

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:

“Lamb of God”	ELW, p. 146
“We Come to You for Healing, Lord”	ELW, #617
“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”	ELW, #773
“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”	ELW, #759

POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: “The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve” (vv. 1, 3, & 4) ELW, #551

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 and Doris Freund

Reader: Richard Richmond **Greeter:** **Usher:** Marv & Ev Kelley

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

Youth Offering Asst.: _ **Youth Communion Asst.:** Rhyan & Amon **Acolyte:** _

Video FaceBook & YouTube: Jamie Villante

Sunday Worship Service

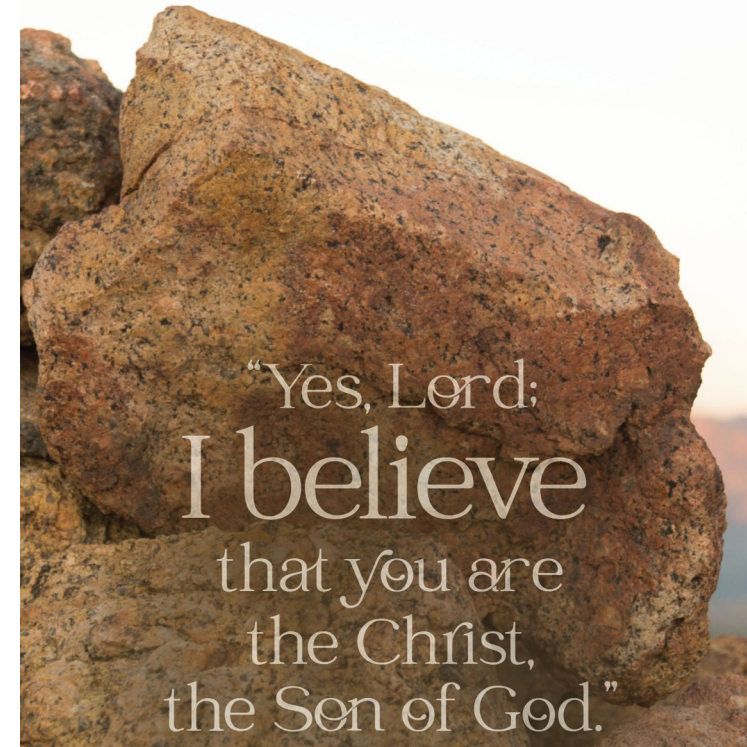


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5th Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2026

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

March 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: “Restore in Us, O God” ELW, #328

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

1ST READING: Ezekiel 37:1–14

2ND READING: Romans 8:6–11

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW, p. 142

GOSPEL: John 11:1–45

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: “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” LBW, #488

1. Breathe on me, breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love that you love,
And do what you would do.

2. Breathe on me, breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until with you I will one will,
To do and to endure.

3. Breathe on me, breath of God,
So shall I never die,
But live with you the perfect life
Of your eternity.

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SERMON “The Free 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:

Debbie Diedrich, Olivia and Grace Anderson, Bob Offerson
Carol Einerston Ginger Craig

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

PRAYER, GREAT THANKSGIVING, WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Recent hospitalizations, illnesses, and concerns:

DeeDee Pargman (*heart health*)

Paulette (*Linda Grimm's cousin, stroke recovery*)

For the families who have lost loved ones:

JoAnn and the family of Austin Keaveny (*Lorraine, Rita, Heidi & Mary's sister*)

The family of Liz May

For our homebound members and friends:

Wil Wertz – Jim Craig – Josh Carter – Cathy McConchie

For those diagnosed with cancer:

Patti Schoenfeld

Rev. Mike Lemke

Bob Bliss

Patrick Stephenson

Susan Riley (*Lorraine Chambers' friend*)

Pastor Steve Ruechel

Ashlyn (*daughter of friend Wade and Lynn Hampton*)

Marv Kelley

Mike S. (*Gypsy's friend*)

