



Bethel Lutheran Church

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Today at Bethel:
Preacher: Pastor Bob Dahl
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March 11, 2018

9:15 a.m.

Welcome to Bethel! We are glad you are here!

PRELUDE	<i>Jesus Loves Me</i>	Jane Kochis
CALL TO WORSHIP	<i>Jesus Cares for Me</i>	Bethel Preschool Class
WELCOME		
GATHERING HYMN	<i>Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery</i> (vs. 1-3, Lent 4)	#334

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

Congregation:

God. A - men.

SONG OF PRAISE

Now the Feast and Celebration

#167

(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 God, rich in mercy, by the cross-path of Jesus you lifted up this
fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death and despair. Lead us
into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, 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.**

READING

Numbers 21:4-9

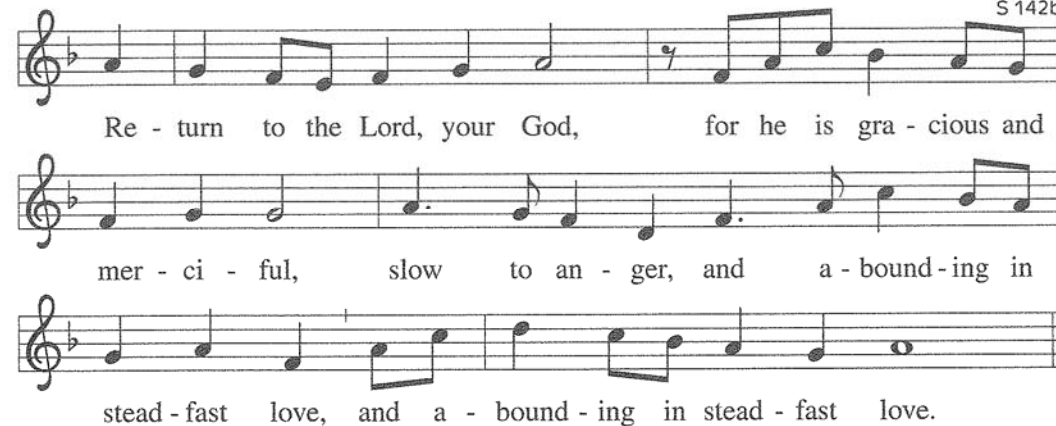
Holy wisdom, holy word. **Thanks be to God.**

READING

Ephesians 2:1-10

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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 John 3:14-21
The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON Pastor Bob Dahl

HYMN OF THE DAY *Restore in Us, O God* #328

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

OFFERING *Deep River* JuBellant Ringers

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.

What Wondrous Love Is This
As the Deer Runs to the River

#666
#331

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.
Amen.

Together we pray: **Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice, our alms, a making of peace, and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Lift High the Cross

#660

DISMISSAL

Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Jesus Loves Even Me

Jane Kochis