

Lent I
February 18, 2024

WELCOME

OPENING SONG:

Nothing But The Blood

What can wash a - way my sin? No-thin' but the blood of Je - sus.
For my par - don this I see.

What can make me whole a - gain? No-thin' but the blood of Je - sus.
For my cleans - ing this my plea

Oh pre - cious is the flow that makes me white as sn - ow

No oth - er fount I know No-thin' but the blood of Je - sus.

No - thing can for sin a - tone No-thin' but the blood of Je - sus.
This is all my hope and peace

Naught of food that I have done. No-thin' but the blood of Je - sus.
This is all my right - eous - ness.

Oh pre - cious is the flow that makes me white as sn - ow

No oth - er fount I know No-thin' but the blood No-thin' but the blood

No - thin' but the blood of Je - sus.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: In the name of the Triune God,
keeper of an everlasting covenant,
source of steadfast love,
our redeemer and our rock
our guide and The way
God the Father, +Son and Holy Spirit

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

Leader: Merciful God,

People: Forgive us. Our will is bound to sin and we cannot break free.

Leader: Forgive us for when,

People: We have spoken though we should have kept quiet

Leader: Forgive us for when,

People: We were silent though we should have said something.

Leader: Forgive us for when,

People: We acted though we knew better.

Leader: Forgive us for when,

People: We stood still though we should have stepped up or stepped in.

Leader: Forgive us,

**People: For the wrong we have done and for the good we have failed to do,
have mercy on us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.**

Leader: In His mercy, God has given His Son to die for you and for His sake
forgives you all your sin. Therefore as a called servant of the Lord, I
forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of
the Holy Spirit. Amen.

RESPONSIVE SONG:

Lord, to You I Make Confession

Text: Johann Franck
Tune: Joel Endicott



Lord, to
Though my
Your Son
Lord, on



you I make con - fe - sion: I have sinned and gone a - stray, I have
con - science' voice ap - pall me, Fa - ther, I will seek your face; though your
came to suf - fer for me, gave him - self to res - cue me, died to
you I cast my bur - den. Sink it to the depths be - low. Let me



mul - ti - plied trans - gres - sion, cho - sen for my - self my way. Led by
child I dare not call me, yet re - ceive me in your grace. Do not
heal me and re - store me, rec - on - ciled and set me free. Je - sus'
know your gra - cious par - don, wash me, make me white as snow. Let your



you to see my er - rors, Lord, I trem - ble at your ter -
for my sins for - sake me; Let your wrath not o - ver - take
cross a - lone can van - quish these dark fears and soothe this an -
Spir - it leave me nev - er; make me on - ly yours for - ev -



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OLD TESTAMENT: *Genesis 22:1-18*

Later God tested Abraham and called to him, "Abraham!"

"Yes, here I am!" he answered.

God said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I will show you."

Early the next morning Abraham saddled his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut the wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place that God had told him about. Two days later Abraham saw the place in the distance. Then Abraham said to his servants, "You stay here with the donkey while the boy and I go over there. We'll worship. After that we'll come back to you."

Then Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and gave it to his son Isaac. Abraham carried the burning coals and the knife. The two of them went on together.

Isaac spoke up and said, "Father?"

"Yes, Son?" Abraham answered.

Isaac asked, "We have the burning coals and the wood, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?"

Abraham answered, "God will provide a lamb for the burnt offering, Son."

The two of them went on together. When they came to the place that God had told him about, Abraham built the altar and arranged the wood on it. Then he tied up his son Isaac and laid him on top of the wood on the altar. Next, Abraham picked up the knife and took it in his hand to sacrifice his son. But the Messenger of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham! Abraham!"

"Yes?" he answered.

"Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you did not refuse to give me your son, your only son."

When Abraham looked around, he saw a ram behind him caught by its horns in a bush. So Abraham took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering in place of his son. Abraham named that place The LORD Will Provide. It is still said today, "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided."

Then the Messenger of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time and said, "I am taking an oath on My own name, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not refused to give Me your son, your only son, I will certainly bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of their enemies' cities. Through your descendants all the nations of the earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed Me."— GW®

EPISTLE: James 1:12-18

Blessed are those who endure when they are tested. When they pass the test, they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love Him. When someone is tempted, he shouldn't say that God is tempting him. God can't be tempted by evil, and God doesn't tempt anyone. Everyone is tempted by his own desires as they lure him away and trap him. Then desire becomes pregnant and gives birth to sin. When sin grows up, it gives birth to death.

