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LENT 2 – MARCH 16, 2025 – 9:00 A.M.

Prelude: INVITATION OF RENEWAL incorporating
 "Whiter Than Snow" and *"Grace Greater Than Our Sin"* arr. by Patti Drennan

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Song: *"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"* ELW # 597

Greeting

Call to Worship (read responsively)

Kyrie ELW # 155

Prayer of the Day

First Reading Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Psalms 27 Read responsively

Second Reading Philippians 3:17- 4:1

Gospel Acclamation: *"Return to the Lord, Your God"* ELW pg 142

Gospel Luke 13:31-35

Sermon Pastor Erma Wolf

Hymn of the Day: *"Thy Holy Wings "* ELW # 613

Confession

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Children's Message

Share the Peace

Offerings Received: *"The God of Abraham Praise"* arr. by Sandra Eithun

Offering Hymn: *"Create in Me a Clean Heart"* ELW # 186

Holy Communion

 Great Thanksgiving **ELW pg 144**, Holy, Holy, Holy **ELW pg 144**,
 Words of Institution **ELW pg 145**, Lord's Prayer, Communion Song -
 "Lamb of God, You Take Away the Sin of the World" **ELW pg 146**,
 Distribution

Communion Music: *"Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"* arr. by Sandra Eithun

Sending Hymn: *"God of Grace and God of Glory"* ELW # 705

Postlude: *"He Leadeth Me"* arr. by John Purifoy

WORSHIP NOTES

Welcome to worship at Bethany Lutheran Church! It is our hope that you experience the love of Christ this morning and His presence during our worship service. If you are visiting today, please sign the guest book in the narthex. Everyone please sign the Fellowship Pad in your pew. These can help you get to know the others around you. Also, be sure to mark the pad if you partake in Holy Communion. Thank you for taking time to fill out this information!

Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek God's face again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord." (Sundays and Seasons v.20240130.1140 Copyright © 2024 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.)

Please take this bulletin home with you as a reference for this week's calendar of events, as a reminder of Bethany family and friends to keep in your prayers, and other useful information.

Today's worship leaders are:

Pastor Erma Wolf & Elina Leander Ozolins, pianist-organist

Many thanks to our worship volunteers for helping with the service today:

Greeter: Kirk & Sue Andersen;

Reader: Denise Kramer Tolzmann

Communion servers: Onalee Wright, Kristin Bensen, Jody Vollmer & Denise Kramer Tolzmann

Usher: Kent Baker;

Count: Francis Hiemstra

Everyone in the Audio/Visual Booth

Fellowship Hosts: Dale & Sandi Witt

NOTE - Worship is rebroadcast on SMU CH #2: Tuesday-5pm, Wednesday-10am or can be found on You Tube (search Bethany Lutheran Church, Spencer IA)



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FELLOWSHIP after worship is a great time to chat over a cup of coffee and sweet treat. Meet new friends or catch up with old ones. All are welcome for fellowship and lively conversation!

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES Our midweek Lenten services and suppers will be held on Wednesdays, March 12th through April 2nd. Supper is served from 5:45-6:15pm and worship begins at 6:15pm in the dining room downstairs. We hope you will join us – all are welcome!

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES take place for 4th and 5th grade students Wednesday evenings in the parlor at 5:00 pm. They will have their first communion at the Maundy Thursday Service on April 17th.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES AND SUNDAY KIDZ will resume next Sunday, March 23rd following the students' spring break.

BETHANY HERALD DEADLINE is coming upon us already this month. Please have your information to the Bethany office by March 20th or before. Worship volunteers are also needed for the month of April.
Thank you in advance!

BFFFFs! Bethany's Fun & Fellowship, Food & Friends group meets for a dutch-treat lunch and plenty of laughs this Thursday, March 20th at THE DOCK in the North Mall at 11:30 AM. Join the fellowship!

CALENDAR

Sunday, March 16 Lent 2

9:00 am Worship followed by Fellowship

Tuesday, March 18

4:00 pm Planning Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 19

9:30 am Bible Study & Prayer Group

5:00 pm First Communion Class

5:45 pm Lenten Fellowship Meal

6:15 pm Lenten Worship in the dining room downstairs

Thursday, March 20

11:30 am BFFFF's at The Dock

Saturday, March 22

7:30 am Men of Bethany Bible Study

Sunday, March 16 Lent 3

9:00 am Worship followed by Fellowship

10:15 am Sunday Kidz

10:15 am Confirmation Class

PRAYER CONCERNS & REQUESTS

Health Concerns:

Gar Lundquist, Steve McAllister, Jill Meyer, Donna Jones, Russ Wright, Lee Youde, Sylvia Moore, Cindy Heiter, Nora Zehrug (Jaci Schrier's cousin), Kiki Marske (Doug and Mary Marske's sister-in-law), Sue Burg (cousin of Elizabeth Essick), Bibi Sangho (friend of Deb Mechler), Shannon VanDaalen (Lois Becker's sister-in-law), Karen Johnson (Janet Keck's sister), David Ozolins, (Elina Leander Ozolins' brother)

Other Prayer Requests

Bethany Lutheran's Call Process

First Communion Students as they prepare for their First Communion on April 17

Today, you are on your way,
Reckoner of the righteous,
gathering your children into your arms
and offering them to us as precious gifts,
so, through our sisters and brothers,
we might be blessed.

Tomorrow, you are on your way,
Pilgrim of the Passion,
looking back to see if
we will dare to follow you,
imitating your every act
of compassion and justice.

The next day, you will be on your way,
Spirit with confidence in us,
transforming our humiliation
into grace,
sheltering fear-filled people
under the wings of your peace.

Today, tomorrow, and the next day,
we will seek to be faithful,
God in Community, Holy in one.
Amen.