

March 15, 2026

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**Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod**  
14531 Old Olga Road  
Fort Myers, FL

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Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM

Sunday School & Bible Class: 11:30 AM

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***Jesus brings light and new life.***

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love.

Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, who can you reach out to that needs words and acts of compassion and kindness?

During the fourth week in Lent, light four 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 “**S**”, for Supplication, meaning to humbly ask God to provide something for yourself or on behalf of someone else.

**Pray: Dear God, just as you healed the blind man, I ask for your healing in the lives of those who are in need of your loving presence including . . . , in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, amen.**



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

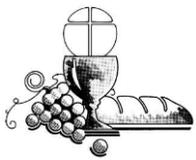
Here at Bethlehem Lutheran, we believe in the teachings of the Bible as taught by Jesus and the apostles and strive to live our lives in accord with the gospel of Jesus Christ. We are all fellow sinners who live together in the mercy and grace of Jesus. Jesus is the heart and center of all that we say 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:** There's a plan where all things work for our good and the Father's glory. The secret is in understanding how it all works together. Job puts it this way—"When he has tested me, I will come forth as gold." (Job 23:10)

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**Understanding How it all Works Together**  
*March 15, 2026*

**PRELUDE**

**✠ ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠**

**OPENING HYMN**

## 430 MY SONG IS LOVE UNKNOWN

*(Stanzas 1-4)*

- 1 My song is love unknown,  
My Savior's love to me,  
Love to the loveless shown  
That they might lovely be.  
Oh, who am I  
That for my sake  
My Lord should take  
Frail flesh and die?
  
- 2 He came from His blest throne  
Salvation to bestow;  
But men made strange, and none  
The longed-for Christ would know.  
But, oh, my friend,  
My friend indeed,  
Who at my need  
His life did spend!
  
- 3 Sometimes they strew His way  
And His sweet praises sing;  
Resounding all the day  
Hosannas to their King.  
Then "Crucify!"

Is all their breath,  
And for His death  
They thirst and cry.

4 Why, what hath my Lord done?  
What makes this rage and spite?  
He made the lame to run,  
He gave the blind their sight.  
Sweet injuries!  
Yet they at these  
Themselves displease  
And 'gainst Him rise.

*(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** Loving and merciful Father, when overcome by grief like Job, we wonder what happened to your love and your plan for our lives.

**C** **It feels as though our prayers fall on deaf ears.**

**P** Like Job, we begin looking for you to the east, to the west, to the north and to the south—the four points of the horizon and the compass—but you are nowhere to be found.

**C** **The darkness threatens to swallow us whole and we feel as though we are drowning in an ocean of divine silence.**

**P** Lord, then we are tempted to do something selfish and sinful

**C** **Or something that will bring great shame upon us and those we love.**

**ALL: Have mercy on us, O God.**

**P** Hear the word of the LORD from Job 42:10, “The LORD restored the fortunes of Job and gave him twice as much as he had before.” Our God also turned Christ’s crucifixion into an awesome resurrection. He who was dead is now alive and he who was once defeated is now reigning in everlasting glory. Christ forgives you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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

## **HYMN OF RESPONSE**

### **430 MY SONG IS LOVE UNKNOWN**

*(Stanza 7)*

7 Here might I stay and sing,  
    No story so divine!  
Never was love, dear King,  
    Never was grief like Thine.  
This is my friend,  
    In whose sweet praise  
    I all my days  
Could gladly spend!

## **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. Merciful Father, empower us to believe that when you have tested us, we will come forth as gold, for you work all things together for our good and your everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS REFLECT  
THE THEME  
OF GOD'S PLAN IN OUR SUFFERING**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Job 23*

**Job Replies: Where Is God?**

<sup>1</sup>Then Job answered and said:

<sup>2</sup>“Today also my complaint is bitter;  
my hand is heavy on account of my

groaning.

<sup>3</sup>Oh, that I knew where I might find him,  
that I might come even to his seat!

<sup>4</sup>I would lay my case before him  
and fill my mouth with arguments.

<sup>5</sup>I would know what he would answer me  
and understand what he would say to me.

<sup>6</sup>Would he contend with me in the greatness  
of his power?

No; he would pay attention to me.

<sup>7</sup>There an upright man could argue with him,  
and I would be acquitted forever by my  
judge.

<sup>8</sup>“Behold, I go forward, but he is not there,  
and backward, but I do not perceive him;

<sup>9</sup>on the left hand when he is working, I do not  
behold him;

he turns to the right hand, but I do not see  
him.

<sup>10</sup>But he knows the way that I take;  
when he has tried me, I shall come out as  
gold.

<sup>11</sup>My foot has held fast to his steps;  
I have kept his way and have not turned  
aside.

<sup>12</sup>I have not departed from the commandment of his lips;

I have treasured the words of his mouth more than my portion of food.

<sup>13</sup>But he is unchangeable, and who can turn him back?

What he desires, that he does.

<sup>14</sup>For he will complete what he appoints for me,

and many such things are in his mind.

<sup>15</sup>Therefore I am terrified at his presence; when I consider, I am in dread of him.

