

There the wicked cease  
from troubling,  
and there  
the weary  
are at rest.

Job 3:17

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14531 Old Olga Road  
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***We are blessed to bless others.***

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love.

Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how might you bless someone?

During the second week in Lent, light two of the six purple candles on your Lenten Candle Cross.

The acronym **ACTS** (Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication) is being introduced as a way to pray. This week represents "C", for

Confession, meaning to confess one's sins and receive God's forgiveness.

*Pray:* **Dear God, I confess that I do not fully place my trust in you. Forgive me for . . . , in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, amen.**



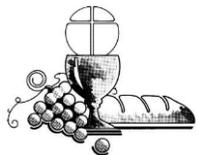
**IT IS GREAT TO HAVE YOU IN WORSHIP WITH US TODAY!**

Here at Bethlehem Lutheran, we believe in the teachings of the Bible as taught by Jesus and the apostles and strive to live our lives in accord with the gospel of Jesus Christ. We are all fellow sinners who live together in the mercy and grace of Jesus. Jesus is the heart and center of all that we say and do as we serve Him and live in Christian love with one another.

If you would like to learn more about this church, or are looking for a church family, please talk to our pastor or one of the elders. They would be happy to talk with you! Regardless of whether you join or not, we welcome you and your family to worship with us any time! We want to know who you are, so please provide your contact information in the Friendship Book as it is passed during the Offertory. If you are visiting, honor us by signing the Guest Register in the Narthex.

If you have a prayer request, please fill out a Blue Prayer Card from the pew rack and usher will be collecting them.

Thank you. Come visit us again sometime soon and may the Lord richly bless you!



## **ATTENDING COMMUNION AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of Bethlehem Lutheran Church

LCMS and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are invited to speak with Pastor Karl Glander.

**Theme of the Day:** Old Testament laments often make us feel uncomfortable. Why can't these people just pick themselves up and move on? Frequently we respond to their cries with two words—“*Fly over!*” But Job won't let us do that. And neither will Jesus.

**SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**Learning to Lament**  
*March 1, 2026*

**PRELUDE**

✠ **ORDER OF WORSHIP** ✠

**OPENING HYMN**

**435 COME TO CALVARY'S HOLY MOUNTAIN**

*(Stanzas 1–3)*

1 Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain,  
Sinners, ruined by the fall;  
Here a pure and healing fountain

Flows for you, for me, for all,  
In a full, perpetual tide,  
Opened when our Savior died.

**2** Come in poverty and meanness,  
Come defiled, without, within;  
From infection and uncleanness,  
From the leprosy of sin,  
Wash your robes and make them white;  
Ye shall walk with God in light.

**3** Come in sorrow and contrition,  
Wounded, impotent, and blind;  
Here the guilty, free remission,  
Here the troubled, peace may find.  
Health this fountain will restore;  
They that drink shall thirst no more.

*(Please rise)*

**+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +**

## **INVOCATION**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**P** O God of our salvation,

**C** Give me light as I come to you out of the darkness of my sin.

**P** Let your truth pierce my heart.

**C** Let your Holy Spirit sweep away my excuses.

**P** Bring me mercy and compassion so I see the glory of your kingdom,

**C** Given when you gave your only Son, Jesus Christ, to be my Savior.

**P** Beloved in the Lord, I declare in the name of Jesus Christ, that you are forgiven, washed clean and spotless in the blood of the Lamb. May the God of mercy who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you

strong in your faith, fervent in your hope and  
abounding in great joy!

**ALL: I know that my Redeemer lives!**

*(Please be seated)*

## **HYMN OF RESPONSE**

### **435 COME TO CALVARY'S HOLY MOUNTAIN**

*(Stanza 4)*

**4** They that drink shall live forever;  
'Tis a soul-renewing flood.  
God is faithful; God will never  
Break His covenant of blood,  
Signed when our Redeemer died,  
Sealed when He was glorified.

## **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.**

**+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. God of tender mercies and overflowing compassion, hear us as we lament and grieve over life's tragedies and point us to your healing love; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS REFLECT  
THE THEME  
OF GOD'S GIFT OF LAMENTS**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Job 3*

**Job Laments His Birth**

<sup>1</sup>After this Job opened his mouth and cursed the day of his birth. <sup>2</sup>And Job said:

<sup>3</sup>“Let the day perish on which I was born,  
and the night that said,  
‘A man is conceived.’

<sup>4</sup>Let that day be darkness!  
May God above not seek it,  
nor light shine upon it.

