



Bethel Lutheran Church

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Today at Bethel:
Preacher: Pastor Jonathan Dahl
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March 10, 2019

9:15 a.m.

Welcome to Bethel! We are glad you are here!

PRELUDE

Danny Boy

Jane Kochis

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who gathers us in the wilderness to redeem us, anoint us, and make us new. **Amen.**

In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin, and receive God's promise of mercy.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

God at the margins, **We have wandered far from your home; again and again, we lose our way. We turn inward, afraid of the world around us. We forget that you have saved your people before and promise to do so again. Do not remember the deeds of our past, but turn our faces toward the future, where your forgiveness is sure, your welcome is clear, and your love overflows. Amen.**

Like a hen who gathers her chicks, God embraces you in tender care. Like manna in the desert, God feeds you with surprising mercy. Like a loving parent, God runs to meet you again this day, forgiving your sins for the sake of Christ, leading you from death into life. Amen.

GREETING

The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**



PRAYER FOR MERCY

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord...

Refrain

Assistant: Congregation:

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have
mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

to Verses

For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord... **(refrain)**

For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word, let us pray to the Lord... **(refrain)**

Assistant:

Help, save and de - fend us, O
God. A - men.

Congregation:

SONG OF PRAISE

Now the Feast and Celebration

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(refrain) Now the feast and celebration, all of creation sings for joy to the God of life and love and freedom; praise and glory forevermore!

**Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,
whose blood has freed and united us to be one great people of God. (refrain)
Power and riches, wisdom and might, all honor and glory to Christ forever. (refrain)
For God has come to dwell with us, to make us people of God;
to make all things new. (refrain)**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Together we pray: **O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

TIME FOR YOUTH

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

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

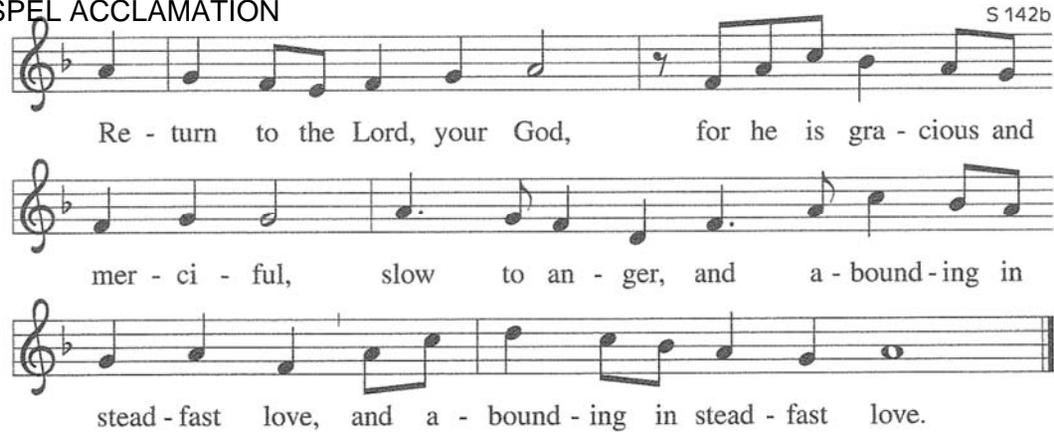
SPECIAL MUSIC

*The Good Samaritan
Go Down, Moses*

Notes of Praise

READING Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Holy wisdom, holy word. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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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.

GOSPEL Luke 4:1-13
The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Jonathan Dahl

HYMN OF THE DAY

Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery
(vs. 1-3, Lent 1)

#334

CONFESSION OF FAITH

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 THE CHURCH

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

OFFERINGS ARE RECEIVED

(In gratitude for what God has given us, we offer something of our lives to God and as part of our joyous service to the world.)

NOISY COIN OFFERING

This Little Light of Mine

#677

(Currently supporting the Willmar Area Food Shelf.)

OFFERING

Meditation in F

JuBellant Ringers

(Our talented Barb Holmgren puts down her bells and joins us on flute while Sharron Rierson also added snippets of two familiar hymns in the middle of our piece. Can you name them?)

THE TABLE BLESSING

The Lord be with you. **And also 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.**

WORDS OF PROMISE FOR THE MEAL OF HOLY COMMUNION

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

(Everyone is invited to the Lord's Table. Children receive a blessing. Please inform the pastor if you need a gluten-free communion wafer. The cups in the middle of the communion tray are grape juice. Upon returning to your seat, enjoy silent prayer or singing.)

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
you break the chans of ha-tred and fear:
you are the way of jus-tice and peace:
you are the way of mer-cy and love.

mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the
world: grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

#808

Eat This Bread

#472

BLESSING

Go in Peace, Serve the Lord

Notes of Praise

SENDING HYMN

In Christ There Is No East or West

#650

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Jesus Is All The World To Me

Jane Kochis