My dear brothers and sisters, don't be fooled. Every good present and every perfect gift comes from above, from the Father who made the sun, moon, and stars. The Father doesn't change like the shifting shadows produced by the sun and the moon.

God decided to give us life through the word of truth to make us His most important creatures.- gw®

CHILDREN'S SERMON

GOSPEL: Mark 1:9-15

At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan River. As Jesus came out of the water, He saw heaven split open and the Spirit coming down to Him as a dove. A voice from heaven said, "You are My Son, whom I love. I am pleased with You."

At once the Spirit brought Him into the desert, where He was tempted by Satan for 40 days. He was there with the wild animals, and the angels took care of Him.

After John had been put in prison, Jesus went to Galilee and told people the Good News of God. He said, "The time has come, and God's kingdom is near. Change the way you think and act, and believe the Good News."- gw®

SERMON SONG: "His Mercy is More"

Verse 1	Chorus
What love could remember no wrongs we have done Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore Our sins they are many His mercy is more	Praise the Lord His mercy is more Stronger than darkness new every morn Our sins they are many His mercy is more
Verse 2	
What patience would wait as we constantly roam What Father so tender is calling us home He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor Our sins they are many His mercy is more	
Verse 3	
What riches of kindness He lavished on us His blood was the payment His life was the cost We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford Our sins they are many His mercy is more	

SERMON: “Connected with Temptation”
Mark 1:9-15

SONG OF THE DAY: “God Who Bleeds”

Verse 1

Oh my soul
Who could ever know
How deep my sins go
Oh my soul
All the gold
On the earth could never pay
For the debt that I have made
Oh my soul

Chorus

Now I see just how great my need
In His hands and in His feet
Lamb of God oh my soul shall sing
Hallelujah to the God who bleeds

Verse 2

Oh what love
Knew I'd never have enough
So He chose to pay in blood
Oh what love
I'm in awe
Every earthly gain is lost
In the wonder of the cross
Oh what love

Bridge

See from His head His hands His feet
Sorrow and love flow down for me
Forever all my praise will be
Glory to the God who bleeds
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Hallelujah to the God who bleeds

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Leader: Strength of the weak and consolation of the fallen, empower us to resist temptation, shield us with Your protection and plant Your Word in us that we might rest therein.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION OF FATIH:

APOSTLES' CREED: (** catholic means the universal Christian Church*)

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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.

OFFERING: *The Offering Box is located in the center aisle. If you so desire, Text Giving is now available by texting GIVE to 562-210-0463. For On-line Giving information, contact Maraley at mshaeffer@bethanylutheran.org or call 562-421-4711, ext. 21. Thank you!*

CONSECRATION OF GIFTS:

Leader: You are the King of Israel and David's royal Son, now in the Lord's name coming, Our King and Blessed One.

People: **As You receive our praises, accept the gifts we bring, O Source of every blessing, our good and gracious King. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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.

+ Service of the Sacrament +

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Bethany in the joyful confession that our Lord gives us His very Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins in this sacrament. God intends this gift for His children who recognize their sin, trust in Christ as their Savior, desire to live for Him alone and join in this joyful confession.

To help you prepare for communion, we invite you to take a few moments in quiet prayer. You can find prayer prompts on the front page of the burgundy hymnal for both before and after the reception of Holy Communion. Or simply pray: *Dear Lord Jesus, at Your gracious invitation, You invite me to come to You; to eat and drink your holy body and blood as You Yourself have promised to give in this sacrament of Your altar. Forgive me of my sin, through this Your meal of Forgiveness. Let me experience the fullness of Your love, through this Your meal of love. Strengthen my faith, through this meal of Yours that calls for and bestows faith. Empower me to live for You, through this Your meal that promises life everlasting and equips me for daily living as one who has received You and Your gifts.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*For those communing, who so desire, the center cups in each tray are **alcohol free**. The wafers on the stand next to the pillar pulpit side (when kneeling for communion) or on the stand in front of the baptismal font (when processing for communion) are **gluten free**.*

In our 9:30 a.m. service we will practice the Easter tradition of continuous communion. We will not kneel at the altar, rather we will join the procession of saints and come forward and remain standing as we receive the bread and wine. After receiving the elements, you are invited to return to your seat and continue in meditation, prayer and song.