<sup>5</sup>Let gloom and deep darkness claim it.  
Let clouds dwell upon it;  
let the blackness of the day terrify it.

<sup>6</sup>That night—let thick darkness seize it!  
Let it not rejoice among the days of the year;  
let it not come into the number of the months.

<sup>7</sup>Behold, let that night be barren;  
let no joyful cry enter it.

<sup>8</sup>Let those curse it who curse the day,  
who are ready to rouse up Leviathan.

<sup>9</sup>Let the stars of its dawn be dark;  
let it hope for light, but have none,  
nor see the eyelids of the morning,  
<sup>10</sup>because it did not shut the doors of my  
mother's womb,  
nor hide trouble from my eyes.  
<sup>11</sup>"Why did I not die at birth,  
come out from the womb and expire?  
<sup>12</sup>Why did the knees receive me?  
Or why the breasts, that I should nurse?  
<sup>13</sup>For then I would have lain down and been  
quiet;  
I would have slept; then I would have been at  
rest,  
<sup>14</sup>with kings and counselors of the earth  
who rebuilt ruins for themselves,  
<sup>15</sup>or with princes who had gold,  
who filled their houses with silver.  
<sup>16</sup>Or why was I not as a hidden stillborn child,  
as infants who never see the light?  
<sup>17</sup>There the wicked cease from troubling,  
and there the weary are at rest.  
<sup>18</sup>There the prisoners are at ease together;  
they hear not the voice of the taskmaster.  
<sup>19</sup>The small and the great are there,

and the slave is free from his master.

<sup>20</sup>“Why is light given to him who is in misery,  
and life to the bitter in soul,

<sup>21</sup>who long for death, but it comes not,  
and dig for it more than for hidden treasures,

<sup>22</sup>who rejoice exceedingly  
and are glad when they find the grave?

<sup>23</sup>Why is light given to a man whose way is  
hidden,

whom God has hedged in?

<sup>24</sup>For my sighing comes instead of my bread,  
and my groanings are poured out like water.

<sup>25</sup>For the thing that I fear comes upon me,  
and what I dread befalls me.

<sup>26</sup>I am not at ease, nor am I quiet;  
I have no rest, but trouble comes.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **EPISTLE**

*2 Corinthians 4:1–7*

### **The Light of the Gospel**

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup>But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We

refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. <sup>3</sup>And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup>For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

## **Treasures in Jars of Clay**

<sup>7</sup>But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*(Please rise)*

## **ALLELUIA AND VERSE (LENT)**

*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**

*Matthew 5:1–12*

**☩** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

**☩** Glory to You, O Lord.

### **The Sermon on the Mount**

<sup>1</sup>Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

### **The Beatitudes**

<sup>2</sup>And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

<sup>7</sup>“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

<sup>9</sup>“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

<sup>10</sup>“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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

**C**Praise to You, O Christ.

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### 433 GLORY BE TO JESUS

*(Stanzas 1–4)*

- 1 Glory be to Jesus,  
Who in bitter pains  
Poured for me the lifeblood  
From His sacred veins!
- 2 Grace and life eternal  
In that blood I find;  
Blest be His compassion,  
Infinitely kind!
- 3 Blest through endless ages  
Be the precious stream  
Which from endless torment  
Did the world redeem!
- 4 Abel's blood for vengeance  
Pleaded to the skies;  
But the blood of Jesus  
For our pardon cries.

## **SERMON**

### **"Learning to Lament"**

*. . . Pastor Karl*

The Third Part in the Series  
“**Job: Blessed be the Name of the Lord**”

Job’s Lament

- “**Why** did I not perish at birth?” (Job 3:11)
- “**Why** were there knees to receive me?” (Job 3:12)
- “**Why** was I not hidden in the ground like a stillborn child?” (Job 3:16)
- “**Why** is light given to those in misery?” (Job 3:20)
- “**Why** is life given to a man?” (Job 3:23)

“What I feared has come upon me; what I dreaded has happened to me. I have no peace, no quietness; I have no rest, but only turmoil.”  
(Job 3:25–26)

*(Please rise)*

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

**P** We thank you, Father, for the gift of Jesus,

**C** **Who bore our sins in his body on the cross.**

**P** May this cross be for us like the tree that sweetens our bitter suffering,

**C** **Like the rod that blossoms with life and beauty,**

**P** Like the bronze serpent that calls us to look to you when the pain of life overtakes us and we are surrounded with suffering.

