

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "Come and Find the Quiet Centre" (v. 1) *see insert*

**HOLY COMMUNION**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today 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.**

SONGS DURING COMMUNION:

"Holy, Holy, Holy" ELW, #473

POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: "Surely Goodness and Mercy"

CORPORATE PRAYER:

"Into Your hands we commit our lives. Into Your hands we commit Your church."

GO IN PEACE

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**Worship Team for today:**

**Presider:** Pastor Barb Lemke

**Pianist:** Cindy Josephson    **Hymnists:** Grace Flows Down

**Reader:** Rich Richmond    **Greeter:**    **Usher:** Gypsie with Marv & Ev Kelley

**Communion Asst.:** &    **Screen/Sound:** Travis Klevan

**Video FaceBook & YouTube:** Jamie Villante

# Sunday Worship Service



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## ***2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent***

**March 16, 2025**

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP

March 16, 2025

9:30 A.M.

PRELUDE: Cindy Josephson

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN: “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” (chorus only, 3 times) *see insert*

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS ELW, pp. 94–96

OPENING HYMN: “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say” ELW, #611

GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

SPECIAL MUSIC “Shepherd Me, O God” Choir

1<sup>ST</sup> READING: Isaiah 40:10–14

PSALM: Psalm 23

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW, p. 189 (Lent)

GOSPEL: John 10:11–18

CHILDREN’S SERMON Kathy Harrison

HYMN: “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us” ELW, #789

SERMON “Preparing a Table” Pastor Barb Lemke

APOSTLES’ CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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.\***

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

John & Casey Howshar

Delores Rasmussen & Dan Rasmussen

Eyes: Marvin Bohrer & Bonnie Frank

Robert McBride – Patti Schoenfeld – Mike Lemke – Susan Riley (Lorraine Chambers’ friend) – Ashlyn (daughter of friend Wade and Lynn Hampton) – Alicia Jerrup (friend of Mary Katherine Smith) – Gary (Andrea Newport’s brother-in-law) – Scott Petrock (Carol Einertson’s son-in-law) – Tammy Hawley (Sheila Kelly’s boss) – Linda Hardy – Andrew Carpenter (friend of Alexa Weaver) – Joe Baker (husband of Cathy) – Rodney Steggs and his mother Rita Johnson (friends of Hamptons) – Peggy Russell (friend of Eddie & Pat Garcia) – Linda Kirkegaard – Wendy (Kim Evancho’s friend) – Sara Teller (Kim Evancho’s friend) – Connie Lovell (Deloris DeLapp’s friend) – Lola Wertz – Bob Bliss

Ray Johnson

Danny Cowan

Carol Kirkegaard, family in California

Linda Washington (stroke)

Kaylee, friend of Hamptons

Catherine McConchie (stroke recovery)

Susan Armor (pneumonia recovery, healing of broken legs, kidney health)

Bill Schmidt (kidney health)

Gerald Kelley, Carol Smith’s significant other (Alzheimer’s)

Brayden, friend of Debbie Diedrich (brainstem blastoma)

McKay, Debbie Diedrich’s nephew (seizures)

Sylvia Cowan (leg and heart health)

Frank Ruhs, Ev Kelley’s brother, (heart health)

Joshua Stack, boyfriend of Kevin’s niece Haley (mental health)

Caroline Hailey-Kesler, Linda Hailey’s granddaughter (rare kidney disease)

Scott Crosby (recovery from infection)

Cheryl Gednalske (leg infection)

Kim Evancho (surgery)

Patsy Lohmer (knee replacement recovery)

Ted Smith, Mary Katherine’s father (hospitalized for bone infection)

Laura Thompson (foot surgery recovery)

Harold Tapey, Deloris Delapp’s cousin (heart attack recovery)

Deloris Delapp and the family of Ken Tapey, her cousin

**Homebound members:** Wil Wertz – Jim Craig – Josh Carter

**Thanksgiving for Families:**

Dick Wick

Carol Einertson

Bill & Jan Eirish

## Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

CHORUS:

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,  
Look full in His wonderful face;  
And the things of earth  
will grow strangely dim  
In the light of His glory and grace.

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## Surely Goodness and Mercy

VERSE 1

A pilgrim was I, and a-wand'ring  
in the cold night of sin I did roam  
when Jesus, the kind Shepherd, found me  
and now I am on my way home.

CHORUS

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days, all the days of my life.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days, all the days of my life.**

VERSE 2

He restoreth my soul when I'm weary,  
He giveth me strength day by day;  
He leads me beside the still waters,  
He guards me each step of the way.

## Come and Find the Quiet Centre

VERSE 1

Come and find the quiet centre in the  
crowded life we lead.  
Find the room for hope to enter,  
find the frame where we are freed;  
Clear the chaos and the clutter,  
clear our eyes, that we can see  
all the things that really matter,  
be at peace, and simply be.

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Music: John L. Bell

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VERSE 3

When I walk thro' the dark lonesome valley,  
My Savior will walk with me there;  
And safely His great hand will lead me  
to the mansions He's gone to prepare.

