



BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Rich Man and Lazarus
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 30TH, 2025

8:30 AM & 10:45 AM

+ indicates to stand in body or spirit;
bold print indicates congregational responses

✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE (8:30) "II. 'Aria' from Sonata for Trumpet and Piano" Flor Peeters
(10:45) "Lord, You I Love with All My Heart" arr. Paul Manz

WORDS OF WELCOME

+ CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will**

and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.
As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority,
I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Lord, we set our sights on your cross
and follow you on your journey of sacrificial love, service, and forgiveness.
Help us die to ourselves to better live for Christ. Amen.

+ **GATHERING HYMN** *“Jesus, Priceless Treasure”* ELW #775

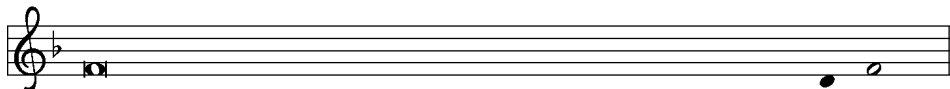
+ **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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.**

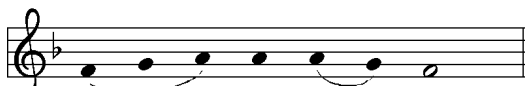
+ **KYRIE**



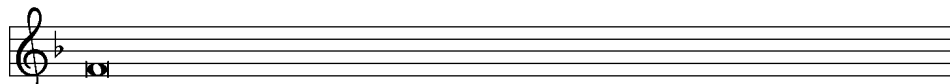
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



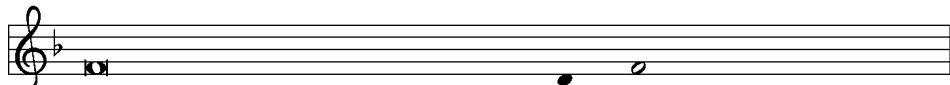
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.




Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
 let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.
 Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world.
 Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you,
 through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

PSALM *PSALM 41:1-3*

- ¹Happy are those who consider the poor;
 the LORD delivers them in the day of trouble.
- ²The LORD protects them and keeps them alive;
 they are called happy in the land.
 You do not give them up to the will of their enemies.
- ³The LORD sustains them on their sickbed;
 in their illness you heal all their infirmities.

+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
 mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
 stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

+ **HOLY GOSPEL** LUKE 16:19-31

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

¹⁹There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' ²⁵But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.'

²⁷He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house — ²⁸for I have five brothers — that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.'

²⁹Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.'

³⁰He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.'

³¹He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

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

HOMILY

+ **HYMN OF THE DAY** "If I Have Been the Source of Pain" Gather #957



1. If I have been the source of pain, O God, — If to the
2. If I have spo-ken words of cru - el - ty, — If I have
3. If I've in - sis - ted on a peace - ful life, — Far from the
4. Re-ceive, O God, this ar - dent word of prayer, And free me



weak I have re - fused my strength, If in re -
left some suf - f'ring un - re - lieved, — Con - demn not
strug - gles that the gos - pel brings, — When you pre -
from temp - ta - tion's sub - tle snare; — With ten - der



bel - lion I have strayed a - way, For - give me, God.
 my in - sen - si - tiv - i - ty; For - give me, God.
 fer to guide me to the strife, For - give me, God.
 pa - tience, lead me to your care, A - men, a - men.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

+ SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

We pass the peace of Christ beyond our congregation and this moment through our offerings of time, talent, and treasure. Use this QR code for a one-time gift or to schedule an automatic donation through Simply Giving. Online giving cards (available at the name tag station), checks or cash may be placed in the offering plates as they are passed.



ANTHEM (8:30) *“God So Loved the World”* John Stainer

ANTHEM (10:45) *“II. ‘Aria’ from Sonata for Trumpet and Piano”* Flor Peeters

+ OFFERTORY



Gath - er your peo - ple, mer - ci - ful God, gath - er the



long - ing, the lost and un - sure. Gath - er your peo - ple,



mer - ci - ful God; name us and claim us as yours.

