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THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT – FEBRUARY 21, 2021 – 9:00 AM

Prelude: *"Fairest Lord Jesus"* arr. Erinn Schwarz

Welcome & Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness

Gathering Song: *"Crashing Waters at Creation"* ELW 455, vv. 1 & 3

Prayer of the Day

First Reading Genesis 9:8-17

Psalm 25:1-10

Second Reading 1 Peter 3:18-22

Gospel Acclamation: *"Listen God is Calling"* ELW 513, v.1

Gospel Mark 1:9-15

Children's Sermon and Sermon Pastor Jeff Geiger

Hymn of the Day: *"Come, Thou Almighty King"* ELW 408, vv. 1-3

The Apostles' Creed

The Prayers of the Church

Response: *"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"* ELW 752

Offering: *"Trusting Jesus"* -Michael Wilson

Offertory

The Great Thanksgiving, the Words of Institution and the Lord's Prayer

Holy Communion

Post Communion Blessing & Prayer

Benediction

Sending Hymn: *"Bless Now, O God, the Journey"* ELW 326, vv. 1-2

Dismissal

Postlude: *"They'll Know We Are Christians"* - Peter Scholtes

♪ Worship Notes ♪

Welcome to worship! Thank you for joining us today – here at Bethany and in our livestream to homes near and far away. It is our hope that each and every one of you experience the love of Christ this morning and His presence during our worship service today.

Today is the First Sunday in Lent. This year, the Sundays in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism. First Peter connects the way God saved Noah's family in the flood with the way God saves us through the water of baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world. (*Sundays & Seasons, copyright © 2021, all rights reserved*)

Purple is the traditional color for the Season of Lent. Through the centuries, purple has symbolized pain, suffering, and therefore mourning and penitence, so it is the appropriate liturgical color for the Church to use in this penitential time of the year.

The prelude this morning is dedicated to Dr. Olaf Malmin, Choir Director of Augustana College Choir.

Our worship leaders today are Pastor Jeff Geiger, Deacon Lynn Egesdal and Elina Leander Ozolins. Many thanks to our worship volunteer today: Kirby Schmidt, reader; Jody Vollmer, greeter; Jill Meyer, Kirby Schmidt, ushers; Randy Phillips, audio; Sandi Schmidt, video

PRAYER CONCERNS

Health Concerns:

Lisa Baker, Corinne Dahl, Gerald Koester, Linda Kunzmann,
Gary Lundquist, Sandy Manwarren, Kim McCune, Marsha Nelson,
Geraldine Senne; Joel Meyer (*Marilyn Meyer's son*),
Patricia Bentsen (*Missionary to Madagascar*)
Ken (Doc) & Val Manwarren (*Greg Manwarren brother/sister-in-law*)
Martha Lionberger (*Mary Marske's sister*)
Marlene Turecek (*Sue Geiger's co-worker*)
Pastor Janis Kinley (*Friend of Pastor Jeff & Sue Geiger*)
Richard Kuehler (*Matt Kuehler's father*)
Mike Moberg (*Kathie Halverson's brother*)
Kevin Boyens (*Friend of Pastor Jeff & Sue Geiger*)
Duane Schneider (*Twila Henning's brother*)

Those who mourn (the families of):

Paul Ozolins (*Elina Ozolins's brother*)
Ken Borth (*Chuck Borth's father*)
Lon Rossiter (*Leo Rossiter's father*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DRIVE THROUGH COMMUNION As a reminder, drive up communion for our home viewers will be available after today's worship service from 10:15-10:45am. Come to the north parking lot entry to receive the elements and a blessing. If you don't immediately see someone outside, please pull into a parking spot and they will be with you in a moment. If you are unable to come for drive up but would like to receive communion, please reach out with a call to the church office (262-2327).

