#### **Prelude**

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#### Announcements

#### **Opening Prayer**

#### **Opening Hymn**

#### LSB #436 Go to Dark Gethsemane



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#### + Confession and Absolution +

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- **C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

#### Kneel

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the 

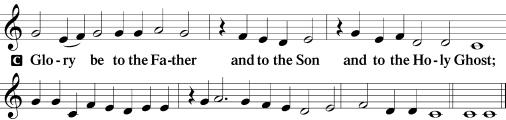
  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

#### + Service of the Word +

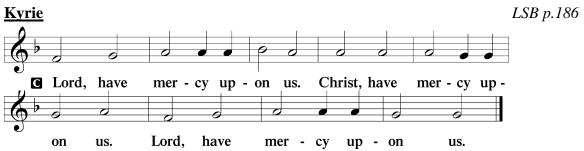
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<u>Psalm</u> 78:54–61

- **P** And he brought them to His holy land,
- C to the mountain which His right hand had won.
- **P** He drove out nations before them;
- **C** He apportioned them for a possession and settled the tribes of Israel in their tents.
- P Yet they tested and rebelled against the Most High God
- **C** and did not keep His testimonies,
- **P** but turned away and acted treacherously like their fathers;
- C they twisted like a deceitful bow.
- P For they provoked Him to anger with their high places;
- **C** they moved Him to jealousy with their idols.
- **P** When God heard, He was full of wrath,
- **C** and He utterly rejected Israel.
- **P** He forsook His dwelling at Shiloh,
- C the tent where He dwelt among mankind,
- **P** and delivered His power to captivity,
- C His glory to the hand of the foe.



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.



#### **Salutation and Collect of the Day**



P O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

#### **Old Testament Reading**

*Jeremiah 26:8–15* 

<sup>8</sup>When Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, "You shall die! <sup>9</sup>Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, 'This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant'?" And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD. <sup>10</sup>When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD. <sup>11</sup>Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, "This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears." <sup>12</sup>Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, "The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. <sup>13</sup>Now therefore

mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. <sup>14</sup>But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. <sup>15</sup>Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears."

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

#### Gradual

Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord! Teach me to do your will, for you are my God! You delivered me from my enemies, you rescued me from the man of violence.

**Epistle** 

*Philippians 3:17—4:1* 

<sup>17</sup>Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup>For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. <sup>19</sup>Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup>who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself. <sup>1</sup>Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Stand

<u>Verse</u> LSB 157

Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.

Holy Gospel

Luke 13:31-35

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.



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<sup>31</sup>At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." <sup>32</sup>And he said to them, "Go and tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course. <sup>33</sup>Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.' <sup>34</sup>O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not! <sup>35</sup>Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'"

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



#### **Nicene Creed**

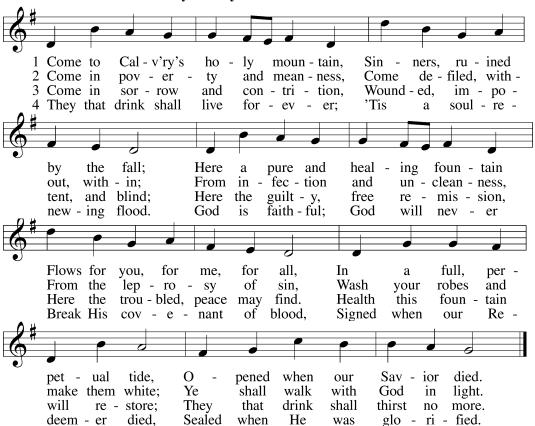
I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

#### Hymn of the Day

#### LSB #435 Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain



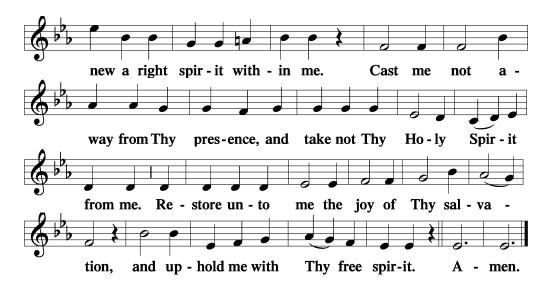
#### **Sermon**

"Ruins or Repentance?"

