



March 22, 2026

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Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM

Sunday School & Bible Class: 11:30 AM

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Jesus' resurrection means new life now.

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love.

Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you help or support someone who is grieving a loss?

During the fifth week in Lent, light five of the six purple candles on your Lenten Candle Cross. The acronym **ACTS** (Adoration, Confession,

Thanksgiving, Supplication) has been introduced as a way to pray. This week use this acronym (**ACTS**) as a guide for prayer.

Pray: Dear God, I praise you for . . . , forgive me for . . . , I thank you for . . . , I pray for (name of people or situations) . . . , 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!

Theme of the Day: A good pilot knows how to get people safely through the storm and all the way home. This is true for Job. And all the more so, it is true for **us!**

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
God Speaks in the Storm
March 22, 2026

PRELUDE

✠ ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠

OPENING HYMN

423 JESUS, REFUGE OF THE WEARY

(Stanzas 1-2)

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- 1 Jesus, refuge of the weary,
Blest Redeemer, whom we love,
Fountain in life's desert dreary,
Savior from the world above:
Often have Your eyes, offended,
Gazed upon the sinner's fall;
Yet upon the cross extended,
You have borne the pain of all.

- 2 Do we pass that cross unheeding,
Breathing no repentant vow,
Though we see You wounded, bleeding,
See Your thorn-encircled brow?
Yet Your sinless death has brought us
Life eternal, peace, and rest;
Only what Your grace has taught us
Calms the sinner's deep distress.

(Please rise)

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the T Son
and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** God of thundering glory and wondrous love.
- C** You laid the earth's foundation.
- P** You marked off its dimensions.
- C** You laid its cornerstone.
- P** You shut the sea behind doors.
- C** And so to you we lay bare the thoughts
and desires of our hearts.

- P** We have sinfully insisted that we are in control.
- C** **We are bound to fatal attractions that lead us to think that we are in charge.**
- P** From the midst of our storm hear our broken cries.
- C** **For we have no other hope.**
- P** The God who is with Job in his storm is the same God who in Christ joins you in your storm. Jesus died on a cross, bled for your sins and hung forsaken by his Father. Because of Jesus you are cleansed, healed, forgiven and made new.

ALL: I know that my Redeemer lives!

HYMN OF RESPONSE

423 JESUS, REFUGE OF THE WEARY

(Stanza 3)

3 Jesus, may our hearts be burning
With more fervent love for You;
May our eyes be ever turning
To behold Your cross anew
Till in glory, parted never
From the blessed Savior's side,
Graven in our hearts forever,
Dwell the cross, the Crucified.

APOSTLES' CREED

**☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the
dead.**

**He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty.**

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✝ everlasting. 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 magnificent power and might, just as you spoke to Job in the storm, speak now in our storms so that we have courage for the living of these days; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

© Amen.

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS REFLECT
THE THEME
OF GOD SPEAKING IN THE STORM**

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Job 38:1–11

The LORD Answers Job

¹Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said:

²“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

³Dress for action like a man;

I will question you, and you make it known to me.

⁴“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶On what were its bases sunk,
or who laid its cornerstone,

⁷when the morning stars sang together
and all the sons of God shouted for joy?
⁸“Or who shut in the sea with doors
when it burst out from the womb,
⁹when I made clouds its garment
and thick darkness its swaddling band,
¹⁰and prescribed limits for it
and set bars and doors,
¹¹and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no
farther,
and here shall your proud waves be
stayed’?”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 6:1–10

¹Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ²For he says,

“In a favorable time I listened to you,
and in a day of salvation I have helped
you.”

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. ³We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; ⁷by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

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

Luke 8:22–25

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighth chapter.

