

"As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life."

John 3:14, 15

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Divine Service 3

March 10, 2024

Scripture of the Day

Numbers 21:4–9 Ephesians 2:1–10 John 3:14–21

A Prayer before Worship

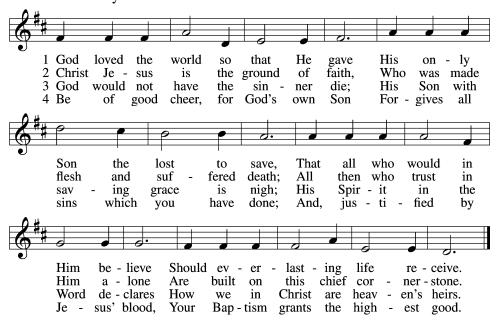
O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

Prelude: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross", P. Bunjes (Text: LSB 425 sts. 1, 3, 4)

Please stand and face the Processional Cross.

Processional Hymn: God Loved the World So That He Gave

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- 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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Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Matthew 28:19h; [18:20]
- Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

 [Hebrews 10:22]
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

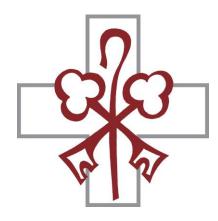
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the H Son and of the Holy Spirit.

 [John 20:19-23]
- C Amen.



+ Service of the Word +

Introit Psalm 27:4, 5; antiphon: v. 1, 3



- The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom | shall I fear?*

 The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I | be afraid?

 Though an army encamp against me, my heart | shall not fear;*

 though war arise against me, yet I will be | confident.
- One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek | after:*

 that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his | temple.

 For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of | trouble;*
 - he will hide me in his shelter in the day of | trouble;*

 he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.
- Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
 and to the Holy | Spirit;
 as it was in the be- | ginning,*
 is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
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Mark 10:47

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.



Salutation and Collect of the Day



2 Timothy 4:22

- 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.
- C Amen.

Sit



The Old Testament Reading Numbers 21:4–9

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." ⁶Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." ⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Reading Ephesians 2:1–10

¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁵and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁵so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁵For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁵not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹¹For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand



During the Season of Lent, we focus on our sin, repentance, and the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, and so do not sing "Alleluia" until the Great Vigil of Easter. Though every Sunday is a "little Easter" we restrain our praise at this time until the Feast of the Resurrection, when all of Christendom joins in singing alleluias to our King.

The Holy Gospel John 3:14–21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

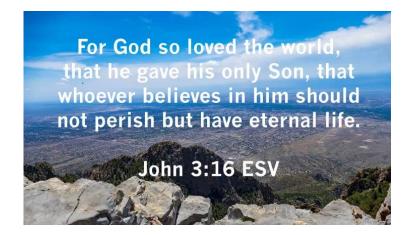


¹⁴[Jesus said:] "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. ²¹But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been carried out in God."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.





Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,	Deuteronomy 6:4, Isaiah 44:6
the Father Almighty,	Matthew 6:9; Exodus 6:3
maker of heaven and earth	Genesis 1:1; John 1:1
and of all things visible and invisible.	Colossians 1:16
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,	Romans 10:9
the only-begotten Son of God,	John 3:16; Matthew 16:16
begotten of His Father before all worlds,	John 1:2
God of God, Light of Light	John 17:22; John 8:12; John 1:1
very God of very God,	Colossians 2:9
begotten, not made,	John 1:2
being of one substance with the Father,	John 10:30
by whom all things were made;	Hebrews 1:2; John 1:3
Who for us men and for our salvation	Matthew 20:28; Galatians 4:4-5
came down from heaven	John 3:13, John 6:38
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary	Luke 1:34-35
and was made man;	John 1:14
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.	Mark 15:25; John 19:16-18
He suffered and was buried.	John 19:1-3; Luke 23:53
And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures	1 Corinthians 15:4; Luke 24:6
and ascended into heaven	Acts 1:9
and sits at the right hand of the Father.	Acts 7:55
And He will come again with glory	Matthew 26:64
to judge both the living and the dead,	Acts 10:42; Matthew 3:12
Whose kingdom will have no end.	2 Peter 1:11
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,	John 14:26; Genesis 1:2; Acts 2:38
the Lord and giver of life,	Titus 3:5; 1 Corinthians 12:3
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,	John 15:26
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and	glorified, Mt. 3:16-17; Lk. 2:14
Who spoke by the prophets.	Ezekiel 11:5; 2 Peter 1:20-21
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,	1 Peter 2:5; Ephesians 2:19-22
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,	Ephesians 4:5, Acts 2:38
And I look for the resurrection of the dead 1 Corinthian	ns 15:35-49; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
and the life $+$ of the world to come.	Isaiah 65:17-19; Revelation 21:1-4
Amen.	Psalm 106:48

