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LENT PROPHETS

This service draws from the selected readings for the weeks of Lent, Old Testament prophets who call God's people to repent of their sins and seek His forgiveness.

Entrance Words and Invocation

based on Joel 2:12-13,15-17

P: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen!**

P: Blow the trumpet in Zion; consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Consecrate the congregation; assemble the elders; gather the children.

C: **We are gathered.
Where is our God?**

P: The LORD declares to you,
“Yet even now, return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
and rend your hearts and not your garments.”

C: **Will He spare us?**

P: Return to the LORD, your God,
for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

C: **He has sent this blessing upon us. Amen.**

Opening Hymn

Long before the World Is Waking

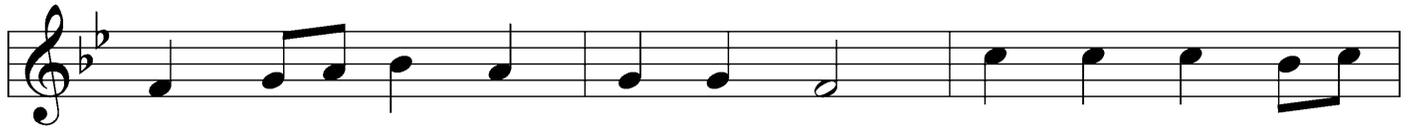
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1 Long be - fore the world is wak - ing, Morn - ing mist on
2 So they cast, and all their heav - ing Can - not haul their
3 Char - coal em - bers bright - ly burn - ing, Bread and fish up -
4 Christ is ris - en! Grief and sigh - ing, Sins and sor - rows,
5 Morn - ing breaks, and Je - sus meets us, Feeds and com - forts,



Gal - i - lee, From the shore, as dawn is break - ing,
catch a - board; John in won - der turns, per - ceiv - ing,
on them laid: Je - sus stands at day's re - turn - ing
fall be - hind; Fear and fail - ure, doubt, de - ny - ing,
par - dons still; As His faith - ful friends He greets us,



Je - sus calls a - cross the sea; Hails the boat of
 Cries a - loud, "It is the Lord!" Pe - ter waits for
 In His ris - en life ar - rayed; As of old His
 Full and free for - give - ness find. All the soul's dark
 Part - ners of His work and will. All our days, on



wea - ry men, Bids them cast their net a - gain.
 noth - ing more, Plung - es in to swim a - shore.
 friends to greet, "Here is break - fast; come and eat."
 night is past, Morn - ing breaks in joy at last.
 ev - 'ry shore, Christ is ours for - ev - er - more!

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, 1926

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Confession of Sin and Absolution

based on Ezekiel 33:7,10-11,14,16 and Isaiah 12:1-2

P: The LORD said to His servant Ezekiel,

"I have made a watchman for the house of Israel.

Whenever you hear a word from my mouth,
 you shall give them warning from me."

Hear now today, you people of God,

His word of warning that still comes to us:

"I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die.'"

**C: Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us,
 and we rot away because of them.**

How then can we live?

P: It is true what you have said, but the Lord GOD declares to you:

"As I live, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked,
 but that the wicked turn from his way and live."

Turn back, repent, return to the Lord your God,

for with Him there is forgiveness and mercy and grace evermore.

C: We turn back to You, O Lord;

we repent; we have returned to You, Our God. Amen.



P: And the LORD declares,
“None of the sins that you have committed shall be remembered against you.
You have done what is just and right; you shall surely live.”
For the Lord grants you His righteousness; His new life is yours.
Therefore, as His called and ordained servant in Jesus Christ,
I forgive you all your sin
in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

***I give thanks to You, O LORD,
even though You were angry with me,
Your anger turned away,
so that You might comfort me.
Behold, God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid;
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.***

Holy Gospel

John 21:2-6,9-17 (ESV)

[In the days after Jesus was raised from the dead, He appeared to His disciples at the Sea of Tiberias]: ⁴Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, “Children, do you have any fish?” They answered him, “No.” ⁶He said to them, “Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish... .

⁹When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.” ¹⁶He said to him a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.” ¹⁷He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Do

you love me?” and he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 10:12–22 (ESV)

[Moses said to all of the people]: ¹²“And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹³and to keep the commandments and statutes of the LORD, which I am commanding you today for your good? ¹⁴Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it. ¹⁵Yet the LORD set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day. ¹⁶Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn. ¹⁷For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. ¹⁸He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. ¹⁹Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. ²⁰You shall fear the LORD your God. You shall serve him and hold fast to him, and by his name you shall swear. ²¹He is your praise. He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen. ²²Your fathers went down to Egypt seventy persons, and now the LORD your God has made you as numerous as the stars of heaven.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**



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Hymn of the Day

Where Charity and Love Prevail

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1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail There
2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear His
5 Let us re - call that in our midst Dwells
6 For love ex - cludes no race or clan That



God is ev - er found; Brought here to - geth - er
char - i - ty we learn; Let us with heart and
Christ, His on - ly Son; As mem - bers of His
names the Sav - ior's name; His fam - i - ly em -



by Christ's love By love are we thus bound.
mind and soul Now love Him in re - turn.
bod - y joined We are in Him made one.
brac - es all Whose Fa - ther is the same.

