

SONGS DURING COMMUNION:

“Lamb of God” ELW, p. 146
“Bread of Life from Heaven” ELW, #474
“O Bread of Life from Heaven” ELW, #480

POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing” ELW, #545

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 **Hymnist:** Kathy Harrison

Reader: Robert DeLapp **Greeter:** **Usher:** Marv & Ev Kelley

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

Youth Offering Asst.: Kiera **Youth Communion Asst.:** Kiera & Cole

Acolyte: Iliana Martinez

Video FaceBook & YouTube: Mary Katherine Smith

Sunday Worship Service



Image: Church Art Online

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1st Sunday of Lent

February 22, 2026

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Altar Flowers were given by Heidi Davison in celebration of her daughter Kiera’s birthday, and by Gay Johnston in memory of her angel grandson, Kyron, on the occasion of his 25th birthday.



SUNDAY WORSHIP
February 22, 2026
9:30 A.M.

PRELUDE: Cindy Josephson

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CORPORATE PRAYER:
“Into Your hands we commit our lives. Into Your hands we commit Your church.”

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS ELW, pp. 94–96

OPENING HYMN: “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word” ELW, #517

GREETING

KYRIE *chant these lyrics, using the tune of ELW #S 138, pp. 138–139*

L As we walk this Lenten road together, when the path is steep
and the night is long,
C **Lord, have mercy.**
L When we stumble over doubt, when we carry more than we
should,
C **Christ, have mercy.**
L When we grow tired but keep moving, trusting that You walk
beside us,
C **Lord, have mercy.**

PRAISE ELW #S 139, pp. 139–140

PRAYER OF THE DAY

SPECIAL MUSIC “Here I Stand” Choir

1ST READING: Genesis 2:15–17, 3:1–7

2ND READING: Romans 5:12–19

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW, p. 188

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1–11

CHILDREN’S SERMON Kathy Harrison
*Children leave for Sunday School afterwards, and will return for Communion.
Feel free to “pick them up” in the Fellowship Hall if you want them sooner.*

HYMN: “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me” ELW, #325

SERMON “The Wandering Way, Part One” 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 *see insert*

Thanksgiving for Families:

Javier & Victoria Castillo-Caraveo, Raylynn, Everly
Lorraine Chambers
Brad & Vicky Byrnes

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: “Create in Me a Clean Heart” WOV, #732

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

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.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Recent hospitalizations, illnesses, and concerns:

Bill Eirish (*stroke recovery*) Sylvia Cowan (*leg infection, heart health*)
Andy Catalano (*Clutterbucks' friend, lung cancer*)
McKay (*Debbie Diedrich's nephew, seizure management*)
Patricia Henley (*fall recovery & breathing, Joy Faciane's friend*) Matt Wentzel (*pneumonia recovery*)
Jenny Piorer (*Patti Schoenfeld's sister, heart*)
Daughtry Family (*Pr. Barb's friends in IA, husband ALS, hospice*)

For our homebound members and friends:

Wil Wertz – Jim Craig – Josh Carter – Cathy McConchie

For those diagnosed with cancer:

Patti Schoenfeld Rev. Mike Lemke Connie Lovell (*Deloris DeLapp's friend*)
Susan Riley (*Lorraine Chambers' friend*) Bob Bliss Patrick Stephenson
Ashlyn (*daughter of friend Wade and Lynn Hampton*) Pastor Steve Ruechel
Gary (*Andrea Newport's brother-in-law*) Marv Kelley Mike S. (*Gypsie's friend*)
Scott Petrock (*Carol Einertson's son-in-law*) Summer Stephens (*Doris Freund's niece*)
Tammy Hawley (*Sheila Kelly's boss*) Heather & Heidi Mortenson (*Lynn Hampton's friends*)
Linda Hardy Karen Ryberg (*Sylvia Cowan's niece*)
Andrew Carpenter (*Alexa Weaver's friend*) Ruth (*Joni Dammen's friend & roommate*)
Rodney Steggs & his mother Rita Johnson Cecelia Morrissey (*Debbie Diedrich's friend, breast*)
(*Hamptons' friends*) Paula Tveit (*multiple myeloma*)
Peggy Russell (*Eddie & Pat Garcia's friend*)
Linda Kirkegaard Wendy (*Kim Evancho's friend*)

For those dealing with ongoing concerns:

John & Casey Howshar (*stroke recovery*)
Delores Rasmussen & Dan Rasmussen Paige Petrock (*Carol Einertson's granddaughter, CIDP*)
Eyes: Marvin Bohrer & Bonnie Frank Carol Einertson (*heart & kidney health*)
Ray Johnson Danny Cowan Lisa Pruitt (*Andrea French's friend, congestive heart failure*)
Kaylee (*friend of Hamptons*) Stephanie & Bret's premature baby Michael (*Joy's friend*)
Bill Schmidt (*kidney health*) Ron McBroom (*Dana's husband, heart surgery*)
Gerald Kelley, Carol Smith's significant other (*Alzheimer's*) Gypsy (*esophagus health*) and the Hendricks (*friends*)
Frank Ruhs (*Ev Kelley's brother, heart health*) Ralph Westadt (*ankle surgery recovery*)
Caroline Hailey-Kesler (*Linda Hailey's granddaughter rare kidney disease*) Debbie Diedrich's mother (*knee replacement recovery*)
Scott Crosby (*recovery from infection*) Harold Wilming (*Vicki Florer's brother-in-law, brain injury*)
Donna Arntson (*Lynn Hampton's sister-in-law, stroke*) Andrea French (*migraines*)
Matthew Zenn (*Bob's grandson, heart health*) Scott Crosby (*infection recovery*) and wife
Craig Mortenson (*Lynn Hampton's friend, health*)
Mary Sellinger (*health*) and Michael (*her son,*

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

Congregational Meeting – TODAY, after worship Please plan to attend this follow-up meeting of the congregation to review the assessment of needs for the parsonage.

Choir – Choir rehearsals are nearly every Sunday (except 3/8) in Lent at 8 a.m.

Bible Study – We have multiple options for Bible Study groups that meet:

-Sundays after church,
-Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom
-Thursdays at 1 p.m. at the church .
We would love to have you join us.

Missions for Lent – We are collecting canned and boxed food and monetary donations for Aurora Interfaith as our Missions focus for Lent in February and March 2026. Please mark your checks as Missions in the note field.

Cards for Ministry – We are collecting CLEAN greeting cards of any kind (except holiday) WITH envelopes for New Beginnings Women's Prison Ministry. Please place them in the labeled bucket on the table in the entryway.

This Week at Bethel February 22–March 1, 2026

Sun	8:00 a.m.	Choir Practice
	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	11 a.m.	Congregational Meeting
	3:00 p.m.	Tongans
Mon	6:00 p.m.	TOPS
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 (<i>in-person</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Gamblers' Anon. 'Steps'
Fri	6:00 p.m.	Tongans
Sat	10:00 a.m.	Gamblers Anon. (<i>upstairs</i>)
	4:00 p.m.	Sisters Fellowship Int'l.
Sun	8:00 a.m.	Choir Practice
	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	11 a.m.	Bible Study
	3 p.m.	Tongans



*Join us on Wednesdays in Lent
meal at 6 p.m., worship at 7 p.m.
Don't forget your passport!*