Please remain standing for the Hymn of the Day.

Stanzas 1 and 3 sung by Choir only



- 5 Evil world, I leave thee; thou canst not deceive me, thine appeal is vain. Sin that once did blind me, get thee far behind me, come not forth again. Past thy hour, O pride and pow'r; sinful life, thy bonds I sever, leave thee now forever.
- 6 Hence, all fear and sadness! For the Lord of gladness, Jesus, enters in.
 Those who love the Father, though the storms may gather, still have peace within.
 Yea, whate'er I here must bear, Thou art still my purest pleasure, Jesus, priceless treasure!

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Sermon Rev. Stephen Schumacher

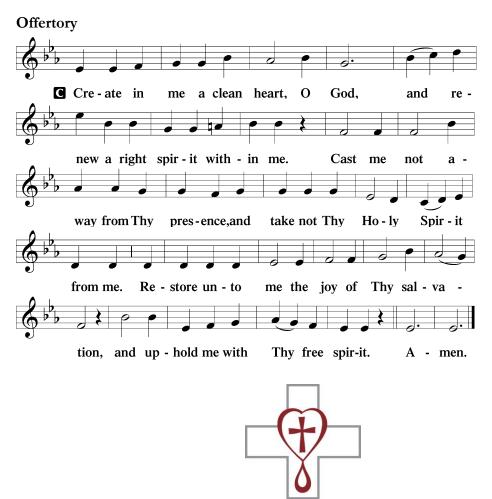
Stand

Prayer of the Church

- **P** Lord, in your mercy.
- C Hear our prayer.

Thank you for continuing to support the Lord's Work here at Bethany. Offering plates are available at the back of the sanctuary, or consider giving through the Vanco Mobile app or online at www.bethanylcs.org.

Psalm 51:10-12

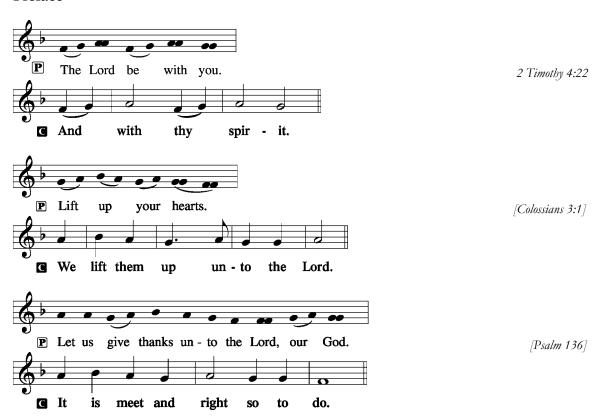


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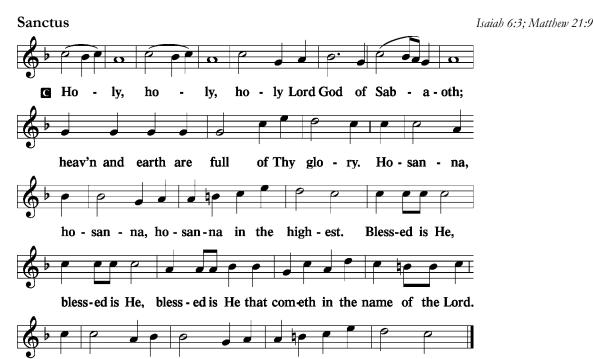
About Receiving the Lord's Supper at Bethany

