice & Advocacy webpage. Spirit Lutheran in Eau Claire is hosting forums on resolution topics on Mondays, March 15, 22 and 29 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. Please contact Gail at Spirit at 715-832-2421 or [gsmall@spiritlutheran.org](mailto:gsmall@spiritlutheran.org) to receive the zoom code.

**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, portrayed by Deb Slagstad.

**Will you help read in worship?** We are in need of persons who enjoy reading out loud to read the Sunday lessons. These will be recorded, then added to our Sunday worship service. Just sign up for a date, Leah Hullinger will send you the reading(s) and Amy Brekke will contact you to arrange a time to record in the Sanctuary or provide instructions on how to record from your home. Signups can also be found on the Bethany website under the Signups tab.

**Sunday School Lessons are available online:** Even though we are not meeting in person at the moment, you can still participate in Sunday School! The lessons are posted on Bethany's website under the At-Home Resources page. The page is password protected, due to copyright, so please see the email from Angie Buchli for the password. If you did not receive the email and password, please contact Angie at [abuchli@bethanyricelake.org](mailto:abuchli@bethanyricelake.org).

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Sundays 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM; Thursdays 7:00 PM

## **Prayer Ministry**

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

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

### **New Prayers for Family & Friends of Members:**

**Ongoing Prayers for Family & Friends of Members:** Bonnie Brandt • John Jaros • Clara Kern • Paul Klancher • 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 • Alex Kusilek • Jonathan Marsh • Ethan Nieman • Alain Pierre • Jason Randall • Abby Ring

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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