

Welcome to Bethel First Sunday in Lent

February 18th, 2018



Welcome to Bethel Lutheran Church. We are glad you are here and we pray God will be real to you as you worship. Bethel is a Reconciling in Christ congregation. Knowing God loves all creation and holds us all, we welcome you who walk through our doors and you who are outside those doors. We welcome everyone and honor the rich diversity and giftedness that age, sexual orientation, race, belief, emotional and physical health, gender identity, marital status and station in life bring to the Bethel family and our relationships.

GATHERING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

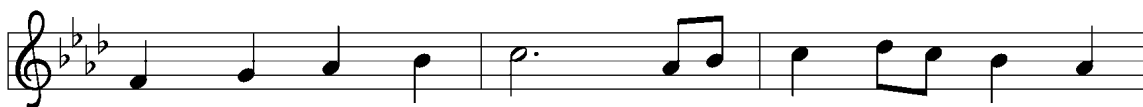
C: And also with you

GATHERING SONG

O Lord Throughout These Forty Days



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and



prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance
faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your
fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -
all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal



for our sin, and free us from our past.
skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.
ny our - selves that we may know God's love.
Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

Restrooms are located in the basement on the east side of the building. A gender neutral restroom is located behind the worship space next to the church office. Please ask the Usher or Greeter for assistance. There is also a rocking chair in the rear of the Sanctuary. Please use it as you wish.

Our welcome extends to the Communion Table. We recognize that this is Christ's Table and Christ's invitation. Please come forward as you are invited. If you prefer not to receive Communion at this time, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing – just fold your arms across your chest so that we know you prefer a blessing. Wine is served from the first chalice; grape juice is served from the second. We also offer gluten-free bread and individual cups of wine.

GLORY

Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



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.

Stewardship of Service	Today:	Next week - Feb 25
Ministers:	All Baptized Members of Bethel	All Baptized Members of Bethel
Pastor:	Pastor Michael Keys	Pastor Michael Keys
Pastor:	Pastor Christine Core	Pastor Christine Core
Musician:	Timmy Straw	Timmy Straw
Usher:	OPEN	PJ Bentley
Reader:	Don Worthington	Meghan Cyr
Communion:	Sonia Fornoni and Tammy Gover	Karen and Sofia Carpenter

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

FIRST READING

Genesis 9:8-17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

P: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

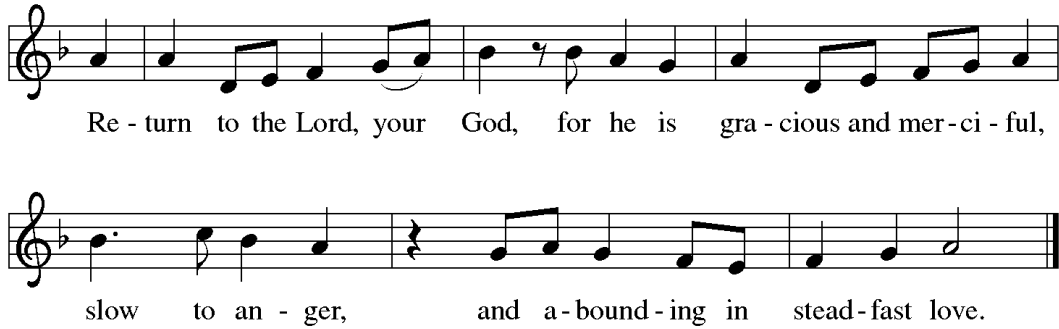
1 Peter 3:18-22

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, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, 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. 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, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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C: Thanks be to God.