DISTRIBUTION: "Lord, I Need You"

Verse 1 Lord I come I confess Bowing here I find my rest And without You I fall apart You're the one that guides my heart	Bridge So teach my song to rise to You When temptation comes my way And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You Jesus You're my hope and stay
Chorus 1 Lord I need You oh I need You Ev'ry hour I need You My one defense my righteousness Oh God how I need You	And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You Jesus You're my hope and stay
Verse 2 Where sin runs deep Your grace is more Where grace is found is where You are And where You are Lord I am free Holiness is Christ in me Where You are Lord I am free Holiness is Christ in me	Chorus 2 Lord I need You oh I need You Ev'ry hour I need You My one defense my righteousness Oh God how I need You My one defense my righteousness Oh God how I need You

“This Dust”

Verse 1

Lord have mercy on me
I am riddled with the world's disease
Of taking what I want
And turning it into a need

Chorus 1

I am flesh and blood
Never good enough
You poured out Your love
To cover over this dust

Verse 2

Oh what senseless love
That you would come and join with us
To drink this cursed cup
Redeeming all that we've undone

Chorus 2

We are flesh and blood
Never good enough
You poured out Your love
To cover over this dust

Bridge

And mercy reigns
On all our shame
And washes all
The stain away

Bridge

Death is all around us
We are not afraid
Written is the story
Empty is the grave

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

Leader: Chosen, dear loved and holy in Jesus, freed to serve your neighbor and created in Christ for good works, go under His blessing that you may be a blessing, in the name of the life-giving Lord. Amen.

SENDING SONG:

Glory Be To Jesus

Glo - ry be to Je - sus who in bit - ter pain
Blest through end - less a - ges be the pre - cious stream

poured for me the life blood from His sa - cred veins.
which from end - less tor - ment did the world re - deem.

Grace and life e - ter - nal in that blood I find
A - bel's blood for ven - gence plea - ded to the skies

Blest be His com - pass - ion in - fi - nit - ly kind.
But the blood of Je - sus for our par - don cries.

We lift our voi - ces sing - ing praise to Your name for the mer - cy that flows from the Lamb (who was)

1. slain.

2. We lift our voi - ces sing - ing praise to Your name for the mer - cy that flows from the Lamb who was

slain. Praise You I will ne - ver cease to praise You!

We'll not be si - lent we'll shout it a - loud, let - ting all the world know of His love

We lift our voices singing praise to Your name for the mercy that flows from the Lamb (who was) slain.

Omit this bar on 2nd verse

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SERVING GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

Acolyte 9:30...Logan Noble

Preacher... Pastor Kyle Blake

Artist in Residence...Blake Flattley

Lector 8:00...Tom and Sheri Esswein

Liturgist...Pastor Kevin Kritzer

Keyboard...Pat Gagan

Lector 9:30...John and Josette Utke

Average Worship Attendance at Bethany July–January 2024: 442 per week

Average Worship Attendance at Bethany July - January 2023: 392 per week

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Mid-Week Lenten Worship

*When it seems as though your life has burned down,
are you left beyond hope with nothing but a heap of ashes?
Join us for **mid-week worship during Lent** as we discover
how Jesus raises you "From the Ashes," to new life
through His life, death, and resurrection.*



Wednesday Lenten Worship Services

Wednesdays at 12:00 pm at **Holy Cross**

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm at **Bethany Lutheran**

February 21 - "Temptation & Worship" - Matthew 4:1-11

February 28 - "Humility & Serving" - John 13:1-11

March 6 - "Submission & Purity" - James 4:8

March 13 - "Confession & Forgiveness" - Joel 2:12-13

March 20 - "Sacrifice & Security" - Hebrew 9:11-14



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES:

PALM SUNDAY Worship Services

Sunday, March 24 at 8:00 and 9:30 am at **Bethany Lutheran**

Sunday, March 24 at 11:00 am at **Holy Cross**

MAUNDY THURSDAY Worship Service

Thursday, March 28 at 6:30 pm at **Bethany Lutheran**

GOOD FRIDAY Worship Services

Friday, March 29 at 12:00 pm at **Holy Cross**

Friday, March 29 at 6:30 pm at **Bethany Lutheran**

EASTER FESTIVAL Worship Services

Sunday, March 31 at 8:00 and 9:30 am at **Bethany Lutheran**

Sunday, March 31 at 11:00 am at **Holy Cross**