**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Heavenly Father, it is your glory always to have mercy. Bring back all who have erred and strayed from your ways; lead them again to embrace in faith the truth of your Word and to hold it fast; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.**

**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 26:8-15**

8And when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the Lord had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, “You shall die! 9Why have you prophesied in the name of the Lord, saying, ‘This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant’?” And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the Lord. 10When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king’s house to the house of the Lord and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the Lord. 11Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, “This man deserves the sentence of death because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears.” 12Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, “It is the Lord who sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. 13Now therefore amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the Lord your God, and the Lord will change his mind about the disaster that he has pronounced against you. 14But as for me, here I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. 15Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will be bringing innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the Lord sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.”

**PSALM: Psalm 4**

1Answer me when I call, O God of my right! You gave me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

**2How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame? How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?**

3But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself; the Lord hears when I call to him.

**4When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent.**

5Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the Lord.

**6There are many who say, “O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!”**

7You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound.

**8I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.**

**SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17---4:1**

17Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. 18For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. 19Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. 20But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. 21He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.4Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

**GOSPEL: Luke 13:31-35**

31At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” 32He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. 33Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ 34Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! 35See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

**THIS WEEK AT BETHANY**

**Today: March 16th Sunday: March 23rd**

**Second Sunday in Lent Second Sunday in Lent**

9:15- Adult SS 9:15 Adult- SS

9:30-Youth SS 9:30-Youth SS

9:30-Coffee Fellowship 9:30-Coffee Fellowship

10:30-Worship w/Communion 10:30-Worship

Noisy Offering, SS Sing 4:00-4-H Club Mtg

11:30-Potluck 6:00-Bethany Prayer Group

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**Tuesday: March 18th**

8:30-Prayer Group

9:30-Morning Coffee @ BLC

7:00-Confirmation

**Wednesday: March 19th**

12:00-Lenten Luncheon @

5:30-Lenten Soup Supper

6:30-Lenten Evening Service

**Prayer Concerns:** Bethany Lutheran Church members, nursing home residents, storm/flood/fire victims, those suffering any illness, Myra Reese, Tami Hawk, Don & Brenda DeHaan, Dorothy Smith, Janelle Mason, Linda Galbraith, Tim Burton, Desiree Welty, Roberta Baker, Pastor John Mayer, Elizabeth Dunbar, Monica Isom, Don Ehlers, Bill Alexander, Eli Honer, Dorothy Sandvig, Gloria Bell, Helen Dodge, Patricia Bentsen.  Our youth, parents & teachers, our military & missionaries.

**Lectors:** Shirley Kruse

**Ushers:** March 16th -Rich & Marilyn Ehlers

March 23rd -Kelly & Dawn Gordon

**Acolytes:** Bethany Youth

**Weekly Budget Needs: $2817.00**

Faith Promise $727.75 Worship 33

Sunday School $3.50 Adult SS 5 Youth SS 7

Lent $113.00 Lent Service 21

***Birthdays:*** March 21-Jens Johnsen; March 22-Dean Armstrong

**\*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)*

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***A Lamenting Woman*** Shirley Kruse

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**Response: “hear our prayer.”**

\*THE PEACE

**OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD**

OFFERING

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**March 16, 2025**

**Second Sunday in Lent**

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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!*