As we receive the Lord's Holy Supper according to His institution, we receive the salvation, forgiveness, and life eternal won for us on the cross. Also, we believe that when a person communes at an altar, one confesses unity with the teachings of that church. Therefore, if you are not in fellowship with the teaching of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, we ask that you refrain from communion until you have had opportunity to speak with one of the pastors about Christ's bodily presence and the forgiveness of sins given in this meal. However, all are welcome to receive a blessing, for the forgiveness of Jesus is still yours. Please indicate this as your intention by crossing your arms over your chest when the pastor comes by.

Preface



P It is truly meet, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:

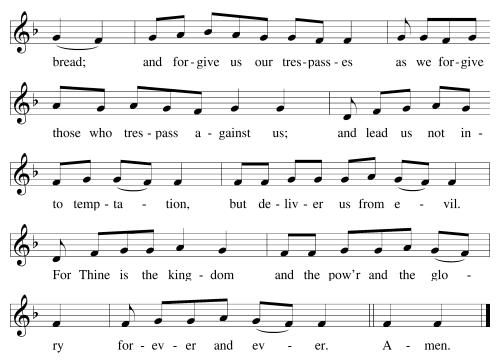


Lord's Prayer: Our Father Who Art in Heaven LSB 957

Matthew 6:9-13



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.



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The Words of Our Lord

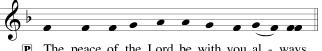
Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

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 H blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."



Pax Domini John 20:19



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



Sit

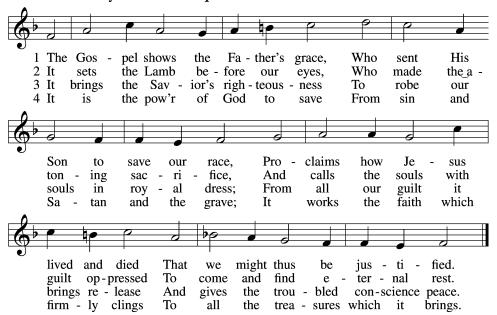
Agnus Dei John 1:29



A Prayer for Right Reception of the Lord's Supper

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

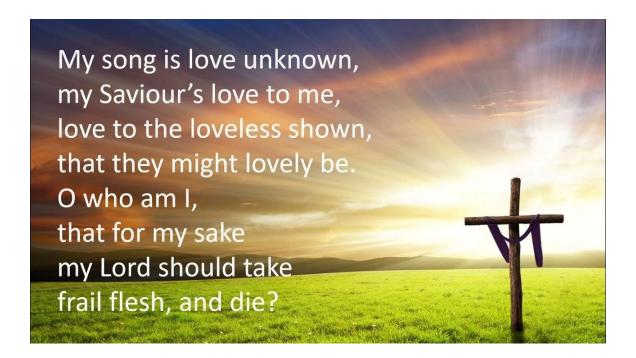
Distribution Hymn: The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace



- 5 It bears to all the tidings glad And bids their hearts no more be sad; The weary, burdened souls it cheers And banishes their guilty fears.
- 6 May we in faith its message learn
 Nor thanklessly its blessings spurn;
 May we in faith its truth confess
 And praise the Lord, our righteousness.

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Stand

Thanksgiving after Receiving the Sacrament

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Dismissal

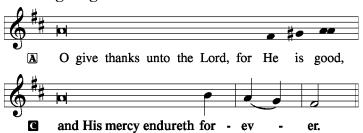
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.

Luke 2:29-32

C Amen.

