



First Sunday in Lent

Worship with Holy Communion
March 6, 2022



Welcome to Bethel Lutheran Church

We are glad you are here with us—in person and 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.

Communion - We will celebrate Holy Communion together via Zoom, as well as gathered in person. Please have bread/cracker(s) and a cup of wine/grape juice ready if you and those with you would like to participate. If you do not have access to wine or grape juice, you may receive Communion without the cup—Christ is present in the bread, as Jesus said, “I am the Bread of Life.” (John 6:35)

GATHERING

Prelude

Pilgrim

By Enya

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.

Restrooms are located in the basement on the east side of the building. An all gender/l 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.

Gathering Song of Praise

Glory to God

Assisting minister



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

All



Lord God, heav'n-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, O Lord God,



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have



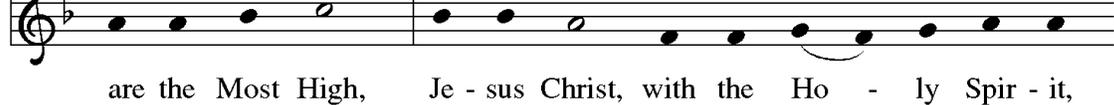
mer-cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the



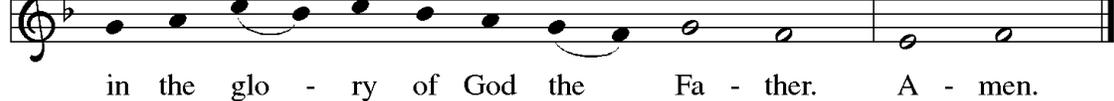
Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the



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.

Confession

In the name of God,
who makes a way in the wilderness,
walks with us,
and guides us in our pilgrimage.

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One,

**we confess that we have wandered far from you:
we have not trusted your promises,
we have ignored your prophets in our own day,
we have squandered our inheritance of grace,
we have failed to recognize you in our midst.**

Have mercy on us!

Forgive us and turn us again to you.

**Teach us to follow in your ways,
assure us again of your love,
and help us to love our neighbor.**

Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together:

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



WORD

Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

¹When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Lenten Acclamation

Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

Text: *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*
Music: Robert Buckley Farlee, b. 1950
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Gospel Reading

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord!**

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” ⁴Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”

⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,’

¹¹and

‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

¹²Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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

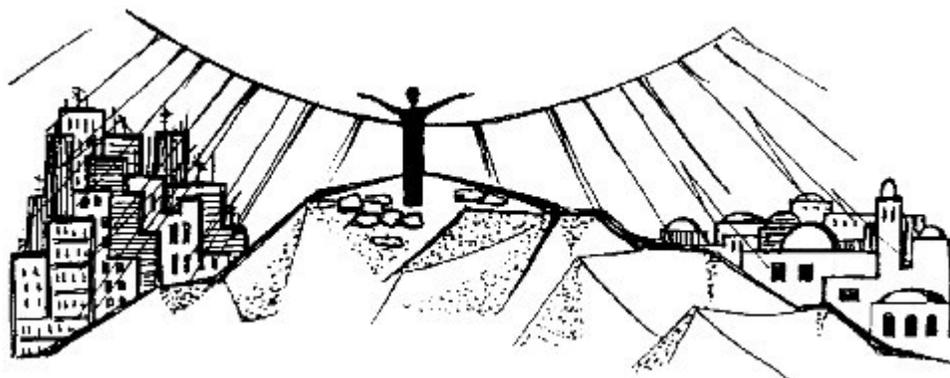
Children’s Time

Sermon

Pastor Leon LaCross

Hymn of the Day

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me



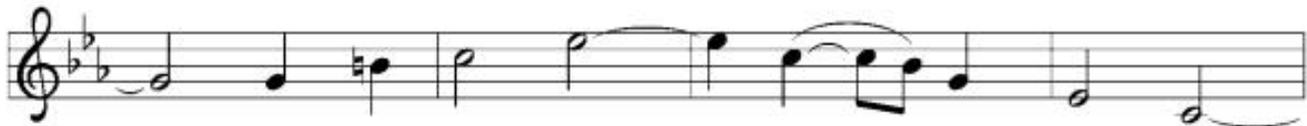
I Want Jesus to Walk with Me



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.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: SOJOURNER, African American spiritual

Prayers of Intercession

The response to each prayer is: Merciful God, **Receive our prayer.**

Sharing of Peace – *Take time to share the peace on Zoom and in person*

COMMUNION MEAL

For those worshiping virtually, please gather your bread and wine to participate in Holy Communion.

Offering

You may use one of our options for giving online at: <http://bethelpdx.org/donate> or by text using Give Plus: (855) 944-1171. Additionally you may donate by mail or, if worshiping in-person, use the offering plate in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for supporting the many ministries of Bethel!

