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Representing God's Love
To our Congregation,
Community, and the World

Divine Service: Setting One

Pre-Service Music

Ringing of the Church Bell

OPENING HYMN

The Law of God Is Good and Wise

LSB 579



1 The Law of God is good and wise And sets His
 2 Its light of ho - li - ness im - parts The knowl - edge
 3 To those who help in Christ have found And would in
 4 But those who scorn - ful - ly dis - dain God's Law shall



will be - fore our eyes, Shows us the way of righ - teous -
 of our sin - ful hearts That we may see our lost es -
 works of love a - bound It shows what deeds are His de -
 then in sin re - main; Its ter - ror in their ear re -



ness, And dooms to death when we trans - gress.
 tate And turn from sin be - fore too late.
 light And should be done as good and right.
 sounds And keeps their wick - ed - ness in bounds.

5 The Law is good; but since the fall
 Its holiness condemns us all;
 It dooms us for our sin to die
 And has no pow'r to justify.

6 To Jesus we for refuge flee,
 Who from the curse has set us free,
 And humbly worship at His throne,
 Saved by His grace through faith alone.

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

LSB 151

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

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 74:1–3; antiphon: Psalm 69:9

For zeal for your house has consumed me,
and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.

O God, why do you cast us off forever?

Why does your anger smoke against the sheep of your pasture?

Remember your congregation, which you have purchased of old, which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage!

Remember Mount Zion, where you have dwelt.

Direct your steps to the perpetual ruins;

the enemy has destroyed everything in the sanctuary!

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.

For zeal for your house has consumed me,

and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.

KYRIE

LSB 152

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

- P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

- P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

- P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

C **O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 26:8–15

⁸When Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, “You shall die!

⁹Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, ‘This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant?’” And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

¹⁰When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king’s house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD. ¹¹Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, “This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears.”

¹²Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, “The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. ¹³Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. ¹⁴But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. ¹⁵Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Philippians 3:17–4:1

¹⁷Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

¹Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



C 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.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 13:31–35

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus], “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³²And he said to them, “Go and tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course. ³³Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.’ ³⁴O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not! ³⁵Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

On Eagles' Wings

LSB 727



1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, Who a -
 2 snare of the fowl - er will nev - er cap - ture you, And
 3 You need not fear the ter - ror of the night, Nor the
 4 For to His an - gels He's giv - en a com - mand To



bide in His shad - ow for life,
 fam - ine will bring you no fear;
 ar - row that flies by day; Though
 guard you in all of your ways; Up -

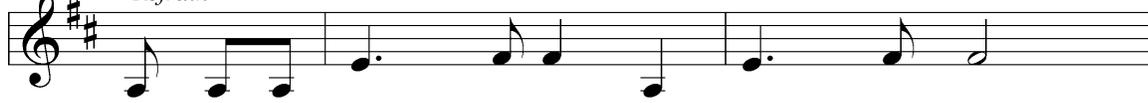


Say to the Lord: "My ref - uge, My
 Un - der His wings your ref - uge, His
 thou - sands fall a - bout you,
 on their hands they will bear you up, Lest you



rock in whom I trust!"
 faith - ful - ness your shield.
 Near you it shall not come.
 dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

Refrain



And He will raise you up on ea - gles' wings,



Bear you on the breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the



sun, And hold you in the palm of His hand. 2 The

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE HYMN

God Loves Me Dearly

LSB 392, v. 1

1 God loves me dear - ly, Grants me sal -
va - tion, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.

Text: August Rische, 1819–1906; tr. composite
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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE HYMN

I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

LSB 740, v. 1

1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at
heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,
Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry
day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.

Text: Henrietta L. von Hayn, 1724–82; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941
Tune: Choral-Buch . . . Brüder-Gemeinen, 1784, Leipzig
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APOSTLES' CREED

LSB 159

**☐ 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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Create In Me

LSB 956

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way
from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE 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.

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.



1 Sing, my tongue, the glo - rious bat - tle; Sing the end - ing
 2 Tell how, when at length the full - ness Of the ap - point - ed
 3 Thus, with thir - ty years ac - com - plished, He went forth from
 4 Faith - ful cross, true sign of tri - umph, Be for all the
 △ 5 Un - to God be praise and glo - ry; To the Fa - ther



of the fray. Now a - bove the cross, the tro - phy,
 time was come, He, the Word, was born of wom - an,
 Naz - a - reth, Des - tined, ded - i - cat - ed, will - ing,
 no - blest tree; None in fo - liage, none in blos - som,
 and the Son, To the e - ter - nal Spir - it hon - or



Sound the loud tri - um - phant lay; Tell how Christ, the
 Left for us His Fa - ther's home, Blazed the path of
 Did His work, and met His death; Like a lamb He
 None in fruit thine e - qual be; Sym - bol of the
 Now and ev - er - more be done; Praise and glo - ry



world's re - deem - er, As a vic - tim won the day.
 true o - be - dience, Shone as light a - midst the gloom.
 hum - bly yield - ed On the cross His dy - ing breath.
 world's re - demp - tion, For the weight that hung on thee!
 in the high - est While the time - less a - ges run.