Nunc Dimittis Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace accord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people, to light-en the Gen-tiles and the glo - ry a light of Thy peo-ple Is ra - el. Glo - rv be to the Father and the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world without end. A-men.

Thanksgiving Psalm 107:1



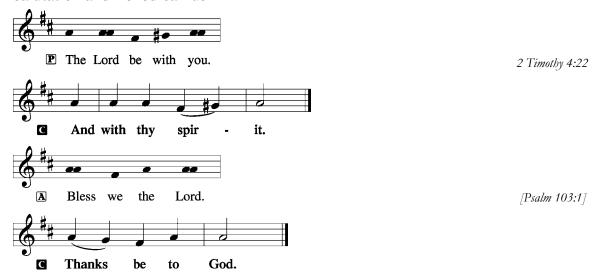
Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

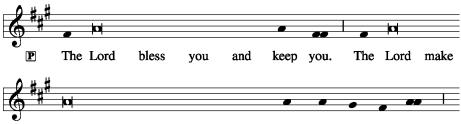
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Salutation and Benedicamus



Benediction Numbers 6:24-26

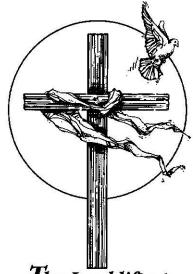


His face shine upon you and be gra-cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and 4 give you peace.



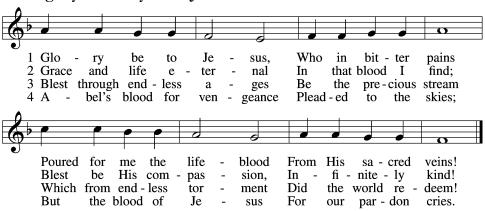


The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

-Numbers 6:26

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Closing Hymn: Glory Be to Jesus

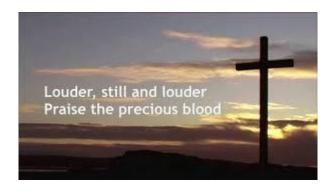


- Oft as earth exulting
 Wafts its praise on high,
 Angel hosts rejoicing
 Make their glad reply.
- 6 Lift we, then, our voices,Swell the mighty flood;Louder still and louderPraise the precious blood!

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Postlude: WEM IN LEIDENSTAGEN ("Glory Be to Jesus"), J. Behnke



A Prayer after Worship

Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in faith until, with all Your saints, I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Those Serving You Today

8:30

Preacher and Celebrant: Rev. Stephen Schumacher

Assisting Pastors: Rev. Seth Clemmer, Rev. Emmett Bartens

Organist: Kantor Jonathan Swett **Musical Ensemble:** Proclaim

Flutist: Katie Downs

Live Stream Tech: James Blasius Acolytes: Clara Bello, Jackson Locy

Sacristans: Troy Parlier, Doug Splitt, JR Wilson, volunteer needed **Ushers:** Rick Grimes, Brent Hawley, Pete Locy, Rich Witkowski

Communion Care: Amy Darcy

11:00

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Organist: Kantor Jonathan Swett **Musical Ensemble:** Proclaim

Flutist: Katie Downs

Acolytes: Lillian Bell, Kenny Fox

Sacristans: Tye Fox, Chris Koenig, Dominic Salvino, Mike Walsh

Ushers: Chad Baganz, Jonathan Knussman, Chuck Kuehl, volunteer needed

Communion Care: Ashly Koenig

Fourth Sunday in



Why do we celebrate Lent for 40 days?

Don't forget what Lent is all about! It is a time when we are reminded of what Jesus gave up for us, and a time when we look forward to and prepare for His death and resurrection!



We celebrate Lent for six weeks, or 40 days, as we remember Christ's temptation in the wilderness in the Gospel of Matthew. There Jesus was without food for 40 days.



We remember the temptation of **the Israelites in the desert** after the Lord had delivered them from Egypt. This lasted 40 years.