**C** **Teach us to bear our own cross,**

**P** And to believe that with it you send grace and mercy.

**P** Forgive us, dear Father, for wanting to fly over pain and confusion.

**C** **We stuff it. We deny it. And we would rather avoid it.**

**P** Empower us to claim your promise,

**C** “Weeping endures for a night, but joy comes in the morning.”

**P** And so we trust in our Savior’s Easter morning resurrection victory by saying,

**ALL: I know that my Redeemer lives!**

**P** In Christ’s holy name we pray.

**C** Amen

*(Please be seated)*

## **OFFERING**

## **♪OFFERTORY RESPONSE♪**

### **192 CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART, O GOD**

*(Please rise)*

**△ Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy**

of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. Amen.

## + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

### PREFACE

*LSB 160*

**P**The Lord be with you.

**C**And also with you.

**P**Lift up your hearts.

**C**We lift them to the Lord.

**P**Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C**It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

### PROPER PREFACE

**P**It is truly good, 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 at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life

everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**♪ SANCTUS ♪**

*LSB 161*

**☩ Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:**

**Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

**Hosanna. Hosanna.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

*LSB 161*

**☩** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C 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 ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## **LORD’S PRAYER**

**C** 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.**

**PAX DOMINI**

*LSB 163*

**☐** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**☑** Amen.

**♪ AGNUS DEI ♪**

*LSB 163*

**☑** Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

*(Please be seated)*

## **DISTRIBUTION**

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

### **686 COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING**

1 Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory  
Fills my heart with joy and love,  
Teach me ever to adore Thee;  
May I still Thy goodness prove.

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer,  
Hither by Thy help I've come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wand'ring from the fold of God;

He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed His precious blood.

3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let that grace now like a fetter  
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;  
Prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it for Thy courts above.

4 Oh, that day when freed from sinning,  
I shall see Thy lovely face;  
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen,  
How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!  
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry;  
Take my ransom'd soul away;  
Send Thine angels soon to carry  
Me to realms of endless day.

## **752 BE STILL, MY SOUL**

1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side;  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;

Leave to your God to order and provide;  
In ev'ry change He faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'nly Friend  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

**2** Be still, my soul; your God will undertake  
To guide the future as He has the past.  
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know  
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

**3** Be still, my soul; though dearest friends depart  
And all is darkened in this vale of tears;  
Then you will better know His love, His heart,  
Who comes to soothe your sorrows and your  
fears.  
Be still, my soul; your Jesus can repay  
From His own fullness all He takes away.

**4** Be still, my soul; the hour is hast'ning on  
When we shall be forever with the Lord,  
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are

past,  
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

*(Please stand)*

## **NUNC DIMITTIS**

*LSB 165*

**☩ Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace;  
Your word has been fulfilled.**

**My own eyes have seen the salvation which  
You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry  
people:**

**A light to reveal You to the nations and the  
glory of Your people Israel.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to  
the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will  
be forever. Amen.**

## **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

**☩ 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.

**☩ Amen.**

**Silent Prayer:** Dear Savior, I will allow my  
weeping to endure for the long nights of life,  
trusting that joy will come in the morning! Amen.

*(Please be seated)*

## **HYMN TO DEPART**

### **433 GLORY BE TO JESUS**

*(Stanzas 5–6)*

- 5** Oft as earth exulting  
    Wafts its praise on high,  
Angel hosts rejoicing  
    Make their glad reply.
- 6** Lift we, then, our voices,  
    Swell the mighty flood;  
Louder still and louder  
    Praise the precious blood!

## **BENEDICTION**

LSB 166

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **POSTLUDE**



## *SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY*

Preacher: Rev. Karl P. Glander

Organist: Holly Bell

Flutist: Nancy Rybak

Bells: Debbie Jackow

The Sound System: Jeff Kirsch

Elder: Tim Tobeck

Altar Guild: Emmy Larson, Betty Willis

Ushers: Greg and Yvonne Murray

Reader: Annette Brocious

**Signup Sheets in the Fellowship Hall. This is your chance to get involved in worship.**

**Our Response to God's Love**

Ash Wednesday – 54

Worship Service – 101

Adult Bible Class – 20

Sunday School – 4

Wednesday Lent – 30

**COFFEE & CONVERSATION**

Join us in the Fellowship Hall after the 10:30 service for coffee and goodies. The refreshments this week are from Gary Dreischerf. Thank you!

**ADULT SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY and SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Pastor Glander leads a Bible study in the Fellowship Hall after the 10:30 service and Sunday school for the children is in the classroom.



The Book of Job:  
**Blessed be the Name of the  
Lord**

One of the Bible's greatest wisdom books is the book of

Job. This Lent we are exploring this magnificent composition that is numbered among some of the greatest literature of all time. **The sermons will help us dig deeply into Job's central message and supporting truths**, while the Sunday Morning Adult Bible Classes will further address the book's major topics and themes.