Verse 2 Surely you alone refine us.
 You give us grace for lives made new,

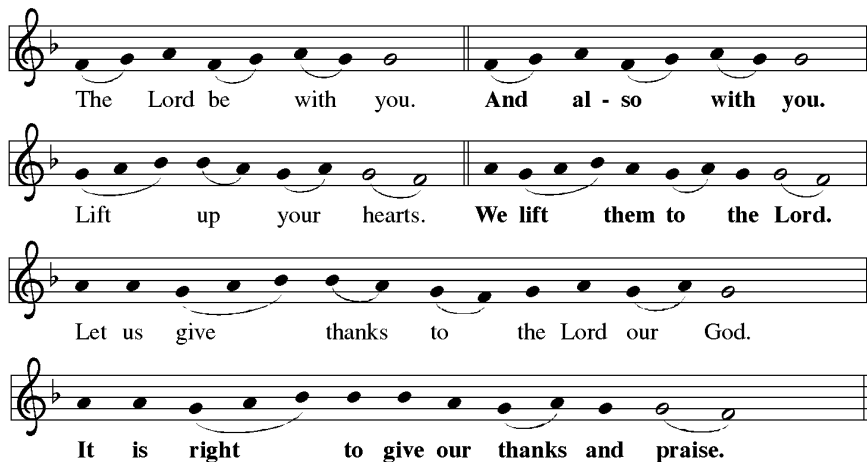
forging through your fire and radiance
 a sacrifice worthy for you. *Refrain*

+ OFFERTORY PRAYER

O God who gave us life, and in whose arms we die,
you know us as we are, understand what we have been, and see what we shall become.
We give you back our lives that you may make them new:
generous, committed to hope, and fearless to do your will;
that your whole creation may live to praise your name now and forever. **Amen.**

✠ MEAL ✠

+ GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. **And al - so with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

+ EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

O God, from the beginning you have brought the world into your love, calling it out of nothing. You made a people out of wanderers and those enslaved in Egypt. You pay any price to seek the lost and bear all to receive the world in joy. You give up all to find the lowly. You weep for our sins; you have compassion for our wounds and our worries. By your Holy Spirit, bless this bread and wine and make them holy, that in sharing in the body and blood of Christ, our lives may be found.

The Words of Institution / Las Palabras de la Institución

Unite us all, by the power of the Holy Spirit, into one body, and make us a perfect and living sacrifice through Christ for the world. Through him and with him and in him, all glory and honor belong to you, God, the Father Almighty in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. **Amen.**

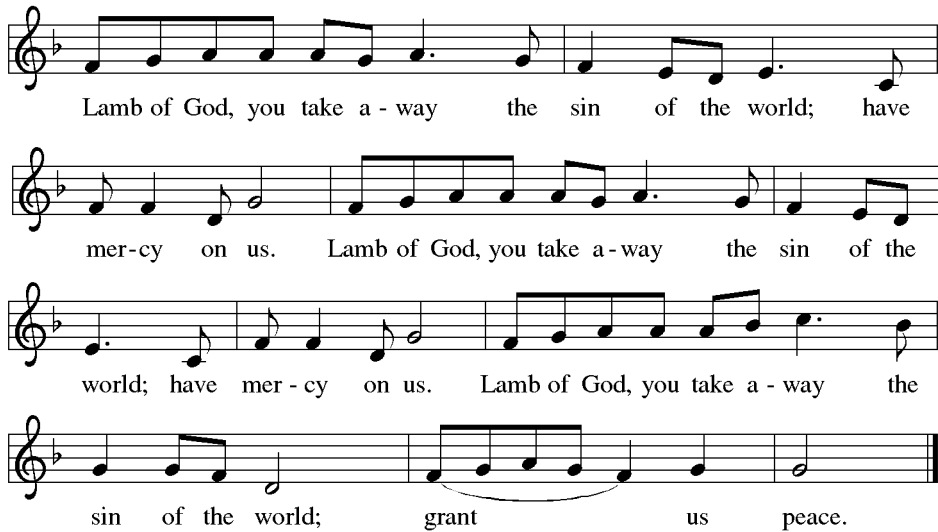
+ THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom,
the power, and the glory
are yours, now and forever. **Amen.**

+ EL PADRE NUESTRO

Padre nuestro que estás en los cielos,
santificado sea tu nombre;
venga a nos tu reino;
hágase tu voluntad,
así en la tierra como en el cielo;
el pan nuestro de cada día, dánoslo hoy;
y perdónanos nuestras deudas
así como nosotros perdonamos
a nuestros deudores;
y no nos dejes caer en la tentación;
mas líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino,
el poder y la gloria,
por los siglos de los siglos. **Amén.**

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

HOLY COMMUNION ANTHEM *"Shackleton's Cross"* Howard Goodall

+ TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

+ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus.

