

# Born of Water and the Spirit



**[Jesus said]: "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God." –John 3:6**

***2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent***  
***March 12, 2017***

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## ***WORSHIP SCHEDULE***

Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. & Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

Holy Communion: 1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday of the month

Becky Lanzito & Karen Leicht - Organists, Ann Souza - Music Director,  
Mandi Stilson – Choir/New Music Accompanist

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## ***WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS***

We are pleased you chose to be with us in worship today, and pray the Lord blesses you as he has blessed us with your presence. Our goal is to help people find the right place for them to hear God's word and serve His mission. We'd love to support you in that spiritual journey. Please take a moment to complete an attendance card and place it in the Offering plate or give to an usher. This card will help us connect with you.

## ***NURSERY***

We have two rooms available for your use. When the service is in the sanctuary, the nursery is down the hall just past the restrooms. If the service is held in the gym, the nursery is in the youth room at the far end of the gym.

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## ***SERVING TODAY***

8:00 a.m.

10:45 a.m.

<i>Elder:</i>	JJ Jones	<i>Jack Warneke</i>
<i>Comm/Asst. Elder:</i>	Al Diercks	<i>Rich Arnold</i>
<i>Acolytes:</i>	Sam Squires, Jeremy Leicht	<i>Mineva Freehling, Lily Freehling</i>
<i>Ushers:</i>	Paul DeLassus, Mike Bandman	<i>John Schultz,</i>
	OPEN	<i>Lance Rasmussen</i>
<i>Lay Readers:</i>	Dave Ross, Cheryl Ross	<i>Suzanne Fowler, David Ziegler</i>
<i>Greeters:</i>	Novacek Family,	<i>Scott &amp; Diane Mundrick,</i>
	Maag Family	<i>Pellettiere Family</i>
<i>Fellowship:</i>	Rayos Family	
<i>March Altar Guild:</i>	Kathy Schwartz	<i>Sheila Bunnell</i>
<i>March Counters:</i>	Mary Kay Ams	<i>Joan Blasko</i>

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## ***ALTAR FLOWERS ARE PROVIDED BY:***

Diane Swanson in thanksgiving of being a Bethel member, and the Stoltzman family in celebration of Monte and the Billings' family (Fenton, Sabrina, and Dan) birthdays.

# MATINS

This service is adapted from Matins (prayer at early dawn) in Lutheran Service Book.

**Opening Anthem** 8:00AM "No Man Works Like Him" Junior Choir  
10:45AM "Rise and Shine" Cherub Choir

**Opening Hymn** Lamb of God, Pure and Holy LSB 434, sts. 1&3



1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,  
3 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,



Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.  
Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.



All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:  
All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:



Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!  
Thy peace be with us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

## Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

## Remembrance of Baptism

LSB Agenda 20, alt.

P: In Holy Baptism God the Father has made us members of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and inheritors of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive one another in the Name of Jesus as brothers and sisters in Christ, so that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

C: Amen.

## **Confession and Absolution (Forgiveness)**

LSB 151

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

1 John 1:8-9

P: We have come together today to hear God's Word, pray to Him and praise Him, and receive the gifts of His forgiveness. So let us first admit that we're not worthy of His love. Let us confess to God and confess to each other that we've sinned. We are sinners in what we think, what we do, what we don't do, and there's no way out of this by our own actions. All we can do as God's people is to seek His mercy and forgiveness that comes to us through Jesus Christ.

**C: O God, be merciful to me, for I am a sinner.**

Luke 18:13

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

LSB 184

**C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

John 20:19-23

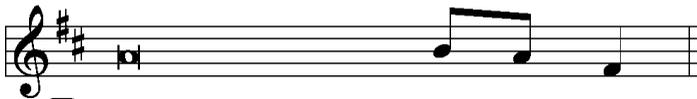


## Opening Verses

LSB 220



**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.



**C** Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



*Lent:* Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

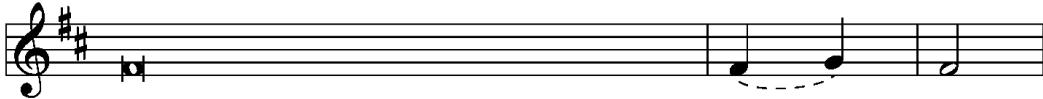


**L** Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.

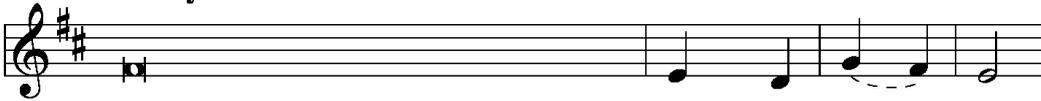


**C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

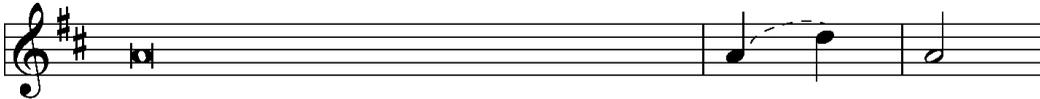
**Venite ("O Come, Let Us Sing")**



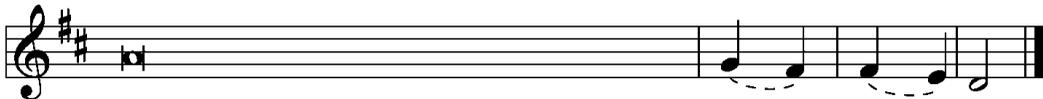
- C** 1 O come, let us sing . . . . . to the Lord,
- 2 For the Lord is a . . . . . great God
- 3 The sea is His, for He . . . . . made it,
- 5 Glory be to the Father and . . . . . to the Son