Rev. Dr. Jedidiah Maschke







## **Offering**

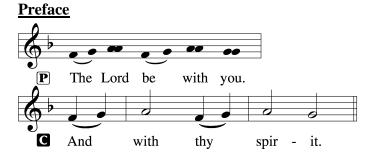
#### **Prayer of the Church**

- **P** Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

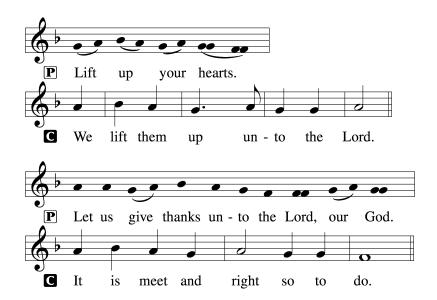
At the end of the prayers:

- **P** ...one God forever.
- C Amen.

## + Service of the Sacrament +

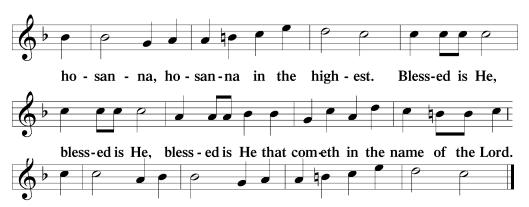


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It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:





Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

#### **Lord's Prayer**

Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in 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.

#### **The Words of Our Lord**

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

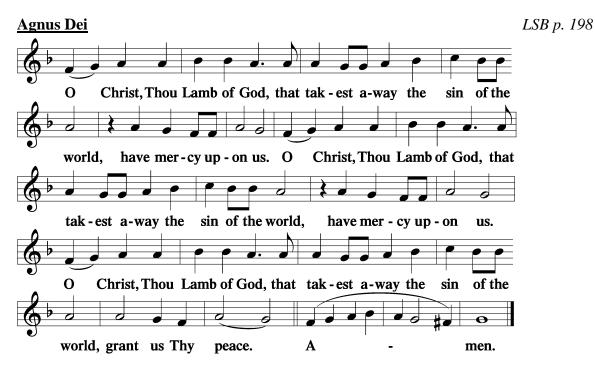
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My Holood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



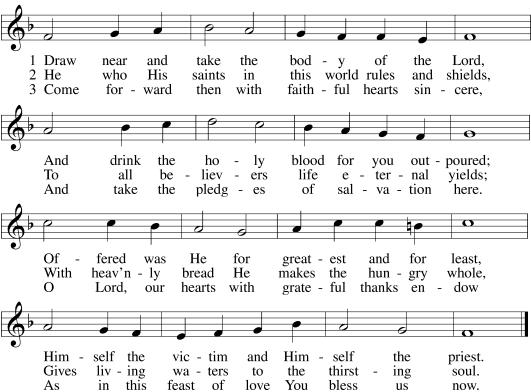


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#### **Distribution**

Please fill out a white communion card and leave it on the table next to the hand sanitizer as you come forward for communion. If you have not communed with us before, please see our statement of belief about communion on the inside front cover of the bulletin. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, please ask the pastor for one. Also available in the center of the communion trays are two individual cups with water and a drop of wine.

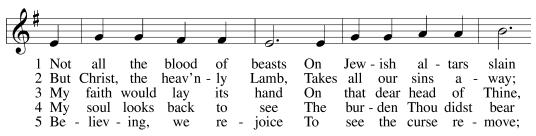
#### LSB #637 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord



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Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois Text and tune: Public domain

#### LSB #431 Not All the Blood of Beasts





Could give the guilt - y con-science peace Or wash a - way the stain.

A sac - ri - fice of no - bler name And rich - er blood than they.

While as a pen - i - tent I stand, And there con - fess my sin.

When hang-ing on the curs - ed tree; I know my guilt was there.

We bless the Lamb with cheer - ful voice And sing His bleed-ing love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt. Tune: William Daman, c. 1540–1591 Text and tune: Public domain

## LSB #729 I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus

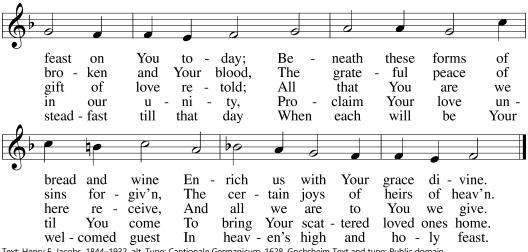


- 5 I am trusting Thee for power; Thine can never fail.Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me Must prevail.
- 6 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;Never let me fall.I am trusting Thee foreverAnd for all.

