

Homebound members: Wil Wertz – Jim Craig – Josh Carter
Thanksgiving for Families:
Linda Washington Shellie & Rick Sasscer, Lauren and Matthew Art & Diane Jones

OFFERING
Special Music “Where Your Treasure Is” Haugen
 Heidi Davison

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: “Be Thou My Vision” ELW, #793

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:** Heidi Davison and Kiera Wilkinson-Davison
 Reader: Richard Richmond **Greeter:** **Usher:** Marv & Ev Kelley
 Communion Asst.: Rich Walker & Laina Kelley-Walker **Screen/Sound:** Travis Kleven
 Video FaceBook & YouTube: Debbie Diedrich

 Altar Flowers were given by Dana McBroom in memory of her father,
Rodney Larson.



Sunday Worship Service

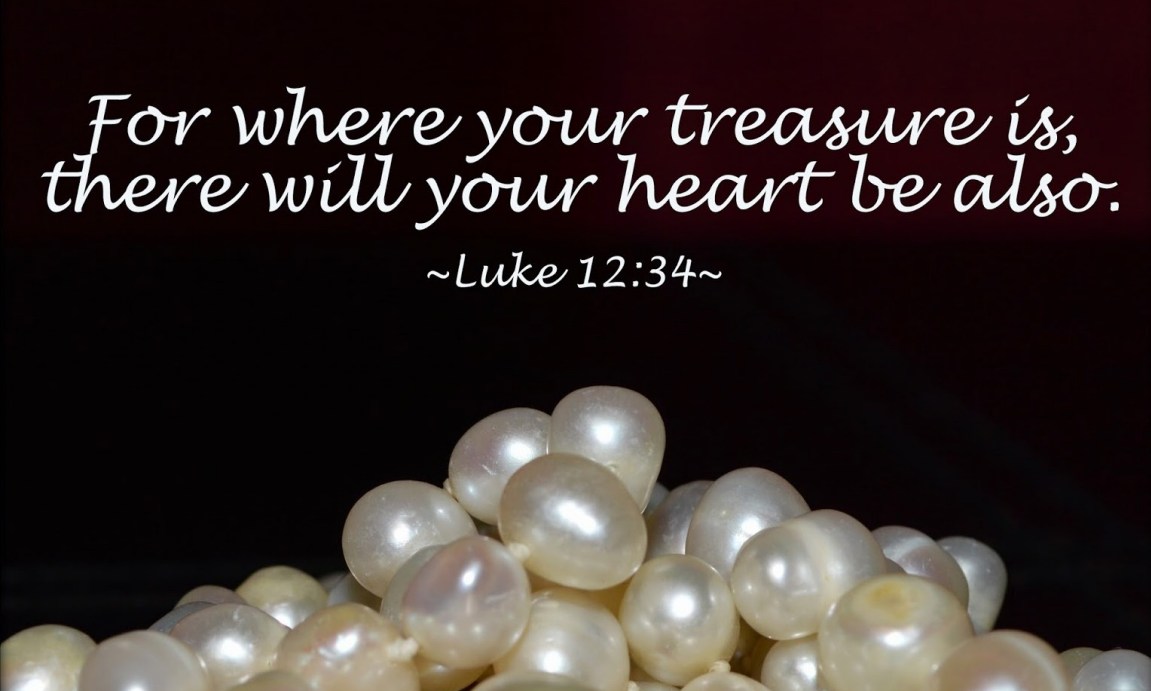


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4th Sunday of Lent

March 30, 2025
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SUNDAY WORSHIP
March 30, 2025
9:30 A.M.

PRELUDE: Cindy Josephson

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CATCHING OUR BREATH/PRAYER FOR CLEARING OUT

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS ELW, pp. 94–96

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

GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

1ST READING: Jeremiah 17:7–8, 14–16

2ND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:7–18

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW, p. 189 (Lent)

GOSPEL: Luke 12:16–34

HYMN: “Lord of All Hopefulness” ELW, #765

SERMON “Living Light” Pastor Barb Lemke

BAPTISM: *Cole Alexander Gordon* ELW, pp. 227–231

Parents: Sean Gordon and Christina Hanna

Sponsors: Dennis Veasey and Kelly Colebridge (Stand-in for Sponsors: Heidi Davison)

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 – Patrick Stephenson

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)

Chelsea and Mitchell Thompson, with Falk & Bliss families (loss of second pregnancy)

Jean Ortega, Maya Ortega’s aunt (liver failure)

The family of Fran Castillo, friend of Patty Garcia, Jesse, and Reyna

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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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.

Donations and Volunteers Needed for Easter Activities:

- ✦ Donations of candy for the Egg Hunt
- ✦ Volunteers to help fill plastic eggs with candy on April 12 at 10 a.m.
- ✦ Volunteers to help with the Easter Egg Hunt and crafts on April 19 to arrive by 9 a.m.
- ✦ Volunteers to help with set up for Easter Breakfast April 19 at 11 a.m.
- ✦ Sign-up sheets for those willing to provide items for the Easter Breakfast on April 20 are located in the narthex entryway.



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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 at 8 a.m. will
resume 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
donations for Interfaith of Aurora as February,
March, and April’s Missions focus. Please
mark your checks as Missions in the note field.

Thrivent Members – Tomorrow, March 31,
is the deadline to designate your 2024
Thrivent Choice Dollars.

This Week at Bethel March 30–April 6, 2025

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
Mon	6:00 p.m.	TOPS
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
Tue	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study (Zoom)
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 (in-person)
Fri	6:00 p.m.	Tongans
Sat		
Sun	8:00 a.m.	Choir Practice
	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.

1ST READING: Jeremiah 17:7–8, 14–16

Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,
whose trust is the LORD.

⁸They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.
It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

¹⁴Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed;
save me, and I shall be saved;
for you are my praise.

¹⁵See how they say to me,
“Where is the word of the LORD?
Let it come!”

¹⁶But I have not run away from being a shepherd in your service,
nor have I desired the fatal day.
You know what came from my lips;
it was before your face.

2ND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:7–18

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. ⁸We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. ¹¹For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus’ sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. ¹²So death is at work in us, but life in you.

¹³But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—“I believed, and so I spoke”—we also believe, and so we speak, ¹⁴because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, ¹⁸because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

GOSPEL: Luke 12:16–34

Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ ¹⁸Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

²²He said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. ²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁶If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? ²⁷Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ²⁸But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! ²⁹And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. ³⁰For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

³¹Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

³²“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Sunday, April 13, 9:30 A.M. —Palm/Passion Sunday

Thursday, April 17, 7:00 P.M.—Maundy Thursday

Friday, April 18, 7:00 P.M.—Good Friday

**Saturday, April 19—Easter Egg Hunt
& Games for children**

**Sunday, April 20—Easter
6:30 A.M. & 9:30 A.M.
Easter Breakfast—7:30–9:00 A.M.**