Text: Latin, c. 9th cent.; tr. Omer E. Westendorf, 1916-97, alt.

Tune: Lucius Chapin, 1760-1842

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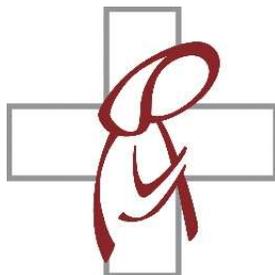
Greeting and Collect (Prayer of the Day)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *And also with you.*

P: Dear Jesus, in Your mercy You commissioned Peter to love Your Church and granted him the gifts of Your Spirit to strengthen and sustain him in his ministry. Because You have also commissioned us to love Your Church and Your world, fill us with wisdom and patience, and with love and faithfulness to Your Word, so that with gladness we may teach, comfort, counsel, and guide Your people in the way to life everlasting; through You, Lord Jesus, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



Verses for Lent

2 Corinthians 6:2b; Psalm 85:4; 4:6; 37:6; 113:7

P: Now is the time of God’s favor;

C: **now is the day of salvation.**

P: Turn us again, O God of our salvation,

C: **that the light of Your face may shine on us.**

P: May Your justice shine like the sun;

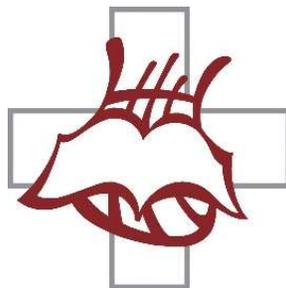
C: **and may the poor be lifted up. Amen.**

Sermon **JESUS + JUSTICE IN CONVERSATION :**
COMMISSIONED TO LOVE *Deuteronomy 10:12-22*

Song of Response *Micah 6:8*

He has shown thee, O man, what is good, and what the Lord re - quires of thee; He has

But to do just - ly, and to love mer - cy, and to walk hum - bly with thy God.



Prayers

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For Synodical President Matthew Harrison, District President Allan Buss, for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For President Biden, for Governor Pritzker, for Mayor Hood, for all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For . . . [*additional bids for prayer may be inserted here*] . . . let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:

C: Thanks be to God.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Silence for individual prayer may follow.

P: Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:

C: To You, O Lord.

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.

Confession of Faith

based on the Apostles' Creed and Ezekiel 33:12-14

P: In the 3rd Article of the Apostles' Creed, we declare:

C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

P: Hear this promise from the Lord:

“Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people.

And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people.

And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live.

Then you shall know that I am the LORD;

I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

C: Amen, amen. Yes, yes, it shall be so.



Benedicamus Domino ("Let us bless, the Lord") & Benediction (Blessing)

based on Isaiah 12:3-6

P: With joy you have drawn water from the wells of salvation, so say:

C: ***Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that his name be exalted.***

***Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.***

***Shout, and sing for joy,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.***

P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
bless and preserve you.

C: ***Amen.***

Closing Hymn

O Bless the Lord, My Soul

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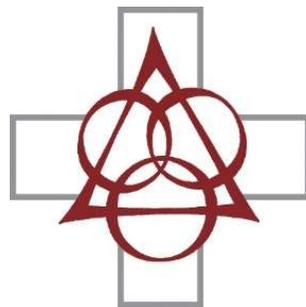


1 O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all with - in me join
4 He crowns thy life with love When ran - somed from the grave;
5 He fills the poor with good; He gives the suf - f'ers rest.



And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose fa - vors are di - vine.
He that re-deemed my soul from hell Hath sov - 'reign pow'r to save.
The Lord hath judg - ments for the proud And jus - tice for the op - pressed.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748
Tune: Aaron Williams, 1731-76



Announcements



EASTER LILIES

**Order Deadline:
Monday, March 21**

As a donation to Bethel Lutheran Church I would like _____ Easter lily plant(s) at \$12.00 each to be placed in our worship areas for Easter services on **April 17.**

Name and telephone number [please print]

Total amount enclosed: \$_____

Checks can be written to “Bethel Lutheran Church” and place check (or cash) with the form in an envelope, marked “Easter lilies” and place in the offering plate or turn in at the church office. *****Please include your donation when you submit your form.**

**Remember to take your lily plant(s)
Easter Sunday after the service
or later in the week if you would like to keep it.**



The Governing Board, with consultation of the Elders, Reopening Team, Sunday School Staff, and Staff, are made the following changes to the masking requirements at Bethel. This is in line with the end of the Illinois mask mandate, along with monitoring the input of the Lake County Health Department.

- Masks are optional for most activities in the building, including worship.
- Sunday School (PreK-8th grade) will continue to require masking (students & teachers).
- Preschool plans to continue masking the rest of the school year.
- Pastor & communion assistants will mask for distribution.
- Worship - chairs & communion rails will remain distanced until Easter when we may be able to return to a more normal setup.
- Pastor will mask when greeting people before and after worship, gauging that by how many people are continuing to wear masks.

All along our communication has been to follow the CDC and Health Department Guidelines out of genuine love and concern for others, including encouraging masking and vaccination (after consulting with your doctor).

Any further questions? Please contact the Bethel Governing Board at govboard@bethelgurnee.org.