

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2020

10:30 a.m.

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Baptism is sometimes called enlightenment. The gospel for this Sunday is the story of the man born blind healed by Christ. "I was blind, now I see," declares the man. In baptism God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God's beloved children. As David was anointed king of Israel, in baptism God anoints our head with oil, and calls us to bear witness to the light of Christ in our daily lives.

**Today, we use the red hymnal called Evangelical Lutheran Worship
(ELW), Setting Three**

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls together as the people of God.

Preservice Music, Welcome and Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(silence is kept for reflection)

Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Gathering Song

If You But Trust in God to Guide You

ELW 769

Greeting

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Congregation: And also with you.

If You But Trust in God to Guide You



1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle
 2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less
 3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and
 4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your



hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -
 an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's
 qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -
 ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -



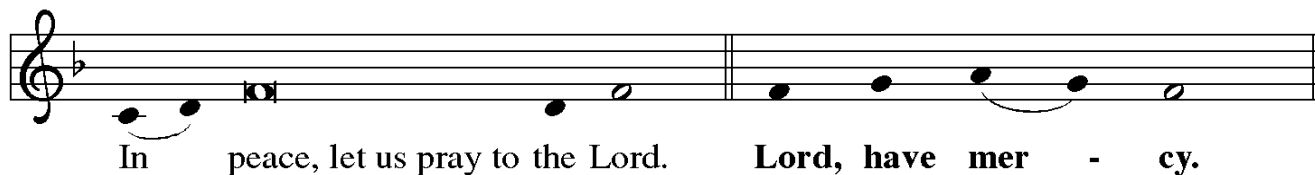
side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in
 keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who
 fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has
 serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our



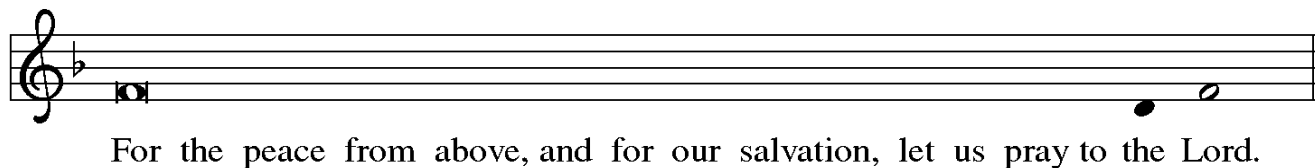
God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.
 took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.
 cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.
 con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

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 Music: WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT, Georg Neumark
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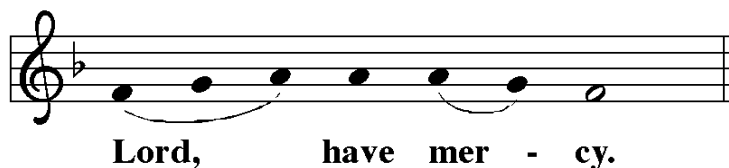
Kyrie



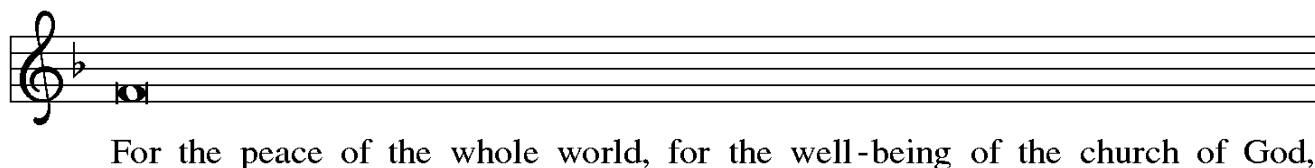
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



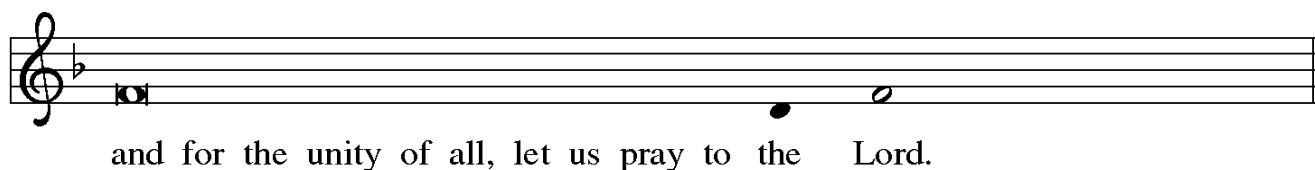
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



