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To our Congregation,
Community, and the World

Divine Service: Setting One

Pre-Service Music

Ringling of the Church Bell

OPENING HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

LSB 686



1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -
 4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy



sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,
 help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,
 strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter
 love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,



Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less
 Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
 Bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I
 How I'll sing Thy won - drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er



glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me
 strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to
 feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my
 tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine



ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.
 res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
 heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.
 an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

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CONFESSON 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 51:2–6; antiphon: v. 1

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

and cleanse me from my sin!

For I know my transgressions,

and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,

so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,

and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,

and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

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.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

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.



C A - men.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

C **Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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

Isaiah 12

¹You will say in that day:

“I will give thanks to you, O LORD,
for though you were angry with me,
your anger turned away,
that you might comfort me.

²“Behold, God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid;
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.”

³With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴And you will say in that day:

“Give thanks to the LORD,
call upon his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that his name is exalted.

⁵“Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.

⁶Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

¹⁶From 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. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

VERSE FOR LENT

LSB 157

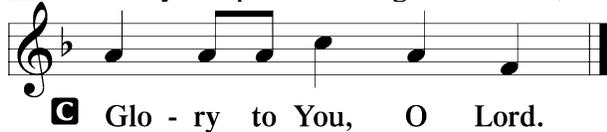


C Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

³So he told them this parable: . . .

^{11b}“There was a man who had two sons. ¹²And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. ¹³Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

¹⁷“But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”’ ²⁰And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²²But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

²⁵“Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and

dancing. ²⁶And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ ³¹And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN

God Loved the World So That He Gave

LSB 571



1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made
 3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all



Son the lost to save, That all who would in
 flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in
 sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the
 sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
 Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
 Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.
 Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

5 If you are sick, if death is near,
 This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
 Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
 That is the firmest ground of faith.

△6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
 And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
 To You, O blessèd Trinity,
 Be praise now and eternally!

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SERMON

The Father – Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32

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
Tune: German
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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 27 – April 3

Today:

Fourth Sunday in Lent

9:00 AM

Sunday School/Adult Bible Study

10:15 AM

Divine Worship Service

Acolyte:

Caleb Kettler

Guest Register:

Marilyn Klussmann

Ushers:

Rallin Wellmann

Samuel Smitherman

Billy Ashorn

Blane Ashorn

Monday:

10:00 AM

Worship Online

Tuesday:	1:00 PM	Lutheran World Relief Quilt Event
Wednesday:	6:00 PM	Midweek Lenten Meal
	7:00 PM	Midweek Lenten Worship Service
	Ushers:	Brian Ashorn Jason Ashorn Melvin Ashorn Charlie Boggan
Saturday:	8:30 AM	Youth Work Day – Amphitheater
Next Sunday:	<i>Fifth Sunday in Lent</i>	
	9:00 AM	Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
	9:00 AM	Youth League Meeting
	10:15 AM	Divine Worship Service
	Acolyte:	Caleb Klussmann
	Guest Register:	Shirley Klussmann
	Ushers:	Daryl Dahman Michael Dieterich Albin Flisowski Delwin Gaskamp
	11:30 AM	Youth to Mr. Gatti's and Horseshoe Junction

Serving in March: Elder – Chris Smitherman / Trustee – Delwin Gaskamp
Serving in April: Elder – Mike Schroeder / Trustee – Melvin Ashorn

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 Marilyn Klussmann.



Our Church Members: Deloris Griffin, Al Hafer, the family of Gloria Ann Klussmann, Lathel Norris, Lindsay Rosenbaum, Dorcas Schroeder, those affected by COVID-19, and those recovering from various illnesses

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



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

As of Sunday, **March 20th**, the church **has received \$75,791.85** in March donations to the building fund and parish hall fund. This **leaves a balance of \$76,708.15** required to reach **our goal of \$152,500.00** in donations for the parish hall renovation project in the month of March.

LWML
 We will work on **Lutheran World Relief quilts**
 this **Tuesday at 1 PM** in the Parish Hall.



Quilts for
 Lutheran World Relief



Youth Reminders

- This Saturday we will have a Work Day in the Amphitheater at 8:30 AM.
- Next Sunday, April 3, we are going to Mr. Gatti's and Horseshoe Junction after church.

Easter Lilies

Easter lilies are \$12.00 each and must be ordered by April 10th. Contact Vickie Ashorn for more information at 979-277-4393.



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.

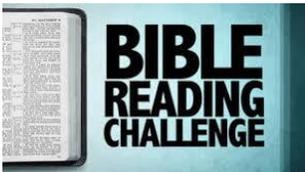


Eligible **Thrivent** Financial members who have designated Choice Dollars have until **this Thursday, March 31, 2022** to **direct** any **remaining 2021 Choice Dollars**.

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.



Beginning Sunday, April 3, The Sunday School students and teachers CHALLENGE the Adult/Youth Bible class and YOU, the congregation to a **Book of Matthew Reading Challenge**. The Challenge ends when the first group finishes reading the Book of Matthew. The teams are the Sunday School students, teachers, and Grandma Shirley Klussmann against the

Adult/Youth Bible Class and Congregation. **Add your name to the box in the narthex to accept the challenge!**

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

<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>GIFTS IN RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL</u>
03-16 Midweek Lenten Worship Service	52	General Fund: \$183.00 Parish Hall Renovation: \$300.00
03-20 Sunday School	20	\$38.41
03-20 Adult Bible Class	17	
03-20 Worship Service	90	General Fund: \$1,623.00 Parish Hall Renovation: \$23,600.00