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#### LSB #623 Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray

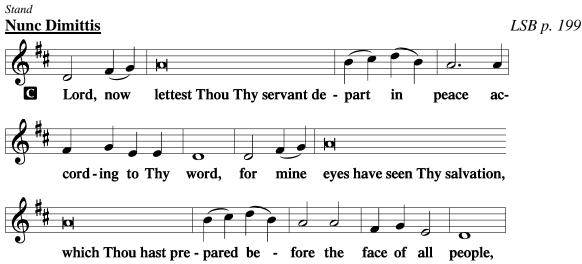


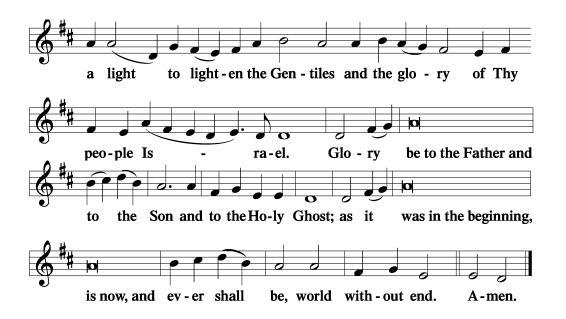


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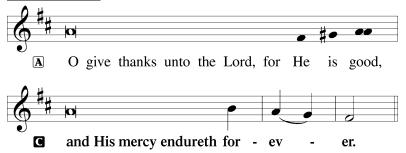
- **P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.
- C Amen.







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### **A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## **Salutation**

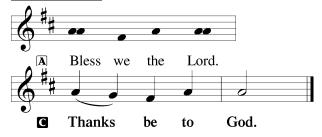


P The Lord be with you.

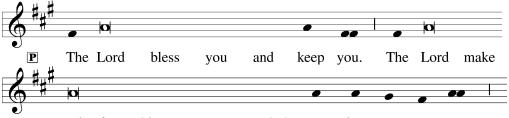


## **Benedicamus**

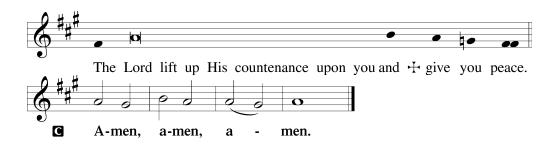
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# **Benediction**

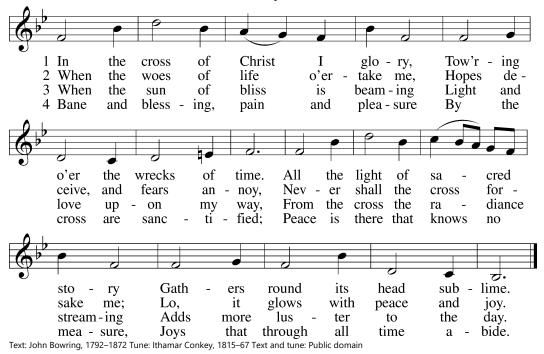


His face shine upon you and be gra-cious un - to you.



#### **Closing Hymn**

## LSB #427 In the Cross of Christ I Glory



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#### Silent Prayer & Postlude

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Extra long electric adjustable bed frame in good condition is available for free to a good home. Interested, contact Heather Bugg.

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The Christian Parents and Teachers League is selling See's Candy March 6<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup>. The funds raised through this project will be used to purchase new wood chips for the playgrounds. If you would like to support this project, talk to one of the students from Bethlehem.



**NOTE to All Members**: To connect your hearing aid to the **Listen Everywhere** feature you will need a smart phone. You can control the volume through your hearing aid volume buttons or the hearing aid app on your phone (if you have one installed.)



- 1. On your phone, connect to the "BLC Guest" network with password Bethlehem1837.
- 2. Go to the app store and search "Listen Everywhere" and download.
- 3. Open the app and touch "Allow" when asked.