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

Jesus Calms a Storm

²²One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side of the lake.” So they set out, ²³and as they sailed he fell asleep. And a windstorm came down on the lake, and they were filling with water and were in danger. ²⁴And they went and woke him, saying, “Master, Master, we are perishing!” And he awoke and rebuked the wind and the raging waves, and they ceased, and there was a calm. ²⁵He said to them, “Where is your faith?” And they were afraid, and they marveled, saying to one

another, “Who then is this, that he commands even winds and water, and they obey him?”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

(Please be seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY

589 SPEAK, O LORD, YOUR SERVANT LISTENS

(Stanzas 1-3)

- 1 Speak, O Lord, Your servant listens,
Let Your Word to me come near;
Newborn life and spirit give me,
Let each promise still my fear.
Death's dread pow'r, its inward strife,
Wars against Your Word of life;
Fill me, Lord, with love's strong fervor
That I cling to You forever!

- 2 Oh, what blessing to be near You
And to listen to Your voice;
Let me ever love and hear You,

Let Your Word be now my choice!
Many hardened sinners, Lord,
Flee in terror at Your Word;
But to all who feel sin's burden
You give words of peace and pardon.

3 Lord, Your words are waters living
When my thirsting spirit pleads.
Lord, Your words are bread life-giving;
On Your words my spirit feeds.
Lord, Your words will be my light
Through death's cold and dreary night;
Yes, they are my sword prevailing
And my cup of joy unfailing!

SERMON

"God Speaks in the Storm"

... Pastor Karl

The Sixth Part in the Series
"Job: Blessed be the Name of the Lord!"

A Good Pilot
(Job 38:1-11)

(Please rise)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Father, you inhabit eternity.

C The heavens declare your glory and the earth announces your beauty.

P Your presence fills the universe and yet in Christ you come to us with compassion and mercy.

C Help us find light in our darkness.

P Joy in our sorrow.

C Healing in our sickness.

P And your great grace that covers a multitude of our sins.

C We surrender control to you.

P Trusting that you will get us safely through the storm and all the way home.

+ Additional Prayers +

P Dear Father, hold us tight in your fierce love, a love that gives sense to all our days, and hope to all our years. We pray in Christ's holy name.

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.

♪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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
Forever. Amen.

(Please be seated)

CLOSING HYMN

589 SPEAK, O LORD, YOUR SERVANT LISTENS

(Stanza 4)

4 As I pray, dear Jesus, hear me;
Let Your words in me take root.
May Your Spirit e'er be near me
That I bear abundant fruit.
May I daily sing Your praise,
From my heart glad anthems raise,
Till my highest praise is given
In the endless joy of heaven.

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: Klaus Naumann

Altar Guild: Emmy Larson, Betty Willis

Ushers: Gary Barkhaus, Doug Grage

Reader: Annette Brocious

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

Our Response to God's Love

Worship Service – 75

Adult Bible Class – 25

Celebrating birthdays this week: 3/23: Kay Remmers, **3/25:** Sue Hartman, **3/26:** Robert Hedrick, Harlin Spurgin Jr., **3/28:** Sharon Schafer

COFFEE & CONVERSATION

Join us in the Fellowship Hall after the 10:30 service for coffee and goodies. The refreshment this week are from The Naumann's. 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 25th at 7:00 p.m.

Here are the key details for your VBS schedule:

- **Next Meeting:** Monday, April 6, 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)



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 25th at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesdays during the 2026 Lenten season:

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



Lenten Services

March 25th at 7:00 p.m.



Palm Sunday Service

March 29th at 10:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday Service

April 2nd at 7:00 p.m. with Holy Communion

Good Friday Service

April 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Services

April 5th

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 29th. **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:

Chris Tobeck, Keith Tobeck, Andy, Peggy, Jack, Karen and Doug, Carolyn, Jim, Ron, Happiness for my family, For all God's creation for all mistreated animals, Larry and Linda, Helen, Sandi, Peggy, Tim Carlton, Roberta Lasocki Carlton, Ron Perry, Les Dreischerf, Cannon, Debbie Steele, Levi, Dominick Junior, Abigail and family, Amy and family, Terri, Thersea L., Scot, Melinda, Nick, Rose, Don, Carl, James and his family, 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 9th,
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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