

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Almighty God, our redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope in the world. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

### **FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34**

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

### **PSALM: Psalm 119:9-16**

<sup>9</sup>How can young people keep their way pure? By guarding it according to your word.

**<sup>10</sup>With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments.**

<sup>11</sup>I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you.

**<sup>12</sup>Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes.**

<sup>13</sup>With my lips I declare all the ordinances of your mouth.

**<sup>14</sup>I delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches.**

<sup>15</sup>I will meditate on your precepts, and fix my eyes on your ways.

**<sup>16</sup>I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.**

### **SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:1-10**

<sup>5</sup>Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. <sup>2</sup>He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; <sup>3</sup>and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. <sup>4</sup>And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. <sup>5</sup>So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; <sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.” <sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been

made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

### **GOSPEL: Mark 10:(32-34), 35-45**

<sup>32</sup>They were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them; they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them what was to happen to him, <sup>33</sup>saying, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death; then they will hand him over to the Gentiles; <sup>34</sup>they will mock him, and spit upon him, and flog him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise again.” <sup>35</sup>James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” <sup>36</sup>And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” <sup>37</sup>And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” <sup>38</sup>But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” <sup>39</sup>They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; <sup>40</sup>but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” <sup>41</sup>When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. <sup>42</sup>So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. <sup>43</sup>But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

**THIS WEEK AT BETHANY**

<p><b>Today: March 17<sup>th</sup></b>  <i>Fifth Sunday in Lent</i>                  9:15 – Adult SS                  9:30 – Youth SS                  9:30-Coffee Fellowship                  10:30 – Worship/w Communion                  11:30-Potluck                  4:00-Youth Board Mtg @ UMC                  5:00-6:30 Youth Group @UMC  <b>Monday: March 18<sup>th</sup></b>                  7:00-Handbell Rehearsal  <b>Tuesday: March 19<sup>th</sup></b>                  8:30AM – Prayer Group                  9:30AM – Tuesday coffee at BLC  <b>Wednesday: March 20<sup>th</sup></b>                  11:30-Lenten Luncheon @UMC                  5:30-Lenten Soup Supper @ BLC                  6:30-Lenten Evening Service</p>	<p><b>Sunday: March 24<sup>th</sup></b>  <i>Sunday of Passion/Palm Sunday</i>                  9:15-Adult                  9:30 – Youth SS                  9:30-Coffee Fellowship                  10:30-Worship/w Communion &amp; Procession w/Palms</p>
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**Prayer Concerns:** Bethany Lutheran Church members, nursing home residents, Iowa storm victims, those battling COVID-19, Gina Ehlers, Pete Runneberg, Myra Walstead, Elizabeth Dunbar, Bob Winkelmann, Linda Booth, Monica Isom, Don Ehlers, Lisa Anderson, Rodolfo Rezarin, Ely Kleszczelski, Bill Alexander, Eli Honer, Dorothy Sandvig, Helen Dodge, Pastor James Puotyual, Carol Schmidt, Gloria Bell, Cenon Zarzoso, Patricia Bentsen. Our youth, parents & teachers, our military & missionaries.

Lector: Pat Alexander  
 Ushers: March 17<sup>th</sup> -Rich & Marilyn Ehlers  
 March 24<sup>th</sup> -Kelly & Dawn Gordon  
 Acolytes: Bethany Youth

**Weekly Budget Needs: \$2817.00**  
 Faith Promise 467.00      Worship 28  
 Sunday School \$0.00      Adult SS 0      Youth SS 0  
 Lent \$105.00 Lenten Soup Supper \$83.00 Lenten Evening Service 31  
 Lenten Luncheon 22

**Birthdays**-March 21- Jens Johnsen; 22- Dean Armstrong;  
 Keton Alexander

\*Please note that the blue CH (Celebration Hymnal) is located under the pew in front of you.

**Altar Flowers:**

*An asterisk (\*) indicates when to stand (for those who are able)*

**ORDER OF THE SERVICE**  
 PRELUDE/ RINGING OF THE BELL  
 WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WORSHIP OF PRAYER & MEDITATION**  
 \*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS P.56  
 \*HYMN *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less* **LBW 293**  
 \*GREETING P.57  
 \*KYRIE P.57  
 \*\* **Glory to God in the Highest.....** **58/59**  
 \*PRAYER OF THE DAY *(bulletin-in unison)*

**MEDITATION ON GOD’S WORD**  
**Lenten Reading Candles**  
**In the Garden** Pastor Klappenbach/Pat Alexander  
**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34**  
**PSALM: Psalm 119:9-16** *(bulletin – responsively)*  
**SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:1-10**  
 \* **Lenten Sentence** P.63  
 \***THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 10:(32-34), 35-45**  
 \*GOSPEL RESPONSES P.63  
 CHILDREN’S SERMON-  
 SERMON Pastor David Klappenbach  
 HYMN *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service* **LBW 423**

NICENE CREED P.64  
 \*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH  
**Leader:** “...Lord, in your mercy.”  
**Response:** “hear our prayer.”  
 \*THE PEACE

**OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD**  
 OFFERING / \*OFFERTORY P.66  
 \*OFFERTORY *O Bread of Life from Heaven* **LBW 222**  
 \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING P.67  
 \*WORDS OF INSTITUTION P.69  
 \*THE LORD’S PRAYER P.71  
 \*LAMB OF GOD P.72  
 DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION  
 \*BLESSING P.72  
 \*POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE *Lord, Now let your...* P.73

\***BENEDICTION** P.76  
 \*HYMN *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* **LBW 107**  
 \*DISMISSAL



**March 17, 2024**  
**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**WORSHIP, LOVE, ACCEPT**  
**TOGETHER IN CHRIST’S NAME**

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To our visitors! Welcome to our Sunday Service. We are happy to have you sharing in our worship service and ask for the opportunity to meet you. We invite you to complete the visitor card in front of you. Please come again!

*Welcome to our Communion Sunday Service.*  
*All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. We are happy to have you sharing in our worship service and ask for the opportunity to meet you. We invite you to complete the Communion/Visitor card in front of you. Please come again!*