Offering Prayer

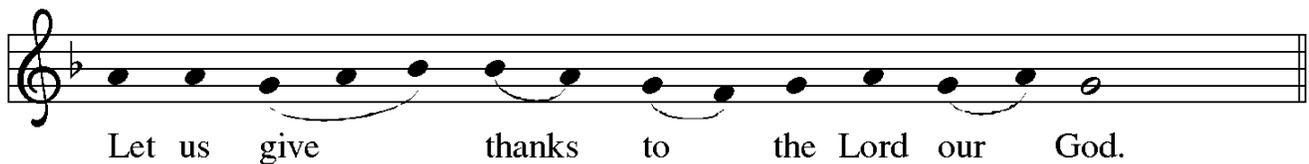
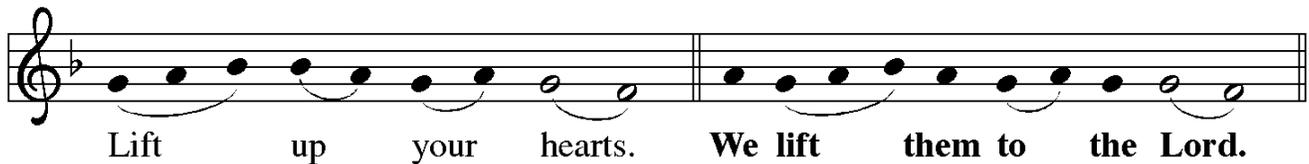
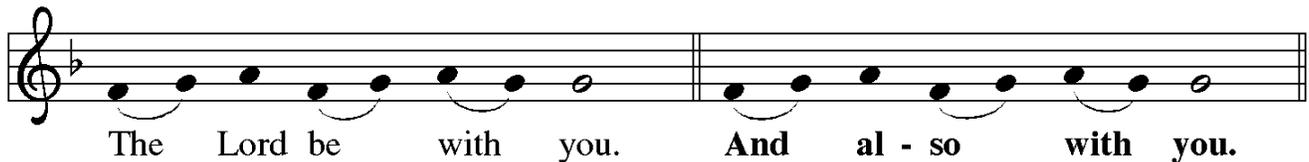
Let us pray.

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Great Thanksgiving

The Pastor will guide you when to take the bread and cup to eat and drink.



The Thanksgiving continues with the preface for the season.

Holy God *Trisagion*

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line is in a soprano or alto range, and the piano accompaniment is in the left hand. The second system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God, ho - ly and might - y, ho - ly and im - mor - tal, have mer - cy on us." The music is in a minor key and has a 4/4 time signature.

Music: Russian Orthodox traditional

*The presiding minister continues with the Thanksgiving at the Table. At the end, all say: **Amen.***

The Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is 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.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Communion Music

Ancient Pines
By Loreena Mckennitt

SENDING

Announcements

Blessing

You are children of God,
anointed with the oil of gladness
and strengthened for the journey.
Almighty God,
motherly, majestic, and mighty,
✠ bless you this day and always.
Amen.

Sending Song

Precious Memories – Traditional Hymn

By Jerry Ray

The Sending – *Take time to share the peace on Zoom and in person.*

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

Thanks be to God.



| Stewardship of Service | This week – March 6 | Next week – March 13 |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Ministers | All Baptized Members of Bethel | All Baptized Members of Bethel |
| Pastor | Pastor Leon LaCross | Pastor Leon LaCross |
| Music Director | David Tafone | David Tafone |
| Zoom Host | Joann Knoll | Volunteer needed! |

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Please Pray

Pray that we know that God is close and that we are open to receiving and sharing God's love.

Pray for peace and justice in Russia and Ukraine. Pray for the people of both countries, the diplomats and negotiators, and the leaders of all the nations involved. Keep all refugees and displaced persons safe and warm and fed. Bring healing and comfort to the injured and grieving.

Pray for peace and justice and safety among our houseless neighbors. Help us understand how we can share your love with them.

Pray for Bethel Lutheran Church.

Pray for Bethel leaders, including Pastor Leon LaCross, Music Director David Tafone, Admin Assistant Kerry Czuba, and the 2022 Church Council members.

Pray for our children, that they be safe in school and find joy in learning. Pray that Bethel supports our children and their families in religious education and spiritual formation.

Pray for those who are ill:

- Tami Bishop Rhodes (Tana's sister & Jared's aunt) as she recovers from a fall and surgery
- Neil Marshall (Nash's Portland family) as Neil undergoes treatment for a brain tumor
- Faith Moser (mother of Joann Noll) and all her family who are caregiving and traveling
- Diane Marx (Pastor Glenn's sister) as she recovers from Long COVID
- JulieAnn Edman (visiting daughter Lorien and healing in Arizona)
- David Gyles and improved lung health
- Aaron Beck (son of Jim & Stretch) as he recovers from surgery
- Leo Lawrence as he continues treatment for cancer
- Shirley Kolpin and family as Shirley recovers from hip surgery
- John Knight and family as John continues in memory care

Pray for the family and friends of those we have recently lost to death:

- Katie Reitel (friend of the Bentleys) who died in hospice care
- Paul Tweten (FOB and former Bethel Player)
- Carolyn Beck (spouse of Jim)
- Margie Fletcher (spouse of Michael and mother of Micah and Mitchell)
- Dorothea Leslie (grandma of Pastor Leon)

Pray for those enduring family loss and anguish, especially Diane Marx and Cheyenne and Kent Marx.

A friend of Pastor Leon asks us to pray for healing from racialized trauma that has been experienced at the hands of the Lutheran denomination.

Continuing prayers for well-being for our loved ones Timothy, Elizabeth, Marlo, Faith, Jim, Rob, Jacob, Miles, Andrew, and Patricia--may they walk in light and peace.