LENTEN ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL

Mark 1:9-15

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And 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. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you. O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE


SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Loving Spirit



1 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—
2 Like a moth - er you en - fold me, hold my life with - in your own,
3 Like a fa - ther you pro - tect me, teach me the dis - cern - ing eye,
4 Friend and lov - er, in your close - ness I am known and held and blessed:
5 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—



you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.
feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone.
hoist me up up - on your shoul - der, let me see the world from high.
in your prom - ise is my com - fort, in your pres - ence I may rest.
you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL



OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards be Fruitful



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

We give you thanks, Father,
through Jesus Christ,
your beloved son, whom you sent
in this end of the ages
to save and redeem us
and to proclaim to us your will.
He is your Word,
inseparable from you.
Through him
you created all things,
and in him you take delight.
He is your Word,
sent from heaven
to a virgin's womb.
He there took on our nature
and our lot and
was shown forth as your Son,
born of the Holy Spirit
and of the virgin Mary.
It is he, our Lord Jesus,
who fulfilled all your will
and won for you a holy people;
he stretched out his hands
in suffering
in order to free from suffering
those who trust you
It is he who,
handed over to a death
he freely accepted,
in order to destroy death,
to break the bonds
of the evil one,
to crush hell underfoot,
to give light to the righteous,
to establish his covenant,
and to show forth
the resurrection,

taking bread and
giving thanks to you, said:
take and eat:
this is my body, broken for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
In the same way he took the cup,
gave thanks, and
gave it for all to drink, saying:
This is my blood
poured out for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Remembering , then,
his death and resurrection,
we lift this bread and cup
before you,
giving you thanks that
you have made us worthy
to stand before you
and to serve you
as your priestly people.
And we ask you:
Send your Spirit
upon these gifts of your Church;
gather into one
all who share
this bread and wine;
fill us with your Holy Spirit
to establish our faith in truth,
that we may praise
and glorify you
through your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him
all glory and honor are yours,
Almighty Father,
with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church
both now and forever.

Amen

ABBA PRAYER

Abba,
Holy be your name.
Your kingdom come.
Give us each day our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins,
For we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.
And do not bring us to the time of trial.
Amen

COMMUNION

Come to the Table



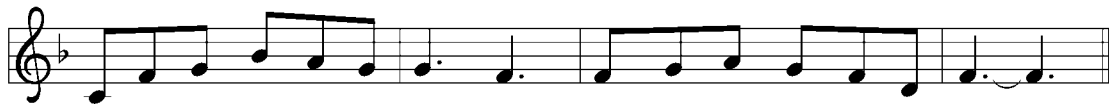
Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

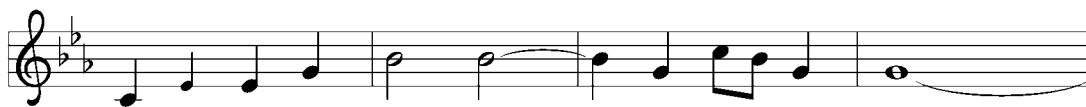
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COMMUNION HYMN

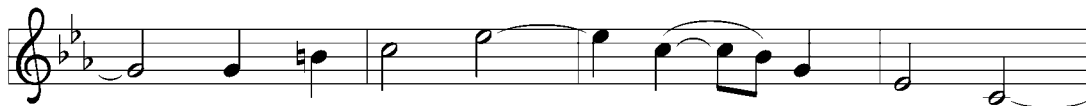
I Want Jesus to Walk with Me



1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



I want Je - sus to walk with me;
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
when my heart is al - most break - ing,
when my head is bowed in sor - row,



Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice, our alms, a making of peace, and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; through Christ our Lord.

Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

My Life Flows on in Endless Song



- 1 My life flows on in end-less song; a-bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,
- 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic ring - ing.
- 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.
- 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?