Gary (*Andrea Newport's brother-in-law*)

Summer Stephens (*Doris Freund's niece*)

Scott Petrock (*Carol Einertson's son-in-law*)

Heather & Heidi Mortenson (*Lynn Hampton's friends*)

Tammy Hawley (*Sheila Kelly's boss*)

Karen Ryberg (*Sylvia Cowan's niece*)

Linda Hardy

Ruth (*Joni Dammen's friend & roommate*)

Andrew Carpenter (*Alexa Weaver's friend*)

Cecelia Morrissey (*Debbie Diedrich's friend, breast*)

Rodney Steggs & his mother Rita Johnson
(*Hamptons' friends*)

Paula Tveit (*multiple myeloma*)

Peggy Russell (*Eddie & Pat Garcia's friend*)

Andy Catalano (*Clutterbucks' friend, lung cancer*)

Linda Kirkegaard Wendy (*Kim Evancho's friend*)

John Beiler (*Debbie Diedrich's acquaintance, terminal bone cancer*)

Connie Lovell (*Deloris DeLapp's friend*)

For those dealing with ongoing concerns:

John & Casey Howshar

Carol Einertson (*heart & kidney health*)

Delores Rasmussen & Dan Rasmussen

Lisa Pruitt (*Andrea French's friend, congestive heart failure*)

Eyes: Marvin Bohrer & Bonnie Frank

Ron McBroom (*Dana's husband, heart surgery*)

Ray Johnson

Danny Cowan

Kaylee (*friend of Hamptons*)

Gypsy (*esophagus health*) and the Hendricks
(*friends*)

Bill Schmidt (*kidney health*)

Ralph Westadt (*ankle surgery recovery*)

Gerald Kelley, (*Carol Smith's significant other, Alzheimer's*)

Debbie Diedrich's mother (*knee replacement recovery*)

Frank Ruhs (*Ev Kelley's brother, heart health*)

Andrea French (*migraines*)

Caroline Hailey-Kesler (*Linda Hailey's granddaughter rare kidney disease*)

Scott Crosby (*infection recovery*) & wife Dawn

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Matt Wentzel (*pneumonia recovery*)

Donna Arntson (*Lynn Hampton's sister-in-law, stroke*)

Jenny Piorer (*Patti Schnoenfeld's sister, heart*)

Matthew Zenn (*Bob's grandson, heart health*)

Sylvia Cowan (*leg infection, heart health*)

Craig Mortenson (*Lynn Hampton's friend, health*)

Daughtry Family (*Pr. Barb's friends in IA, husband ALS, hospice*)

Mary Sellinger (*health*) and Michael (*her son, stroke recovery*)

Bill Eirish (*stroke recovery*), at home

Paige Petrock (*Carol Einertson's granddaughter, CIDP*)

Sugar Hilinski (*pancreatitis*)

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 nearly every Sunday 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 March 2026. Please mark your checks as Missions in the note field.

Thrivent clients with membership – Don't forget to direct 2025 Choice Dollars® by March 31 at [Thrivent.com/ThriventChoice](https://www.thrivent.com/ThriventChoice)

Help Needed – If you are willing to help with either the Easter Egg Hunt (Sat. 4/4) or Easter Breakfast (Sun. 4/5) please add your name to the sign-up sheets located on the table outside the sanctuary.

Easter Lilies Deadline – Today is the deadline to sign up to sponsor lilies to adorn the church on Easter morning. Please be sure to turn in your payment as well. *Flyers are on the table outside the sanctuary.*

This Week at Bethel March 22–29, 2026

Sun	8:00 a.m.	Choir Practice
	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	11 a.m.	Bible Study
	2:00 p.m.	Tongans
Mon	11:00 a.m.	Daniel Peralta Memorial
	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>)
	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	<i>Palm Sunday</i>	
	8:00 a.m.	Choir Practice
	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	11 a.m.	Bible Study
	2 p.m.	Tongans



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