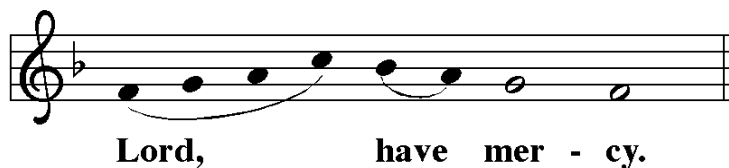
Lord, have mer - cy.



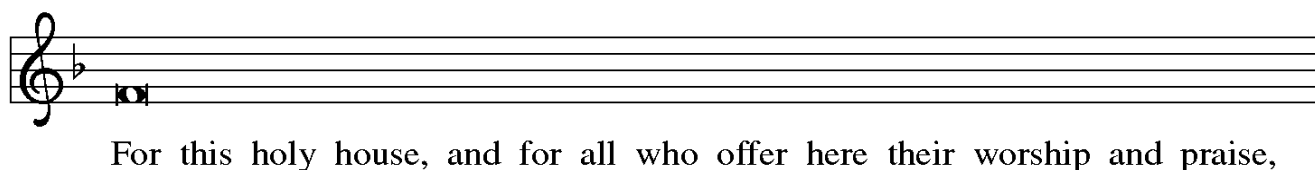
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



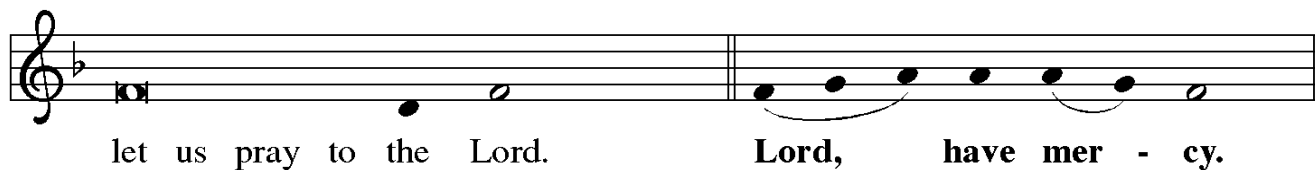
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



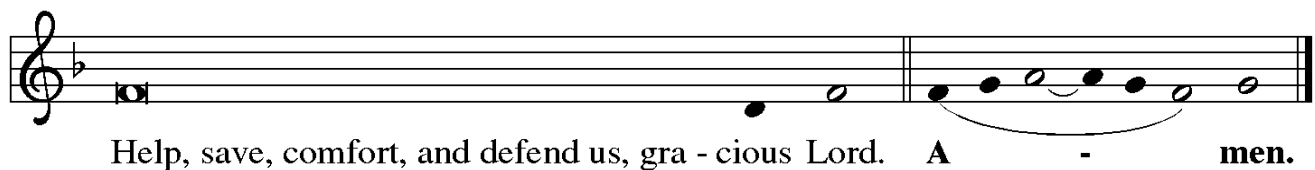
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

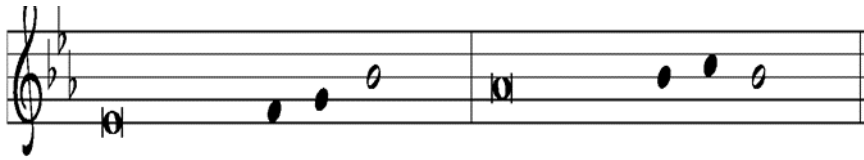
God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16: 1-13

¹The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” ²Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’” ³Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” ⁴Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” ⁵He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. ⁶When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed is now before the LORD.” ⁷But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.” ⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” ⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” ¹⁰Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” ¹¹Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” ¹²He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” ¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

The Word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23 (Psalm Tone 4)



