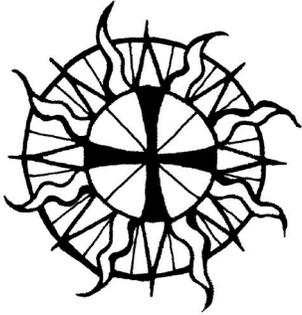




# FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 22, 2020

Welcome to Bethel Lutheran Church



We are glad you are here with us via Zoom 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. 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.

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## WE GATHER TOGETHER

**Prelude**

***Sweet Sweet Spirit***, Doris Akers

**Welcome**

**Greeting**

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

**Hymn**

***Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am***



Take, oh, take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be;



set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.



## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together.

**Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

# WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

## First Reading

***Ephesians 5:8-14***

A reading from Ephesians

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

"Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead,

and Christ will shine on you."

P: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Hymn

***I Believe***, Justin Timberlake

*I still believe, still believe in*

*You and me*

*Cuz every night I go to sleep, go to sleep*

*I can see it like a movie in my dream.*

*Put my face on the dirt in the ground,*

*Still I reach up to take back the crown.*

*You can break my body, but you can't keep the soul of humanity down.*

## Gospel

***John 9:1-41***

P: The holy Gospel according to John.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord!**

As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to

Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ!**



## Gospel Hymn

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## Sermon

## Hymn of the Day

## Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

## Prayers of Intercession

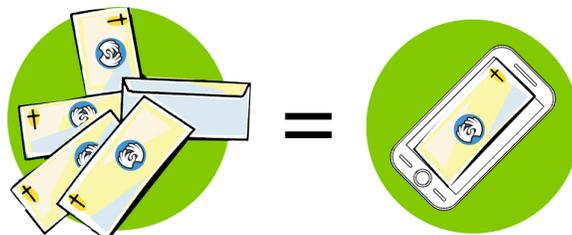
Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: **Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.**

## Peace

Response: **And also with you.** The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say Peace be with you or similar words.

## Offering

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# WE ARE SENT IN JESUS' LOVE

## Announcements

### Blessing

Now is the acceptable time.  
Now is the day of salvation.  
Holy God, Creator, Word, and Spirit,  
† bless you, unbind you,  
and send you in love and in peace.  
**Amen**

### Sending Hymn

### *Thou My Vision*



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

### Dismissal

Go in peace. Walk with Jesus.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

## Don't You Worry 'Bout a Thing, Stevie Wonder

Everybody's got a thing  
But some don't know how to handle it  
Always reachin' out in vain  
Just takin' the things not worth having

But don't you worry 'bout a thing  
Don't you worry 'bout a thing, mama  
'Cause I'll be standin' on the side  
When you check it out, oh

They say your style of life's a drag  
And that you must go other places  
Just don't you feel too bad  
When you get fooled by smiling faces

Don't you worry 'bout a thing  
Don't you worry 'bout a thing, baby  
'Cause I'll be standing on the side

When you check it out  
When you get off your trip

Don't you worry 'bout a thing  
Don't you worry 'bout a thing

Everybody needs a change  
A chance to check out the new, yeah  
You're the only one to sees  
The changes you take yourself through



Prayer Requested For:	Prayer Concern:	Prayer Contact:
For the world	Prayers for assurance of God's love and healing as we work together during this global pandemic.	Staff
For the people affected by the collapse of Concordia	As they deal with loss and grief as they suddenly have to restructure their lives. May wisdom prevail in how the property is used as the Concordia Neighborhood will be affected by the change.	Bethel Care Team
For the People of Bethel Lutheran	May the wisdom and counsel of the Holy Spirit abide within the people of Bethel during this time of change and transition.	Staff
For the environment and all those working to bring about live-giving change	Grant us wisdom to care for earth and energy to act now for the good of future generations	Staff
Katie Reitel & Family	Prayers for peace & assurance of God's love.	The Bentleys
Faith St. John	Healing and support as she undergoes treatment for cancer.	Staff
Jennifer Nevills, former YDIC director	Struggling with heart disease.	Karen Anderson
David Gyles	Continued prayers for David and Sandy as David continues to struggle with his lung problems	Bethel Care Team
Joan Barber	Peace and comfort and freedom from discomfort as she begins palliative care.	Pastor Core
Mary Rix	Prayers for continued healing after a successful surgery.	JulieAnn Edman
The Fletcher Family	Prayers for the Fletcher family as the trial moves toward its completion	Bethel Care Team
Marlo Edman	Prayers of continued healing for Marlo as he recovers at home. He will be wheelchair bound for at least 2 1/2 months.	JulieAnn Edman
<b>Our prayers continue for many among us:</b> for Timothy Collins, Elizabeth, Rob, Jacob Bard, Miles Bard, Annalu Lingnau, Ben Lingnau III, David Lingnau, Patricia Connor.		



Stewardship of Service	Today - Mar 22 Virtual	Next Week- Mar 29 Virtual
Ministers	All Baptized Members of Bethel	All Baptized Members of Bethel
Pastor	Pastor Scott Dunfee	Pastor Joan Beck
Music Director	Kathleen Hollingsworth	Kathleen Hollingsworth
Musician		

### SERVICE SCHEDULE:

- **3/29** Pastor Joan Beck *virtual*

#### Holy Week

- Palm Sunday Worship – Sunday, April 5, 10 am
- Easter Worship – Sunday, April 12, 10 am

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