With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love. Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

+ BENEDICTION

Go, embraced by the Source of life, love and hope;
following in the way of ✠ Jesus, just and compassionate;
encouraged by the Spirit of grace and wisdom. **Amen.**

+ SENDING HYMN "God, Whose Purpose is to Kindle" HG #80



1. God, whose pur - pose is to kin - dle:
 2. God, who in your ho - ly gos - pel
 3. God, who still a sword de - liv - ers



Now ig - nite us with your fire;
 Wills that all should tru - ly live,
 Rath - er than a plac - id peace,



While the earth a - waits your burn - ing,
 Make us sense our share of fail - ure,
 With your sharp - ened word dis - turb us,



With your pas - sion us in - spire. O - ver - come our
 Our tran - quil - li - ty for - give. Teach us cour - age
 From com - pla - cen - cy re - lease! Save us now from



sin - ful calm - ness, Stir us with your sav - ing name;
 as we strug - gle In all lib - er - at - ing strife;
 sat - is - fac - tion, When we pri - vate - ly are free,



Bap - tize with your fier - y Spir - it,
 Lift the small - ness of our vi - sion
 Yet are un - dis - turbed in spir - it



Crown our lives with tongues of flame.
 By your own a - bun - dant life.
 By our neigh - bor's mis - er - y.

+ DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Inger Hanson & Pastor Ben Schori

Acolytes: (8:30) Cooper Spitzack (10:45) Owen Johnson

Assisting Minister: (8:30) Ellen Haefner (10:45) Marci Groenewold

Ushers: (8:30) Dale Turnacliff, Daryl Kuyper, Harley Foster, and Bruce Dueffert
(10:45) Kelly Groenewold and Chad Jenkinson

Readers: (8:30) Wayne Kivell (10:45) Becky Nystuen

Sacramental Ministers: (8:30) Rose Turnacliff, Pastor Phil Ruud, Barb Farmer, Connie DeGrote, and
Judy Code (10:45) Becky Nystuen

Altar Care: (set) Lois Cary (clean) Lois Cary

Trumpet: Gerry Hoekstra Choir Director: Peter Schleif Keyboards: Megan Engel
A/V Technicians: Sam Dwyer, Asher Engle, Nathan Hoekstra, Brent Kivell

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

We are using ELW Setting Three for our liturgy.

The Prayer of the Day is from *ELW Time after Pentecost, Lectionary 26, Year C*.

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“*God, Whose Purpose is to Kindle*” Text: David E. Trueblood, b. 1900, © 1967 David Elton Trueblood.
Music: HOLY MANNA, William Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825.

The Offering prayer is written by Janet Morley, as found in her book
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The Eucharistic prayer is by Gregory Walter for Lent 2025.

The benediction is from Rev. Jeff Shrowder (Uniting Church in Australia)

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SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

March 23	in person attendance
8:30	164
10:45	60
Total	224

WEDNESDAY LENTEN ATTENDANCE

March 26	in person attendance
11:30 am	23
6:30 pm	36
Total	59

TODAY!

- **A staffed nursery for little ones is available during and between worship services.**
- **9:45—10:30 am Coffee Fellowship (CLC) and Faith Formation opportunities:**

Bethel Presents: *Conversations with Aging Parents and their Adult Children*

Stories of shared sibling support honoring both the parents' needs and realistic expectations of children, ways to help adult children navigate their parent's personal information, and available community resources that might benefit everyone. Panel discussion facilitated by Pastor Phil Ruud.

Bible Deep Dive (Fireside Room)


Sunday School (various classrooms) **Youth Sabbath** (Youth Room)


- **Kids' worship** is offered during the 10:45 am worship service (*children grades K-5 are invited to go with Brenda after the Children's Message and will rejoin parents prior to communion.*)

THIS WEEK

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS 9 AM - 3 PM

MONDAY

12:00 pm  Bible Study @ the Vault (1520 Clinton Lane)

6:30 pm  Resonance Bell Choir (Adults)

TUESDAY

9:45 am Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY

11:30 am Lenten Midday Worship & Soup Lunch

3:30 pm Limitless

5:30 pm Lenten Soup Supper

6:15 pm Ring Forth Youth Bell Choir

6:30 pm  Joyous Light Lenten Evening Prayer

7:00 pm Church Choir Rehearsal

Hang Time

8:05 pm  Brio Youth Bell Choir

THURSDAY

8:30 am MoB (Men of Bethel) (Room 54)

9:30 am FaB (Faith & Books) (Youth Room)

10:45 am  OWLs (Older Wiser Lutherans) (Room 61)

FRIDAY

9:30 am WoW (Women of the Word) via zoom

SATURDAY

8:30 am  Spring Ministry Summit (Youth Room)

NEXT SUNDAY...

The text of the day
will be **Luke 18:31-19:10**
(with Psalm 84:1-4, 10-12).



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