¹The LORD | is my shepherd;
I shall not | be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down | in green pastures and leads me be- | side still waters.**

³You restore my | soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall | fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil,
and my cup is | running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever.**

Second Reading Ephesians 5: 8-15

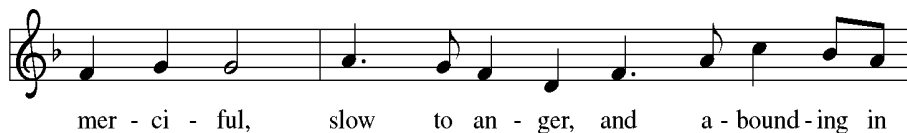
⁸Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—⁹for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; ¹³but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

The Word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Verse



Gospel

John 9: 1-41

response, Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O, Christ.

Children's Sermon

Merle Larson

Sermon

You Are Light!

Text: Ephesians 5: 8-15

Hymn of the Day

Drawn to the Light

ELW 593

Drawn to the Light



1 Peo - ple who walk in dark - ness have sought a light in the
2 How can we tell a heav - en from hell if ev - 'ry - one
3 Where is the sun? Oh, there will be none! The Lamb is the



heart of the dark - est night. Just when we thought all would be
dwells in the dark of night? Morn - ing dis - pels, gent - ly com -
one who is shin - ing bright, bids us to come! Life has be -



lost, we were drawn to the light of God.
pels, and we're drawn to the light of God.
gun when we're drawn to the light of God.

Refrain



Dawn is in sight! Gone is the night, drawn to the



light and the morn - ing. Glo - rious and bright, oh, what a



sight to be drawn to the light of God.

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SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

Candidates for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather with the ministers at the font. The assembly is seated.

P: In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Sponsors present the candidate:

We present Kayci Ann Kagle & Kyle Dean Kagle, Jr. for baptism.

P: Kelsey, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Kayci & Kyle baptized into Christ?

Response: I do.

P: As you bring Kayci & Kyle to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with them among God's faithful people, bring them to the word of God and the holy supper, teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in their hands the holy scriptures, and nurture them in faith and prayer, so that Kayci & Kyle may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Kelsey, do you promise to help Kayci & Kyle grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: I do.

The presiding minister addresses sponsors:

Amy & Sara, do you promise to nurture Kayci & Kyle in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: I do.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

People of God, do you promise to support Kayci & Kyle and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

C: We do.

The assembly stands.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

P: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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 to the dead. 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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

BAPTISM

Kayci Ann, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

C: You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

Kyle Dean, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

C: You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

P: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. (*laying on of hands*)

Sustain Kayci Ann with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Sustain Kyle Dean with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Kayci Ann, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

Kyle Dean, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

BAPTISM CANDLE & WELCOME

AM: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

AM: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

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PRAYERS

We respond to God's Word.

Prayers of Intercession

Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

God of insight, open the hearts of the church and the world to all who testify to your deeds of power. Raise up voices in your church that are often silenced or overlooked due to age, gender expression, race, or economic status. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of insight, empower us to care for the land and all living things that dwell in it and beneath it. Provide rich soil for crops to grow. Bring rain to lands suffering drought. Protect hills and shorelines from damage caused by erosion. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of insight, bring peace to all people and nations. Anoint leaders who seek goodness, righteousness, and truth on behalf of all. Frustrate the efforts of those who would seek to cause violence or terror. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of insight, you care for our needs even before we ask. Come quickly to all who seek prayer this day (*especially*. . .). Accomplish healing through the work of doctors, nurses, physical therapists, nutritionists, and all who tend to human bodies. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of insight, help this assembly lift up the unique gifts of each person who enters, no matter their physical capacity, cognitive ability, or sensory need. Help us to be creative and brave in making our facilities and our ministries accessible to all. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of insight, you call out to those who are asleep and awaken them to new life with you. We give thanks for your saints. Join us together with them as your children in this world and the next. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Peace

response, *and also with you.*

Offering

organ offertory

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. Holy and generous host, you set a table where we feast as friends. Prepare us to witness to your goodness with every gift you have given us to share, that all people may know your peace through Jesus Christ, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and +give you peace. **Amen.**

**Dismissal
Postlude**

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God**

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I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me: I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 when in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me: all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: SOJOURNER, African American spiritual; arr. hymnal version
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Serving this morning at 10:30 a.m.

