

ISAIAH 43:16-21

**The Day
the Jackals
Joined
the Choir**



**5th Sunday in Lent
March 13, 2016**

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday at 8:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.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

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.

SERVING TODAY

Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Sunday 10:45 a.m.

<i>Elder:</i>	<i>Mike Bandman</i>	<i>Jose Rayos</i>
<i>Comm/Asst. Elder:</i>	<i>John Kozlik</i>	<i>Jack Warneke</i>
<i>Acolytes:</i>	<i>Alyssa Buttler</i>	<i>Jessica Chudy</i>
<i>Ushers:</i>	<i>J.J. Jones, Don Heidlauf, Dave Hoffmeister</i>	<i>Bill Ratzburg, Bill Schwartz</i>
<i>Lay Readers:</i>	<i>J.J. Jones, Nicole Kreamer</i>	<i>Jeanine Hautzinger, Mike Hautzinger</i>
<i>Greeters:</i>	<i>Silasiri Family, Tom & Marilyn Robinson</i>	<i>Mark & Kay Starkweather, Hautzinger Family</i>
<i>Fellowship:</i>	<i>Joan Blasko</i>	
<i>March Altar Guild:</i>	<i>Sheila Bunnell</i>	
<i>March Counters:</i>	<i>Mary Kay Ams & Joan Blasko</i>	

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE PROVIDED BY:

Craig Johnsen in memory of wife, Donna J. Wheeler Johnsen and
Diane Swanson in celebration of 2 years belonging to Bethel.

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.

Anthem

8:00 am worship *“Vine and Branches” & “Whisper a Prayer”* **Cherub Choir**
10:45 am worship *“Heart Song”* **Junior Choir**

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.

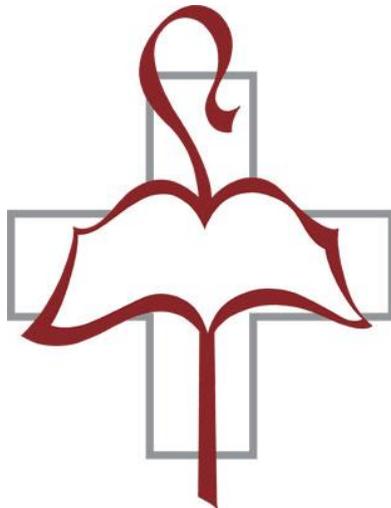
C: We are gathered. Where is our God?

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

Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

LSB 435



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined
2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, Come de - filed, with -
3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound - ed, im - po -
4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -



by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain
out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,
tent, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,
new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er



Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per -
From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and
Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain
Break His cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -



pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.
make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.
will re - store; They that drink shall thirst no more.
deem - er died, Sealed when He was glo - ri - fied.



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.

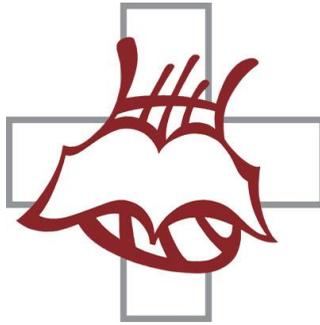
I give thanks to You, O LORD,

because 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.



Song of Thanksgiving

My Savior, My God



1. I am not skilled to un - der - stand what God has willed, what God _ has
 (2.) deed. Christ died to save me, this _ I



planned. I on - ly know at His right hand stands One who is my
 read. And in my heart I find a need of Him to be my



Sav - ior. 1. 2. I take Him at His word _ and That He would leave His place on
 Sav - ior.



high and come for sin - ful man to _ die, You count it strange; So once did _



I _ _ _ _ be - fore I knew my Sav - ior. My Sav - ior loves..