BRIDGE

And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
forever,  
And I will feast at the table spread for me.

ENDING

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days, all the days of my life.  
All the days, all the days of my life.

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## Welcome!

*We welcome all who gather for  
worship on this day and pray God's  
blessing on our time together!*

*Guests are invited to record their visit by  
signing the Guest Book located at the  
entrance to the worship space.*

*All worshippers are invited to sign the  
red attendance folder in the pew and pass  
it on to their neighbor to sign.*

## Upcoming Events

**Choir** – Choir rehearsals are at 8 a.m. today,  
and resuming April 6 after a two-week break,  
as we prepare for the Lent and Easter seasons.  
*Please join us in the fun in making  
beautiful music together!*

**“The Chosen” Bible Study** – Our “The  
Chosen” Bible Study groups meet on:

-Sundays after church,  
-Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom,  
-Wednesdays at 6 p.m. via Zoom (*not during  
Lent*), and  
-Thursdays at 1 p.m. at the church.  
We would love to have you join us.

**Worship Helpers Needed** – Please see sign-  
up sheets outside the entry to the sanctuary.  
We are especially in need of greeters, ushers,  
and communion assistants.

**Holy Week now posted!**

**Missions for March**– We are collecting  
canned and boxed food and monetary dona-  
tions for Interfaith of Aurora as February,  
March, and April's Missions focus. Please  
mark your checks as Missions in the note field.

**Aurora CROP Walk Fundraiser** –  
*Wednesday, March 19* at Panda Express  
(Aurora Town Center). Flyers are on table in  
narthex.

## This Week at Bethel March 16–23, 2025

<b>Sun</b>	8:00 a.m.	Choir Practice
	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	11 a.m.	SLT Meeting
	11 a.m.	Sunday School/Bible Study
	3:00 p.m.	Tongans
<b>Mon</b>	6:00 p.m.	TOPS
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
<b>Tue</b>	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study ( <i>Zoom</i> )
<b>Wed</b>	11:30 a.m.	Senior Luncheon at Mama Alvino's
	6:00 p.m.	Soup Supper
	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Wednesday service
<b>Thu</b>	11:00 a.m.	Prayer Team
	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study ( <i>in-person</i> )
<b>Fri</b>	6:00 p.m.	Tongans
<b>Sat</b>		
<b>Sun</b>	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	11 a.m.	Sunday School/Bible Study
	3:00 p.m.	Tongans



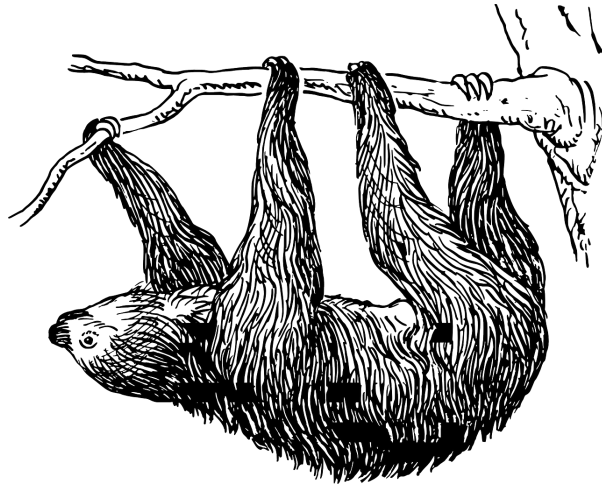
**Join us on Wednesdays in Lent**  
meal at 6 p.m., worship at 7 p.m.

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website, and YouTube channel  
or visit our LinkTree page at [bit.ly/m/Bethel-Lutheran-Aurora](https://bit.ly/m/Bethel-Lutheran-Aurora)



## Prayer for Clearing Out

- P Let us pray a “prayer for clearing out...”  
Forgiving God, we are not sure we can slow down.
- C **Help us *make room* for You.**
- P We have too often crowded you out, too busy even to make a change.
- C **Help us *find room* for You.**
- P We come to you wanting it to be different.
- C **Let us *be room* for You.**
- P In the name of Jesus, who invites us to wholeness.
- C **Amen.**



### 1<sup>ST</sup> READING: Isaiah 40:10–14

See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him;  
his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

<sup>11</sup>He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms,  
and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

<sup>12</sup>Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand  
and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure,  
and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance?

<sup>13</sup>Who has directed the spirit of the LORD, or as his counselor has instructed him?

<sup>14</sup>Whom did he consult for his enlightenment, and who taught him the path of justice?  
Who taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding?

### PSALM: Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;

<sup>3</sup>he restores my soul.

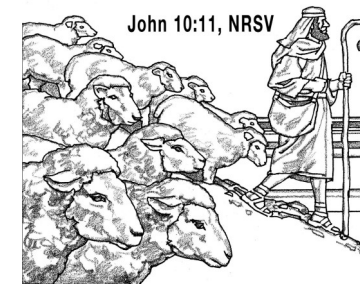
He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil; for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

The good shepherd  
lays down his life  
for the sheep.



### GOSPEL: John 10:11–18

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.

<sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”