We all suffer—personally and privately. We also suffer in more public ways. A husband loses a job. A child gets divorced. A parent dies. And now, thanks to the media, we are able to see and experience more and more of the world's catastrophes and suffering. **We need the book of Job, now, more than ever.**

Martin Luther asserted that "**Job is magnificent and sublime as no book of Scripture.**" Others have called Job "the Shakespeare of the Bible." Yet the early Christian scholar Jerome perhaps put it best when he called **the book of Job an "eel,"** since the more one tries to contain it, the slipperier it becomes! The purpose of our Lenten emphasis is to learn how to apply Job to our lives, so that the book becomes less like an eel and more like a loving companion through life's dark valleys. Preaching plans are as follows:

## **The Book of Job:**

### **Blessed be the Name of the Lord!**

**Ash Wednesday**, *“Flying Blind”* (Job 1:1–12)

**Lent 1**, *“Sweet Surrender”* (Job 1:13–21)

**Lent 2**, *“Learning to Lament”* (Job 3:1–26)

**Lent 3**, *“It is Enough”* (Job 14:1–14)

**Lent 4**, *“Understanding How it all Works Together”*  
(Job 23:1–17)

**Lent 5**, *“God Speaks in the Storm”* (Job 38:1–11)

**Palm Sunday**, *“On Earth is not his Equal!”* (Job 41:20–34)

**Good Friday**, *“Tearing Down the Spite House”* (Job 42:7–9)

**The Resurrection of Our Lord**, *“I Know that My Redeemer Lives!”* (Job 19:23–26)

### **Lent Service**

Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

#### **Wednesdays during the 2026 Lenten season:**

- Dates: February 25, March 4, March 11, March 18, and March 25, 2026.
- 6:00 PM: Light dinner consisting of Soup and Sandwiches.
- 7:00 PM: Vespers Service (Evening Prayer).

## **SPRING FORWARD**

Sunday, **March 8, 2026**, at 2:00 a.m. Clocks move **forward 1 hour** to 3:00 a.m..

**VBS 2026 train is officially leaving the station!**

**Next Meeting:** Monday, March 2, @ 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

- **VBS Dates:** June 8 – 12, 2026
- **Time:** 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. (Evening session)



### **Lenten Services**

*March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.*

*March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.*

*March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.*

*March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.*

*HAPPY  
Holy Week*



### **Palm Sunday Service**

*March 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.*

### **Maundy Thursday Service**

*April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. with Holy Communion*

### **Good Friday Service**

*April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.*

## **Easter Services**

*April 5<sup>th</sup>*

*6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service*

*8-10 a.m. Easter Breakfast*

*10:30 a.m. Easter Celebration Service*

*11:45 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt*

### **We Need Easter Candy!**

Bethlehem is doing our Annual Outreach Easter Egg Hunt. Lots of candy, fruit snacks, or cash donations can be given to Mickie Naumann. Any Donations can be left in the Box in the Narthex under the table or in back of the fellowship hall by the church office. When donating candy, please keep in mind that this candy goes out to younger children. If all donations could be here by Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. **Remember we are reaching out to those in the Community with a chance to let them see we are here and Gods Love!** Thank You!

**To the wonderful congregation, thank you for making February such a vibrant and impactful month for our LWM goals and missions. Your generosity and participation in these specific events have truly made a difference:**

- **Muffin Sunday:** A heartfelt thank you to everyone who baked and shared a treat. Your participation created a warm atmosphere of fellowship and joy.
- **Noisy Offering:** Thank you for the "**cheerful noise**" made this month. These unique fundraisers are a fun and powerful way to support our missions.
- **Collecting Pencils:** Your donations of pencils ensure we can impact lives of many needy families.
- **Meatloaf Dinner:** Gratitude to the volunteers who cooked and served. It was a wonderful treat to share a meal and fellowship together.
- **Quilt Raffle:** Thank you to the talented quilter and everyone who purchased tickets. Your support for this special fundraiser helps us move one step closer to our LWM goals and missions.

**Your dedication is a testament to the strength and love found in our church family.**

### **CHURCH DIRECTORY**

We are updating the Church directory. If your contact information has changed since last year please complete a Directory update form available in the narthex or the church office. Thank you!