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
- 2 and a great . . . . . king a - bove all gods.
- 3 and His hand . . . . . formed the dry land.
- 5 and to the . . . . . Ho - ly Spir - it;



- 1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
- 2 The deep places of the earth are . . . . . in His hand;
- 3 O come, let us worship and . . . . . bow down,
- 4 For He . . . . . is our God,
- 5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to . . . . . Him with songs of praise.
- 2 the strength of the hills is . . . . . His al - so.
- 3 let us kneel before the . . . . . Lord, our mak - er.
- 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
- 5 is now, and will be for . . . . . ev - er. A - men.

**Responsory**



**L** Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



**C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

**Old Testament Reading**

**Ezekiel 36:24-29b (ESV)**

[Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God:] <sup>24</sup>“I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. <sup>25</sup>I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. <sup>26</sup>And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

<sup>27</sup>“And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my just decrees <sup>28</sup>You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. <sup>29</sup>And I will deliver you from all your uncleannesses.”

L: O Lord, have mercy on us. C: Thanks be to God.

**Song for the Word**

**Father Welcomes**

LSB 605

*Refrain*



Fa - ther wel - comes all His chil - dren To His fam - 'ly



through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,



Life for - ev - er has been won.



1 Lit - tle chil - dren, come to Me, For My king - dom  
2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, In His prom - ise,  
3 Let us dai - ly die to sin; Let us dai - ly



is of these. Life and love I have to give,  
be as - sured: Those who are bap - tized and be - lieve  
rise with Him, Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,

*Refrain*



Mer - cy for your sin.  
Shall be born a - gain.  
Live in the peace of God.

## **Holy Gospel**

**John 3:1–17 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup>That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

<sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>[Jesus said:] “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **Children’s Message**

## Hymn of the Day

## Dearest Jesus, We Are Here

LSB 592 sts. 1, 4-5 (alt)



1 Dear - est Je - sus, we are here, And we would o -  
4 Gra - cious Head, Your mem - ber own; Shep - herd, take Your



bey it du - ly: "You must all be born a - gain,  
lambs and feed us; Prince of Peace, make here Your throne;



Heart and life re - new - ing tru - ly, Born of wa - ter  
Way of Life, to heav - en lead us; Pre - cious Vine, let



and the Spir - it, And My king - dom thus in - her - it."  
noth - ing sev - er From You, Your branch - es for - ev - er.

- 5 Now into Your heart we pour  
Prayers that from our hearts proceeded.  
Our petitions heav'nward soar;  
May our hearts' desires be heeded!  
Write the names we have been given;  
Write them in the book of heaven!

## Sermon

### Offering & Prayer Requests

In addition to the prayer requests already received, Pastor will pause here to see if there are additional requests. Prayers can be thanksgivings, joy, requests for yourself, or requests for others.

### (10:45 AM) Welcome of New Members

**Offertory**

**On My Heart Imprint Your Image**

LSB 422



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev - er may Your work e-raise;



Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

**Prayers**

**Verses for Lent**

Hebrews 12:2

P: [O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,

C: *the author and perfecter of our faith,  
and because the joy that was set before him  
He endured the cross, disregarding its shame,  
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Amen.*

**Kyrie (Lord, Have Mercy)**

LSB 227



**☐** Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

**Collect (Prayer of the Day) for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

P: O God You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

### **Collect for Guidance**

P: Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with your most gracious favor, and further us with your continual help that in all our doings begun, continued, and ended in You we may glorify Your holy name and finally by your mercy obtain eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day 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**



☐ Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

### **The Greeting**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

### **Benedicamus (Let us bless)**

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Benediction (Blessing)**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn**

**Only-Begotten, Word of God Eternal**

LSB 916, tune: 950



1 On - ly - be - got - ten,      Word of God e - ter - nal,  
 2 Ho - ly this tem - ple      where our Lord is dwell - ing;  
 3 Hear us, O Fa - ther,      as we throng Your tem - ple.  
 4 God in three per - sons,      Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing,



Lord of cre - a - tion,      mer - ci - ful and might - y:  
 This is none oth - er      than the gate of heav - en.  
 By Your past bless - ings,      by Your pres - ent boun - ty,  
 Son co - e - ter - nal,      ev - er bless - ed Spir - it:



Hear us, Your ser - vants,      as our tune - ful  
 Ev - er Your chil - dren,      year by year re -  
 Smile on Your chil - dren,      and in grace and  
 To You be prais - es,      thanks, and ad - o -



voic - es      Rise      in Your pres - ence.  
 joic - ing,      Chant      in Your tem - ple.  
 mer - cy      Hear      our pe - ti - tion.  
 ra - tion,      Glo - ry      for - ev - er.

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