<sup>16</sup>God has made my heart faint; the Almighty has terrified me;

<sup>17</sup>yet I am not silenced because of the darkness,

nor because thick darkness covers my face.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **EPISTLE**

*2 Corinthians 5:14–21*

<sup>14</sup>For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all,

therefore all have died; <sup>15</sup>and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. <sup>17</sup>Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. <sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup>that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

<sup>20</sup>Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please rise)*

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE (LENT)

LSB 157

**C** 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

*2 Corinthians 5:14–21*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. 2 Corinthians, the fifth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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

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

*(Please be seated)*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

### **728 HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION**

- 1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say than to you He has  
said  
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

- 2** “Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,  
For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to  
stand,  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.
- 3** “The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose  
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to  
shake,  
I’ll never, no never, no never, forsake!
- 4** “When through fiery trials your pathway will  
lie,  
My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.  
The flames will not hurt you; I only design  
Your dross to consume and your gold to  
refine.
- 5** “Throughout all their lifetime My people will  
prove  
My sov’ reign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
And then, when gray hairs will their temples  
adorn,

Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne.”

## **SERMON**

### **"Understanding How it all Works Together"**

*. . . Pastor Karl*

The Fifth Part in the Series

**“Job: Blessed be the Name of the Lord!”**

Understanding How It All Works Together

(Job 23:1-17)

*(Please rise)*

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

- P** Dear Father, you have reconciled us to yourself through the bitter suffering and death of Jesus.
- C** You have taught us our need for Jesus who is our Mediator and Messiah,
- P** Our Redeemer and Friend.

**C** Let him rule as our King,

**P** Guide us as our Prophet,

**C** And take away our sin as our High Priest.

**P** So that come what may, we will live in him and cleave to him in faith forever.

**C** For we believe that,

**P** When you have tested us, we will come forth as gold,

### + Additional Prayers +

**P** God of tender compassion, we believe that there's a plan.

**C** A divine plan.

**P** A plan where all things are working for our good.

**C** And your glory.

**P** And so we pray confidently in the name of Jesus Christ.

**ALL: 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 overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. 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*

**C** 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*

**P** 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

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

**C** Amen.

## **AGNUS DEI**

LSB 163

**C** 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**

## **570 JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE PLEA**

- 1** Just as I am, without one plea  
But that Thy blood was shed for me  
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
  
- 2** Just as I am and waiting not  
To rid my soul of one dark blot,  
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
  
- 3** Just as I am, though tossed about  
With many\_a conflict, many\_a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
  
- 4** Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
  
- 5** Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;

Because Thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown  
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;  
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

## **425 WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS**

1 When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
Save in the death of Christ, my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to His blood.

3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a tribute far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all!

*(Please rise)*

♪ **NUNC DIMITTIS** ♪

LSB 165

**C** 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**

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

*(Please be seated)*

## **HYMN TO DEPART**

### **923 ALMIGHTY FATHER, BLESS THE WORD**

- 1 Almighty Father, bless the Word  
Which through Your grace we now have  
heard.  
Oh, may the precious seed take root,  
Spring up, and bear abundant fruit!
  
- 2 We praise You for the means of grace  
As homeward now our steps we trace.  
Grant, Lord, that we who worshiped here  
May all at last in heav'n appear.

*(Please rise)*

- △ 3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*(Please be seated)*

## **BENEDICTION**

*LSB 166*

- ☐ 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.
- ☐ 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: Doug Johnson

Altar Guild: Emmy Larson, Betty Willis

Ushers: Greg and Yvonne Murray

Reader: Greg Murray

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

## **Our Response to God's Love**

Worship Service – 77

Adult Bible Class – 22

Wednesday Lent – 21

**Celebrating birthdays this week: 3/15: Lillian  
Taylor, 3/16: Patricia Kulbacki, 3/17: Jennifer  
Morosey, Rudy Rugenstein**

**Celebrating anniversaries this week: 3/15:** Terri & Richard Gerlach(58yrs), Judy and Doug Johnson(1yr), **3/21:** Audrey & Al Vine

## **COFFEE & CONVERSATION**

Join us in the Fellowship Hall after the 10:30 service for coffee and goodies. The refreshments this week are left over from the dinner. 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.

## **LENT SERVICE**

6:00 PM: Light dinner consisting of Soup and Sandwiches

Vespers Service, Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

## **SALISBURY STEAK DINNER**

Thank You for Assisting We sincerely thank all those who volunteered their assistance with the

Salisbury Steak Dinner Thursday. The baked goods were wonderful, and the teamwork done by so many was outstanding! Thank you! We could never have done it without you!

## **Church Council**

Today, **March 15, 2026** ~ will meet after Bible Class

## **MOVIE NIGHT**

### ***A Soldier's Love Story***

Today, March 15, 2026 ~ 6:00 p.m. ~ POPCORN AND ROOTBEER FLOATS WILL BE SERVED STARTING AT 5:30 p.m. COME JOIN IN THE FUN!!



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

**Wednesdays during the 2026 Lenten season:**

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



### **Lenten Services**

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!**

## **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:

Debbie, Cannon, Les, Levi, Dominick Junior, Abigail and family, Amy and family, Terri, Thersea L., Scot, Melinda, Nick, Rose, Don, Carl, James and his family, Chris Tobeck, Pam and Paul, John and Judy Wittenberg, Paul, Dick, Larry, Bill Denny, Sharyn, Christa and Axel, Tyler Wilke, Johnie, Sherri and Gene, Carolyn B., Ken T., Sarah, Jackie, Wayne, And those in our hearts

**For Those Who have recently lost loved ones:** The family and friends of George Kranz, The family and friends of Eliot DeLongo, The family and friends of Rick Hill, The family and friends of Rybak, 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.**

# Ham Dinner



Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>,  
4-7 pm

Ham, scalloped potatoes, coleslaw, baked beans, bun, drink,  
and delicious dessert

\$10.00 adult \$5.00 child

Eat in or take out

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