

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: "Blessed Assurance" ELW, #638

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

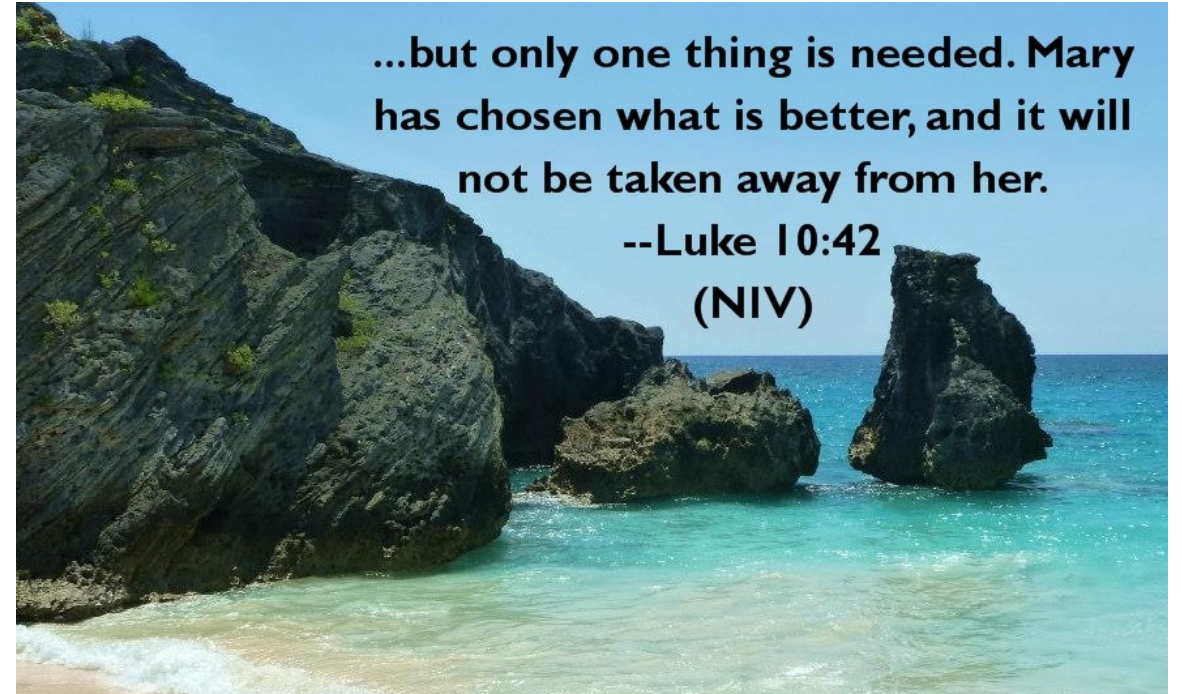
Pianist: Cindy Josephson **Hymnists:** Ron & Doris Freund

Reader: Jon Lohmer **Greeter:** Ev Kelley **Usher:** Rich Richmond & Marv Kelley

Communion Asst.: Jon Lohmer & **Screen/Sound:** Travis Kleven

Video FaceBook & YouTube: Jamie Villante

Sunday Worship Service



**...but only one thing is needed. Mary
has chosen what is better, and it will
not be taken away from her.**

**--Luke 10:42
(NIV)**

3rd Sunday of Lent

March 23, 2025

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

March 23, 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

PSALM: Psalm 27:1–4

1ST READING: Colossians 2:1–7

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW, p. 189 (Lent)

GOSPEL: Luke 10:38–42

HYMN: "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God" WOV, #783

SERMON "Tuning In" 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

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 (bone infection, delirium)

Laura Thompson (foot surgery recovery)

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

Johnnie Armor (recovery from multiple heart procedures)

Angel Torres, friend of the Lemkes (hospitalized)

Wardria Carman, Sylvia Cowan's friend (car accident injuries)

Homebound members: Wil Wertz – Jim Craig – Josh Carter

Thanksgiving for Families:

Rick & Deirdre Elder

Caroline Sikula

Joy Faciane

OFFERING

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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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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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.**

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 at 8 a.m. will re-
sume April 6 after a two-week break, as we
prepare for the Lent and Easter seasons.
*Please join us in the fun in making beauti-
ful 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.

This Week at Bethel March 23–30, 2025

Sun	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	11 a.m.	Sunday School/Bible Study
	3:00 p.m.	Tongans
Mon	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Meeting
Mon	6:00 p.m.	TOPS
Tue	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study (<i>Zoom</i>)
Wed	6:00 p.m.	Soup Supper
	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Wednesday service
Thu	11:00 a.m.	Prayer Team
	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study (<i>in-person</i>)
Fri	6:00 p.m.	Tongans
Sat		
Sun	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	11 a.m.	Sunday School/Bible Study
	11 a.m.	1 st Communion Class
	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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or visit our LinkTree page at bit.ly/m/Bethel-Lutheran-Aurora



PSALM: Psalm 27:1–4

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

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

²When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh,
they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.

³Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear.

Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.

⁴One thing I ask of the Lord; one thing I seek;

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 seek God in the temple.

1ST READING: Colossians 2:1–7

For I want you to know how much I am struggling for you, and for those in Laodicea, and for all who have not seen me face to face. ²I want their hearts to be encouraged and united in love, so that they may have all the riches of assured understanding and have the knowledge of God’s mystery, that is, Christ himself, ³in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. ⁴I am saying this so that no one may deceive you with plausible arguments. ⁵For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, and I rejoice to see your morale and the firmness of your faith in Christ.

⁶As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

GOSPEL: Luke 10:38–42

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.” ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.”



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