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES This week starts our midweek evening Lenten services at 7pm and will continue each Wednesday leading up to Holy Week – both in person and livestreamed on-line. Confirmation students should attend the services as we will meet for class afterward. Bethany Youth Group (BYG) will also meet at 7:30pm. Don't forget, we are having grab & go food (*free-will donation*) to help free up your night. Drive through pick-up is available from 6:00-6:30pm at the N. parking lot entrance and "to-go" after our worship service will be on tables in the Welcome Center as you are leaving. On Wednesday, February 24 the Bethany Youth Group are serving: sub sandwich, Oreo fluff, and chips for a free will donation youth fundraiser!

PHOTO-A-DAY LENTEN CHALLENGE Our "photo-a-day" challenge for the season of Lent has begun. Each day a word is featured with the idea for you to share a photo that represents that word to you. Please share a photo on social media or email it to the church. When posting on social media sites, please remember to add: the word of the day, the hashtag #BLCLEntenPAD and/or tag Bethany Lutheran Church in your posts. We're looking forward to seeing your perceptions. (Photos may be used in our worship power point).

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET If you haven't picked up a copy of the Lenten devotional booklet, "*A Story to Tell*", do so today. This features readings from the gospel of Mark with 46 entries, accompanied by a photo, a quote to ponder, a reflection, and a prayer. Copies are available in the Narthex and in the drive up devotional box or inside.

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNTS Now is the time to think about registering for camp as early bird discounts are in effect. Lutheran Lakeside Camp & Ingham-Okoboji Lutheran Camp both offer great programs for kids and families. To find out more about the dates and the different camps this year, log-on to the camp websites, www.lutheranlakeside.com and www.okoboji.org pick up a brochure at the Welcome Center or talk to Lynn Egesdal, Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministries at Bethany. And, remember that Bethany offers "camperships" for those who may need some financial assistance. Also, note: Bethany Lutheran Confirmation Camp is set for Sunday, July 18 through Friday, July 23 at Lakeside Lutheran. Get signed up today!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED The return to in-person services creates a need for a few extra volunteers to help things run smoothly. If you are comfortable attending in person and wouldn't mind helping out, please give a phone call to Judy Hiemstra (580-4443) for information on volunteer opportunities.

MILESTONE EVENTS After worship today and next Sunday (February 28), second grade students and parents will have the opportunity to explore Luther's Small Catechism at sessions in the church parlor from 10:15-11:45 am. And, our fifth and sixth grader students will begin preparing for their first communion at classes on March 14, 21 and 28, from 10:15-11:45 am in the church dining hall. Families of fifth and sixth graders should watch for an email and postcard from Lynn Egesdal, coordinator of children, youth and family ministries at Bethany. If you have a fifth or sixth grader and don't receive one, please reach out to the church at 262-2327. Thank you!

HOUSE FOR RENT Are you or is someone know looking for a home to rent? Bethany has a nice, freshly painted 4BR-2Bath home available immediately. If interested, call the church office for more information.

SAVE THE DATE Bethany Lutheran Church family and friends are invited to an Ice Skating event, Sunday, March 7 from 4:00-6:00 pm at the Lakes Ice Arena (3800 Sunner Ave, Spirit Lake). Mark your calendar and plan to join us!

CALENDAR:

Sunday, February 21

- 9:00 am Worship online *and* in-person
- 10:15 am Drive through Communion

Tuesday, February 23

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting (MQ)
- 5:00 pm Service Rebroadcast-SMU Channel 2

Wednesday, February 24 - WOW – Check your Email!

- 10:00 am Service Rebroadcast-SMU Channel 2
- 10:00 am Prayer Group (*via email*)
- 12:00 pm Text Study
- 6:00 pm Grab & Go Supper (N. parking lot door, through 6:30pm)
- 7:00 pm Midweek Lenten Worship
- 7:30 pm Confirmation & BYG
- 7:45 pm Grab & Go Supper to go (sub sandwiches, Oreo fluff, chips)

Saturday, February 27

- 7:30 am Men of Bethany Bible Study via Zoom

Sunday, February 28

- 9:00 am Worship online *and* in-person
- 10:15 am Drive through Communion