_ _ My Sav - ior lives. _ My Sav - ior's al - ways there _ for me. _ My God He was. _



_ _ My God He is. _ My God is al - ways gon - na be. _ My Sav - ior loves. _

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 — My God He is. — My God is al - ways gon - na be. —
 — My Sav - ior lives. — My Sav - ior's al - ways there — for me. — My God He was. —
 — My God He is. — My God is al - ways gon - na be. — My Sav - ior lives. —
 — My Sav - ior loves. — My Sav - ior lives. — My Sav - ior loves. — My Sav - ior lives. —

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Greeting and Collect (Prayer of the Day)

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**
 P: Let us pray. Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and 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.**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 43:16–21 (ESV)

¹⁶Thus says the LORD,
 who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior;
 they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
¹⁸“Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old.
¹⁹Behold, I am doing a new thing;
 now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
 I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.
²⁰The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches,
 for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert,
 to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹the people whom I formed for myself
 that they might declare my praise.

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

Epistle (New Testament Letter)

Philippians 3:8–14 (ESV)

⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

Children’s Message

Verse for the Season

Joel 2:13b

LSB 157

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and
 mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a-bound-ing in
 stead-fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

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Holy Gospel

Luke 20:9–20 (ESV)

⁹And [Jesus] began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. ¹⁰When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him

away empty-handed. ¹²And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. ¹³Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.’ ¹⁴But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.’ ¹⁵And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “Surely not!”

¹⁷But he looked directly at them and said, “What then is this that is written: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone’? ¹⁸Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

¹⁹The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. ²⁰So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn of the Day

Heavenly Hosts in Ceaseless Worship

LSB 949



1 Heav'n-ly hosts in cease-less wor-ship "Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly" cry;
2 All cre-a-tion, all re-demp-tion, Join to sing the Sav-ior's worth;



"He who is, who was and will be, God Al-might-y, Lord Most High."
Lamb of God, whose blood has bought us, Kings and priests, to reign on earth.



Praise and hon-or, pow'r and glo-ry, Be to Him who reigns a-lone!
Wealth and wis-dom, pow'r and glo-ry, Hon-or, might, do-min-ion, praise,



We, with all His hands have fash-ioned, Fall be-fore the Fa-ther's throne.
Now be His from all His crea-tures And to ev-er-last-ing days!

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.

Offertory**On My Heart Imprint Your Image**

LSB 422

(Sung as the offerings are brought forward to the altar)



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!

New Member Welcome & Confession of Faith

Today's Confession asks our new members and all of the congregation to affirm that we are Disciples/Followers of Jesus, committed to one another as a gathering of believers.

P: At Bethel, our mission is to help people be Disciples—life-long learners & followers of Jesus Christ. Discipleship means God awakening Disciples from head knowledge of the faith to “heart life”. Are you a disciple of Jesus?

C: *I am through the grace of God.*

P: As a gathering of disciples, do you trust that Bethel is seeking to teach faith in Jesus according to God's Word as best expressed in Lutheran theology according to the Lutheran Confessions, knowing that even if you have trouble understanding every teaching, Bethel seeks God's truth and not our own truth?

C: *I do.*

P: Are you **asking** to be shepherded (cared for in your faith) and be held accountable in your life as a believer in Jesus?

C: I am.

P: Do you **commit** yourself to encourage fellow believers at Bethel in their faith?

C: I do.

P: Will you **serve** the community around us—God's Kingdom—in partnership with this gathering of believers?

C: I will.

P: Will you **support** the mission of the congregation to bring the Gospel to those who need Jesus?

C: I will. I am a disciple of Jesus.

We are a gathering of His followers by His grace. Amen.

Prayers

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.

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

Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

LSB 918



1 Guide me, O Thou great Re - deem - er, Pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain Whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but Thou art might - y;
 stream doth flow; Let the fi - ery, cloud - y pil - lar
 fears sub - side; Death of death and hell's de - struc - tion,



Hold me with Thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,
 Lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer,
 Land me safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es,



bread of heav - en, Feed me till I want no
 strong de - liv - 'rer, Be Thou still my strength and
 songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to



more; Feed me till I want no more.
 shield; Be Thou still my strength and shield.
 Thee; I will ev - er give to Thee.

Announcements

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