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March Bible Verse

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
Psalm 46:1

Our Mission Statement

Representing God's Love to our Congregation, Community, and the World!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week's Schedule

March 13 – March 20

Today:

Second Sunday in Lent

9:00 AM Sunday School/Adult Bible Study

10:15 AM Divine Worship Service

Acolyte: Coby Boggan

Guest Register: Pauline Kettler

Ushers: Henry Kettler Robert Kettler
 Don Koester Valgene Kohring

Monday:

10:00 AM

Worship Online

Tuesday:	8:30 AM	VBS Work Day
	9:00 AM	Youth Work Day
Wednesday:	6:00 PM	Midweek Lenten Meal
	7:00 PM	Midweek Lenten Worship Service
	Ushers:	Arturo Maya Charles Meyer Brad Molitor Paul Richter



Next Sunday: *Third Sunday in Lent*

9:00 AM	Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
10:15 AM	Divine Worship Service
Acolyte:	Ben Schwartz
Guest Register:	Theresa Kettler
Ushers:	Collin Schroeder Dale Schroeder Ian Schroeder Mike Schroeder

Serving in March: Elder – Chris Smitherman / Trustee – Delwin Gaskamp

If you have a question or thought concerning spiritual care or the church property, please contact the appropriate elder or trustee.



The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God by Pauline Kettler.



Our Church Members: Pat Boenker, Deloris Griffin, Al Hafer, Lathel Norris, Lindsay Rosenbaum, Dorcas Schroeder, Fritz & Jo Ann Schwartz, those affected by COVID-19, and those recovering from various illnesses

Our Shut-ins: Renee Brinkmann, Mildred Holle, Mary McCoy, James Schoenemann, Lorine Schroeder

THANK YOU!

THANK YOU! Thank You to everyone who supported the youth who will attend the Youth Gathering in July by purchasing meals last week. It was a very successful event, **servicing 115 meals**. A very special and grateful thank you to the anonymous donor who gave a generous donation for the group to help with expenses in Houston. Due to extra food purchased, the **Youth will serve a meal on March 30th before the Lenten service**. The Youth also received a Thrivent Action grant to help pay for all the supplies needed.



The youth will have a work day on Tuesday, March 15th at 9:00am.

Please dress in old clothes due to painting.

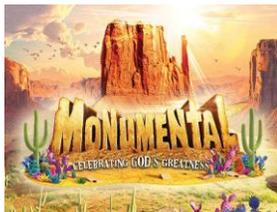


On **Tuesday, March 15th at 8:30am**, there is a **VBS work day** to begin work on the design set. Members of the congregation who would love to help create and paint are welcome.

During the month of March, the Congregation is encouraged to give a **special offering** to the **Parish Hall Renovation Fund**. Thank you for your support as we continue to represent God's love to each other, our community, and the world!



Wednesday evening Lenten Meals are back!
Please see the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall to volunteer. **We still need a few volunteers.**



Join us for a **“MONUMENTAL”** off road adventure through the colorful canyons and sunbaked trails of the southwest. Monumental VBS will be held **June 5 - June 10**. We will “Celebrate God’s Greatness” and form a rock solid foundation for the road ahead. Mark your calendar and watch the bulletin for future updates.



Eligible **Thrivent** Financial members who have designated Choice Dollars have until **March 31, 2022** to **direct** any **remaining 2021 Choice Dollars**.

Help support Bethlehem Lutheran Church through your Choice Dollars!
Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 800-847-4836 and say “Thrivent Choice” after the prompt.
If you have any questions, you can call an area associate @ 979-836-0693.

Camp Pioneer

We will be going to Camp Pioneer, at Camp Lonestar, June 26 through July 1. If you are between the ages of 8 and 18 and would like to go please contact the church office at 979.836.7303 or Pastor Mark at 979.551.2293.



Last Week at Bethlehem

SERVICE	ATTENDANCE	GIFTS IN RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL
03-02 Ash Wednesday	77	General Fund: \$1,093.00 Parish Hall Fund: \$10.00
03-06 Sunday School	23	\$41.24
03-06 Adult Bible Class	15	
03-06 Worship Service	122	General Fund: \$4,772.00 LWML-Ladies Aid Parish Hall Fund: \$5,431.24 Building Fund: \$1,400.00 Parish Hall Fund: \$17,150.00