

UPCOMING EVENTS AT BETHLEHEM

THURSDAY, March 26

10:00 am—Veteran Core Men's Group LSS

10:00 am—Veteran Core Women's Group LSS

7:00 pm—High School Youth Group ONLINE only via Zoom; email/text Pr. Sarah for more info

SUNDAY, March 29—5th Sunday of Lent

10:30 am—service streamed live on our Facebook page bethlehem.brainerd

TUESDAY, March 31

4:00 pm—BELC at the Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen

WHERE HAVE YOU SEEN CHRIST, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD, AT WORK IN THE WORLD THIS PAST WEEK?

~Families coming together. Checking in on each other more. Slowing down the busy-ness of our lives.

~The amount of businesses stepping up to provide meals for children, whose maybe only meal for the day came from school. On top of that, the businesses that are providing monetary donations for it to happen.

~Conversations with non-believers about the Bible; they seem to listen and engage more now than before.

~Having time to send correspondence who I think will brighten their day. Spending more time studying His word!

~A lot more of "Love thy neighbor"

~Phoning friends just to "visit" them.



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SERVICE OF
WORSHIP

FIFTH SUNDAY
OF LENT

March 29, 2020

Confessing the faith



in a secular age

Bethlehem Lutheran Church 2019-2020

If you check into the hospital, please call the Church Office at 829-3330 or let the Chaplain know you are from Bethlehem Lutheran Church so we can pray for you.

Have a Prayer Request? You are invited to call Deloris Ebinger at 829-2333 or the Church Office at 829-3330 or email office@belcnet.net to have your request put on the Prayer Chain.

Please keep these people in your prayers:

New: Mike Anhalt; Jenny Pederson; Alvina Kennedy; Craig Warner's Grandma; 29 week old baby boy; Nick Benson; Bob Morris; Jay;

Sympathy: Greg Anderson and family on the death of his brother in law Jim Erickson; the family of Mariann Enfield;

Ongoing: Rose Mogensen; Maggie Larson and family; Thompson quadruplets; Bret Adams; for protection from Corona Virus; Pam Stock; Michael Zickuhr; Paul Erdal; Aldene Gosse; Bobbie Sayles; Clark and Clary Tollefson; Roy Cheney; those who are abused; all dealing with addiction; couples trying to have babies; everyone dealing with mental health issues; all caregivers; Cheryl Johnson; everyone dealing with cancer

Service: Zac Myhre deployed to South Korea

Please note that we keep people on the prayer list for 3 weeks. If someone needs extended prayers, please let the office know.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Setting Three of the ELW (red) hymnal

*Congregation Standing

P. (Pastor) A. (Assisting Minister) R. (Reader) C. (Congregation)

Large-print bulletins and hearing devices are available. Ask an usher for assistance.

Please silence your cell phone and use this time to quietly prepare your heart and mind for worship.

Prelude

GATHERING

Confession and Forgiveness

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who is present, who gives life, who calls into existence the things that do not exist. C. Amen.

P. If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand? Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess.

Pause for reflection and self-examination

P. Gracious God,

C. have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you, knowingly and unknowingly. We have wandered from your resurrection life. We have strayed from your love for all people. Turn us back to you, O God. Give us new hearts and right spirits, that we may find what is pleasing to you and dwell in your house forever. Amen.

P. In the mercy of almighty God...and Holy Spirit. C. Amen.

Gathering Hymn *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* ELW Hymn #325

**I want Jesus to walk with me; I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

**In my trials, Lord, walk with me; in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

**When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

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Greeting

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.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

STAY CALM

Celebrate God's love for you.

Ask God for help.

Leave your concerns with God.

Meditate on good things.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Do not worry about anything but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:4, 6-7



Can we pray for and with you?

CONTACT THE OFFICE AT 829-3330 OR OFFICE@BELCNET.NET WITH PRAYER REQUESTS.

WORD

Psalm 130 *Read Responsively*

1 Out of the depths

I cry to you, O LORD;

2 O LORD, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

3 If you were to keep watch over sins,

O Lord, who could stand?

4 Yet with you is forgiveness,

in order that you may be feared,

5 I wait for you O LORD; my soul waits;

in your word is my hope.

6 My soul waits for the LORD, more than those who keep watch for the morning,

more than those who keep watch for the morning.

7 O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love;

with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

8 For the LORD shall redeem Israel,

from all their sins.

P. The holy gospel according to ... **C. Glory to you, O Lord.**

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P. The gospel of the Lord. **C. Praise to you, O Christ.**

SermonRev. Dr. Mark Skinner

Hymn of the Day *What Wondrous Love Is This*.....ELW Hymn #666

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to God and to the Lamb I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM, while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing, while
millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing God's love for me, and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and
through eternity I'll sing on.

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***Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

P. Lord in your mercy, **C. hear our prayer.**

Sharing of the Peace

Lord's Prayer

SENDING

Blessing

P. Now is the acceptable time. Now is the day of salvation. Holy God, speaking, spoken, and inspiring,
bless you, unbind you, and send you in love and in peace. **C. Amen.**

Dismissal

P. Go in peace. Share the good news. **C. Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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