DISMISSAL

Marked with the cross of Christ, do forth to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

<u>Prayer Requested for:</u>	<u>Prayer Concern:</u>	<u>Prayer Contact:</u>
Bertha Anderson	Prayers for healing	Karen Anderson
For all victims of hate speech and prejudice	Peace and healing	Bethel Staff
Skip Getman	Prayers of peace and comfort as he battles cancer	Bethel Players and Congregation
Vance Burghard	Prayers for support and healing as he works through medical issues	The Burghard/ Moody family
Dennis Mitchell	Prayers of healing and comfort as his throat cancer has returned	Stephanie Burdick
Family and Friends of Deb Cornils (Karen Anderson's favorite college roommate)	Prayers for peace and comfort upon the death of Deb	Karen Anderson
Dale Tersey (JulieAnn and Marlo Edman's son-in-law)	Prayers of healing and comfort as he battles a very rare and potentially aggressive form of cancer	JulieAnn Edman
Timothy Collins (JulieAnn's good friend)	Prayers of healing and comfort as he battles a very rare and potentially aggressive form of cancer	JulieAnn Edman
Katie Reitel	Prayers of healing, strength and comfort for Katie and support for her family	The Bentleys
Shirley and Jeff Kolpin	Prayers of healing for Jeff; peace and comfort for Shirley	Cate Milburn
Sarah Whadford and her baby Penelope	Prayers for a safe delivery and a healthy baby	Joann Noll
Elizabeth	Prayers of healing and comfort	Joann Noll
Rob	Prayer of comfort and peace following a diagnosis of Parkinson's Disease	Joann Noll
Jacob and Miles Bard	Prayers for health and healing	Ronda Bard
Annalu Lingnau and Ben Lingnau Jr., Stephani Burdick's grandparents	Prayers of healing and comfort	Stephanie Burdick
Ben Lingnau III, Stephanie's uncle	Prayers of healing and comfort	Stephanie Burdick
Stephanie Burdick	Prayers of peace and knowledge of God's presence for Stephanie	Pr. Christine
For Family of Mike Lee (Pastor Mike's nephew) who died in a drowning accident	Prayer for peace and comfort	Pr. Mike

February Birthdays!	
4	Christine Downing
8	Sister Pat McCrann
8	Pat Cunningham
11	June Hassebroek
12	Tana Bishop
21	John Keys
22	Mary Rix
25	Will Eusebio
27	Hadley Mowe
27	Jackson Mowe
27	Sam Mowe
28	Harmony Milburn



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coming Up:

Feb 20:

Council 7pm

Feb 24:

Neighborhood Hygiene Program

Feb 25:

Community Breakfast 9am

Worship 10am

Lenten Listening Season

We have been talking a bit lately about a “listening season”. For some of us who have been around Bethel for a while, this is familiar language. But for others, these words are head scratchers. Exactly what is a Listening Season? And why is it important?

Bethel recognizes we are facing something new – and that we must organize ourselves in a different way. The first step in determining what this “different” way might look like begins with the understanding that we need more than just good intentions to adapt to something new. We not only need new practices and skills and we need to learn ways to continue to build capacity to act on behalf of the good of the entire congregation. But most importantly, we need to keep deep and abiding relationships at the center of our work.

And that is why we listen in an intentional way to each other. The Listening Season being designed for this Lent is intended to build relationships, identify interests, build up new leaders, and discern actions for the future. The congregation has identified a number of people they think are good listeners. Each of those people have been invited to attend a training session after worship on Sunday, February 11. Anyone can be a listener – and while listening is a bit of an art, a key skill is a commitment to listen deeply and with focus, asking clarifying questions and remaining curious about your partner’s story. Would you like to join? We’ll be in the library – the session will last about an hour.

Once listeners are trained, each listener will go out to meet with seven or eight people, armed with a couple of key questions. Conversation partners will be Bethel members, Friends of Bethel, neighbors, community leaders and others we have identified as stakeholders. Those conversations will take place during the Lent Season.

Listeners are asked to pray on the stories they are hearing, for they will be asked to reflect back to the group what they might be able to identify as trends, common concerns and affirmations. While the specifics of the conversations themselves are held in confidence, we know the content will be rich and will teach us much. The wisdom that will help us decide the way in which we are to go rests within the community.