# Serving Next Sunday March 23, 2025

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Jedidiah Maschke

Elder: Jarvis Manning

Ushers: Warren Coles, Charles Kihm

Acolytes: Abi Maschke

Accompanist: Beverly Baumgartner

Altar Guild: Kathy Jackson

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**Food bank needs:** Peanut butter, SpaghettiOs and macaroni and cheese boxes. Thank you for all your donations.

#### Operation Christmas Child Year-Round Shoebox Shopping

For the month of <u>March</u>, we would like donations Dolls, Trucks, Games, flashlights with batteries, etc. Please remember the item must fit in the shoe box. Please place them in the yellow container in the narthex. Any questions, please contact Bonnie Krenz.

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Lutheran Heritage Tour – You are invited to join an exciting tour that will explore the world of Martin Luther. This 11-day tour (9/12-22/2025) is hosted by Rev. Robert Flohrs, Director for Wittenberg English Ministry. See Lora in the office for more information.

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*Elders' Corner*: If you have something you would like to discuss with your Elder concerning the church and your life, please don't hesitate to contact him. If there is no answer, please leave a voicemail and/or message.

Members	Your Elder is:	
Abbott – Czyz	Bill Scott	909-838-2129
Dodd - Jenkins	Bob Spiker	775-745-6316
Jones-Magrath	Jarvis Manning	775-461-3493
Manning - Smith	Jimmy Poncsak	760-792-9014
Soderstrom – Zuber	Josh Karges	775-230-6212

#### New Sunday Morning Bible study

Join us for a study led by Pastor Maschke. Together, we will delve into the **Augsburg Confession**, a cornerstone of Lutheran doctrine that boldly proclaims the truths of Scripture and our faith.

Studying the Augsburg Confession is not just a look at history—it's an opportunity to understand what we believe, why we believe it, and how it shapes our lives today. This confession of faith provides clarity on essential teachings such as grace, justification, and the sacraments, helping us grow in confidence as we live and share our faith in a complex world.

Copies of the Augsburg Confession will be available to take home for \$8. Whether you're new to Lutheranism or seeking to deepen your knowledge, this study is for you. We look forward to learning together!

# **Upcoming Events**

March 6<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> – We are fundraising with See's

<u>Candies! Chocolate for chips!</u> Help us earn money for our school and make the holidays even sweeter. We are raising money to replenish the woodchips in all the playgrounds at BLS.

To order, chat with any school student.

March 29, Saturday, CPTL will be stuffing the Easter eggs for the April 5<sup>th</sup> Easter Celebration with candy and toys at 11am in the Fellowship Hall. If anyone wants to help, they are more than welcome! We will also have a donation box available in the lobby for candy and toy donations.

Thank you!

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<u>Sunday March 30 is Jubilee Sunday.</u> We will have fellowship following church. Please bring a snack to share. At 11:00am, the Constitution/Bylaw Committee will have copies available with the changes explained. They will review the changes and answer any questions. On April 27<sup>th</sup> following church, a voters' meeting will be held to vote on the changes. Come learn about the changes so you are ready to vote on April 27. Thank you.



# <u>CPTL</u> present Easter Celebration April 5<sup>th</sup> with crafts, egg hunt, and prizes in the BLS gym – doors will open at 1:30pm. Any questions: Please send an email to blscptl@blcs.org

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# April 5th – Spring Shopping at Maurices's

911 Topsy Lane, Suite 226B, Carson City, NV 89705

Bring a friend or two and enjoy shopping from 10am – 12 with your fellow church ladies. She will have specials, coupons and goodies for us again.

If you haven't joined us before, please do this time

If you haven't joined us before, please do this time. It is a fun event.

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VBS 2025 – June 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> 9:00am – 12:00noon Epic Australian Adventure – An Unforgettable Journey with Jesus Sponsored by Bethlehem Lutheran Church

We are going on an epic adventure through Australia, and you are invited! We will encounter amazing animals, lush landscapes, stunning sea life, and wondrous wilderness.

We will be enjoying crafts, snacks, games and bible exploration with science and fun! Most importantly, we will be guided by our Savior, Jesus, who tells us, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life" in our theme verse, John 14:6.