Preaching	Pastor Jim Strasen
Assisting Minister	Steve Gustafson
Organist	Genevieve Bishop
Acolytes	Hudson Gustus and Nicholas Dreier
Temple Talk	Joyce Peterson
Ushers	Nate Woodard, Warren Webster, Merle & Terri Nelson, Shannon Everhart & Joel Woodard
TV Crew	Jean Kozubowski

Building on the Past - Confident in God's Future - We Make Christ Known!

Ministers	All the people of Bethany Church
Director of Youth & Family Ministries	Joyce Peterson
Interim Youth Director	Erica Lysell
Interim Pastor	James A. Strasen

2020 LENTEN EVENING WORSHIP

“Bread and Broth”

Bethany & Messiah Lutheran Churches, Lindsborg, Kansas

Join us as we explore the discipline of Lent through various soups and breads. We will discover reconciliation, service, prayer, faith, change, and trust.

Lent Evening 4, March 25, 6:30 p.m., at Messiah

“John the Baptist and Beef Barley Soup” based on Malachi 3:1-4, Mark 1:1-7, & Matthew 26:69-27:10

Lent Evening 5, April 1, 6:30 p.m., at Bethany

“Jesus and Lamb Stew” based on Hebrews 9:23-28, Luke 4:1-13, John 1:29-34, and Matthew 27:11- 31

2020 LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIVING

Ashby House	Canned Food
Baskets of Promise	LWR Personal Care Kits
Youth Group	Envelope Fundraiser
Lenten Offering	Camperships to Tomah Shinga & Oaks Indian Mission.

Remember in Your Prayers

Those who are hospitalized, suffering, or recovering from illness:

Bethany members:

Anita Nelson	Maridene Lundstrom	Ervaleene Johnson
Lou Swenson	Jolene Reese	Elly Ostlind
Gladys Anderson	Jim Attleson	Allyn & Sue Gillberg
Jane Brunsell	Rev. Elwin Bergstraesser	Heath Harris
Joan Hopp	Dolores & Walter Pelz	Betty Finney
Keo O'Rourke	Mija Stockman	Marilyn Cooper
Lois Howe	Mary Parker	Isaiah Ruble
Clarice Eckstrom	Toni & Lloyd Haukom	Cristina Armbruster
Jerry Webster	Mary Swenson	Marvin Anderson
Dave & Beth Crouse		

Loved ones:

Leon Burch	William Paul Lundblad (Nancy Lundblad's step son)
Arriana Benjamin	Mary McConniel (Cindy Couchman's aunt)
Anita Daniel	Mary Lou Smith (Linda Branch's mother)
Garry Sutton	Maxine & Don Peter (Lori Nelson's mother & brother)
Mauri Courter	Doug Hardin (friend of Kristine Isaacson)
Kristin Hammond	Ruth Ann Martin (Mary Swenson's friend)
Bonnie Young	Lois Long (Lori McKinney & Richard Johnson's sister)
Keith Smith	James Bateman (Walter & Dolores Pelz' son-in-law)
Whitney Harvey	Ruth Dodge (Gail Gustafson's mother)
Rachel Fainter	Ed & Marge Scheufler (parents of Donna Ruble)
Keith Smith	Earl Ahlstedt (Elly Ostlind's brother)
Rick Bogart	Heubert Oestmann (Grandfather to Ethan, James & Lilah)
Brent Kuehl	Josie Osio & Bob Allbright (friends of Karen Carlson)
	Mike & Heather Engberg (cousins of Elly Anderson)
	Ken Audino & Clara Kozubowski (mother & brother-in-law, to Mark Kozubowski)

Loved ones in the Military:

Ben Youngquist	Aubreigh Hedrich	Tim Lindshield
Joshua Seery	Jason Seery	Reilly Mader
Brooke Wiley	Justin Hammond	Spencer Preston
Troy Forrester		