Finally, we can remember the story of **Noah and his family**. After 40 days and 40 nights of rain, the Lord delivered them as He promised.

During these 40 days of Lent, we remember God's faithfulness to His people and how His faithfulness is complete in Jesus, our Savior. Jesus remains faithful to us, always being where He promises to be: in His Word and Sacraments. Wow! What a Savior!



Parents: Continue to encourage your children in their Lenten preparation. During worship, point out the places where our Lord comes to us (i.e. God's Word, Holy Communion, Holy Baptism, Absolution). Remember, being their example and companion on this Lenten journey makes a difference!



Prayers

For comfort, health, and recovery:

- Sandra Bell, liver cancer
- Eric Burnell, for successful treatments
- Aiden Goldbeck, infant heart and neurological issues
- Don Lohrentz, recovering from surgery
- Kathy Olsted, cancer, and her family for strength and peace
- Sue Sreniawski, Cellulitis
- Nancy D, friend to Donna Linnemeyer, for strength during chemo
- Nick Denny, son-in-law to Donna Linnemeyer, thanksgiving for good test results
- Tim Holms, friend to Jennifer Staffeldt, heart surgery

Those who serve in the Armed Forces and their families:

Quinn Parlier, Jacob Wilson, Andrew Bear (nephew to Beth Hawley), Matthew and Michael Hinze (sons to Don Hinze), Peter Johnson (son to Dennis and Ina Johnson), Savanna Lugay (daughter to Joe and Bethany Lugay), Conor L. McGavern (nephew to Becky McBroom), Aaron Mock (nephew to Debbie Kokaska), Kyle G. Schmidt (nephew to Becky McBroom), Scott Slown (husband to Jennifer Slown), Nicholas Camm-Williams (friend to Nada Salvino)

Those who are shut in or in need of ongoing care:

Roger and Charlene Fiene, Marilyn Groth, Bruce Janken, Solomon Robert, Nancy Skibinski, Chuck and Monika Werner, David and Ann Zielke

Mothers with child:

Jaimie Bartens, Emily French, Susan Keller, Sarah Lieb, Hannah Baker (daughter to Dennis and Ina Johnson), Brittany Linnemeyer (daughter-in-law to Donna Linnemeyer), Kelli Lynch (niece to Sue Sreniawski), Brooke Schmidt (niece to Becky McBroom), Erika Vignos (daughter to Richard and Janet Galloway)

Those celebrating wedding anniversaries this month:

Mario and Karen Ferrici, Bob and Shirley Grudzien, David and Sue Sreniawski

This Week at Bethany

- March 10, 12:45pm Voters Assembly
- March 12, 1:00pm Bible Reading Group
- March 12, 3:40pm Schola Cantorum Rehearsal
- March 13, 9:00am Ladies' LifeLight
- March 13, 11:00am Midweek Divine Service
- March 13, 6:00pm Lenten Soup Supper
- March 13, 7:00pm Lenten Vespers
- March 13, 7:45pm Praises Ring! Rehearsal
- March 13, 7:45pm Theology on Tap
- March 14, 11:30am OWLS
- March 14, 7:00pm 20something
- March 14, 7:00pm Evening LifeLight
- March 14, 7:00pm Proclaim Rehearsal
- March 15, 12:00pm Knitters and Crafts Group
- March 16, 8:00am Men's Bible Breakfast

Looking Further Ahead

- March 17, 8:30am and 11:00am Divine Service
- March 17, 10:00am Bible Study, Sunday School, and Confirmation Class
- March 17, 12:00pm Bethany Brass Rehearsal
- March 17, 12:15pm 4th and 5th Grade Parents Meeting with Pastor Bartens
- March 17, 12:15pm Fellowship Society
- March 19, 7:00pm Board of Finance
- March 20, 8:00pm Board of Elders
- March 21, 7:00pm College Parents Care Group

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