Pre-K through 5th grade – watch for registration details

# 2025 Holiday Church Schedule

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March 19<sup>th</sup> —Wednesday @6:30pm—Lent Supper @5:30pm
March 26<sup>th</sup> —Wednesday @6:30pm—Lent Supper @5:30pm
April 2<sup>nd</sup> —Wednesday @6:30pm—Lent Supper @5:30pm
April 9<sup>th</sup> — Wednesday @6:30pm—Lent Supper @5:30pm
April 13<sup>th</sup> —Palm Sunday @9:15am
April 17<sup>th</sup> —Maundy Thursday @6:30pm (communion)
April 18<sup>th</sup> —Good Friday @6:30pm
April 20<sup>th</sup> —Easter @9:15am with brunch after service.
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The season of Lent derives its name from the Old English word for spring 'lencten'. For the church, Lent is a spring season of awakening from the darkness and death of sin to the life and light of Christ in the Gospel. It calls for that newness of life that emerges and grows in the Christian by way of repentance and faith in Christ. Though it is hidden beneath the dust and dirt of Adam, the seed that is sown by the preaching of the Word of Christ germinate and begins to emerge, seeking the waters of Holy Baptism and the sunshine of the Holy Gospel., and even now anticipating the good fruits that are born by the life-giving tree of the cross.

(from the Lutheran Service Book, Companion to the Services, Times and Seasons of the church year) p.229)

Submitted by Bill Scott

## Lenten Prayer

Lord Jesus, come to us We ask on bended knee; As Angels came to you After Satan tempted three. Help put aside distractions, Like the forty days you spent *In wilderness and prayer,* prepare us now for Lent. May your Holy Spirit move us to surrender some felt need, Renew our will to focus on good soil for your seed. Let the days of our devotions Deflate the tempter's power; May our sacrifice unite us in communions sacred hour. Abide with us in special ways as the Lenten days unfold, Defeating our self interest with our Saviors passion, bold!

By Robert Lee Larson

## Weekly Prayer Page

"And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to His will He hears us." (1 John 5:14)

Remember in Your Prayers – (New Additions noted in Bold print)

Sonya Abbott — medical issues
DeAnna McDaniel Blomberg
& her daughter & granddaughter
medical issues
Judi Bugg — health issues
(Delbert Bugg's mother)

#### Birth of Freya Duerr 3/6/25 daughter of Mark and Lynns Duerr

Grace Marie — medical issues
(Lynn Tappan's great niece)
Richard & Sandra Hartley
medical issues
Ernie Hernandez — health issues
(Austin Stone's father-in-law)
John Huss — brain tumor recovery
(Maschke family friend)
Robyn Izquierdo — medical issues
(Jim Gansberg's daughter)
Gale Jackson — medical issues
Amanda Kilbourn — health issues

(Heather Bugg's friend)

Lisa Lariviere (Rindi Fredlund's mother)

Laurel & Ed — medical issues
(Spiker's family friends)

Darlene McClurg — medical issues

Dianne Medlock — medical issues
Norm Milz — medical issues
(Retired pastor of Shepherd of the Sierra)
Mike Tappan — medical issues
(Lynn Tappan's husband)

Steve Timko — medical issues — friend and
neighbor of Rev. Abbott
Allyson Underwood — cancer

Family & Friends of Stacey Weatherbee – former co-worker of Todd Suessmith Passed away 3/8/25.

Karen Woodmansee coping with medical issues Deacon Mike Hudson – Pastoral Training (Bethany Lutheran Church, Hawthorne, NV)

#### **Guidelines for the Weekly Prayer Page**

- 1) Anyone requesting prayers from the church must receive permission from the person before adding him/her.
- 2) People will be added to the prayer list for two weeks, after which they will be removed, or by contacting the Church Secretary, be included for another two weeks.
- 3) Prayers will be offered for the friends and family of the deceased until three weeks after the memorial/funeral service or burial. If you have any questions or concerns about these guidelines, please speak to your Elder, Lora Spiker, the Church Secretary, or Pastor Maschke. Please submit your prayer request with pertinent information to the Church Office by Wednesday.

# Armed Forces:

Justin Jorstad (Sally & Wayne Allen's grandson) Jonathan Krenz – Navy (David & Bonnie Krenz's son) MSgt (E-7) Benjamin Welter – 192<sup>nd</sup> Airlift Squadron