## **PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND HEALING**

For good test results, treatment, positive thinking, healing, and comfort during cancer treatments, for those suffering from addiction, mental illness and for healing, strength, comfort, and peace for family we pray for:

Iris Smith, Rusty, Linda, Leigh, Al, Andy, Anonymous, Ava, Barbara, Becky, Bill, Bill Zierline, Billie, Cannon, Chelsea, Cole, Dave, David, David, Don, Gail, Holly, Jenn, Joan, Joe, John Wittenberg, Judy, Ken, Kim, Larry, Paul, Pastor Paul Jensen, Rachel, Richard, Ron, Sharon, Sharon Rowe, Steve, Susan, Annette, Cammy, Haven, Sandi, Tina, Betty, Bill, Chester, Debi, Dick, Edison, John, Joyce, Nancy, Norma, Rick, Shirley, Ted, Bob, Carol, Sarah, Kathleen, Sharyn, Barb, Dennis' mom, Jack Kirsch, James, Julie, Lisa, Lola, Rita, Robert's mom, Samuel Albritton, Scott, Shannon, David, Keenan, Amy, Anonymous, Chade, Holly, Kaden, Paul, Sean, Steven, TA, Jena, Ken, Maria Clara, Kathy, Toby, Annie, Barb, Bob, Bruce, Carol, Christine, Christine, Dave, Don, Edison, Emily Snider, Gary, Holly Chaney, Jana, Jeanne, Jeff, Jessica, Joe, Katie, Keith, Pam, Pat, Richard, Sal, Sam, Samantha, Sandy, Sharon, Tamara, Tara, Terri, Tim, Toby, Yvonne, Andy, Brad, Carol, Eddie, Holly,

JoAnn, Ken Holt, Kenny, Linda, Sharon, Simi, Wayne, Jean, Larry, Eliot, Heather, Jim Meincke, Johnnie, Judy, Keith, Keith Tobeck, Liliana, Lynn, Martha, Peggy, Randy, Rick, Rita, Ron, Rosa Aguirre, Rosa, Helen, Alan, Ann, Bella, Betty, Bill, Bob, Brian, Buck, Charleen, Chip, Daphne, Darlene, David, Debi, Dennis, Doug, Dylan, Edison, Ellen, Elizabeth, Jake, James, Jene, Jennifer, Jonathan, Judy, Julianna, Julie, Katie, Kim, Kim Lewis, Les, Lidia, Lillie Anne, Lisa, Liz mom, Lizzy, Madden, Mehlia, Mike, Millie, Myra and family, Nathan, Neil Fiore, Nicole, Pam, Phillip, Rebecca, Richard, Richard, Rick, Rita, Sandy, Terri, Theresa, Timmy, Trace Ryan, Daniel Skurka and his family, Amy and Joe, Dorothy, Liz Paschen, Giney, Lisa, Viola, Denny, Chip, Andy, Holly, Jeff, Kathy Hayes, Kayla, Keith Tobeck, Sharon, Bob and Sandy, Darrell, Joanne, Jessica, Heather, Carolyn, Paul, Melinda, Adrian, Doug, Ed, Eliot, Gary, Joan, Kevin, Pat, Shirley, Theresa, Fred Boessel, Kathy, Sunny, Wayne, Amy, Bill, Bill Denny, Billie McCall, Betty, Carolyn B., Carolyn Barnes, Carolyn, Christa and Axel, Cindy, Deborah, Denny, Diane, Dick, Don, Glen, Jackie, Jim, John, Kayla, Leisa, Loraine, LuAnne, Nathaniel, Ralph, Ridge, Ron, Ron Tapak, Ron T, Sara, Sarah, Sarah, Sarah, Sherri and Gene, Suzanne, Tyler Wilke, Eugene, Judy Wittenberg, Lorrie, Paul, Tina, Dave, And those in our hearts

**For Those Who have recently lost loved ones:** The family and friends Peter Doukas, The family and friends of Billie Waddick

**PRAYERS for Homebound, Assisted Living, Nursing Home**

**Those who can't attend common worship that they would find comfort knowing that the Lord is with them.**

Edison and Karen Johnson, Chester and Linda Rust, Dorothy Riddle

**PRAYERS FOR PROTECTION**

For our full-time troops and public servants, for travel, missionaries, and for peace and protection for families. Son-in-law (being deployed), Donald Sepulveda

**Dear Lord, We come to You today with heavy hearts, as we lift up those who are in need of prayer. We ask that You would bring healing and restoration to their body, mind, and spirit Amen.**

# Salisbury steak Dinner



Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>,  
4-7 pm

Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn,  
slaw, roll and butter, drink, and delicious dessert

\$10.00 adult \$5.00 child

Eat in or take out

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