

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: Isaiah 43:16-21

¹⁶Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. ¹⁹I am about to do 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 animals 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 so that they might declare my praise.

Psalm: Psalm 126

¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

²**Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, “The LORD has done great things for them.”**

³The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

⁴**Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the Negeb.**

⁵May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

⁶**Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.**

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

⁴even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this 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 heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel: Luke 20:9-20

⁹He began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard, and leased it to tenants, and went to another country for a long time. ¹⁰When the season came, he sent a slave to the tenants in order that they might give him his share of the produce of the vineyard; but the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹Next he sent another slave; that one also they beat and insulted and sent away empty-handed. ¹²And he sent still a third; this one also they wounded and threw 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 discussed it among themselves and said, ‘This is the heir; let us kill him so that the inheritance may be ours.’ ¹⁵So 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, “Heaven forbid!” ¹⁷But he looked at them and said, “What then does this text mean: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone’? ¹⁸Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.” ¹⁹When the scribes and chief priests realized that he had told this parable against them, they wanted to lay hands on him at that very hour, but they feared the people. ²⁰So they watched him and sent spies who pretended to be honest, in order to trap him by what he said, so as to hand him over to the jurisdiction and authority of the governor.

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Today: Sunday: April 6th Fifth Sunday in Lent 9:15- Adult SS 9:15-Youth SS 9:30-Coffee Fellowship 10:30-Worship w/Communion 6:00-Bethany Prayer Group Tuesday: April 8th 8:30-Prayer Group 9:30-Morning Coffee @ BLC 7:00-Confirmation Wednesday: April 9th 12:00-Lenten Luncheon @ FCC Body of Christ (sponsor) 5:30-Lenten Soup Supper 6:30-Lenten Evening Service Council Meeting Following Service	Sunday: April 13th Sunday of the Passion Palm Sunday 9:15 Adult- SS 9:15-Youth SS 9:30-Coffee Fellowship 10:30-Worship w/Communion 4:00-4-H Club Meeting 6:00-Bethany Prayer Group
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Prayer Concerns: Bethany Lutheran Church members, nursing home residents, storm/flood/fire victims, those suffering any illness, Tammy Hawk, Myra Reese, 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: Tom Shewell
Ushers: April 6-Myles & Shirley Pedersen
April 13-Julie Dawson & Michelle Gordon

Acolytes: Bethany Youth
Weekly Budget Needs: \$2817.00
Faith Promise \$932.75 Worship 35
Sunday School \$4.50 Youth SS 5 Adult SS 6
Lenten Soup Supper \$28.00 Lent \$115.00 Lenten Worship 24

Birthdays: April 8-Myra Reese, 9-Sandy George;10-Taylor Farmer; 12-Pat Boughay Anniversary: April 8-Jeremy & Katy Roling

***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 (as able)*

ORDER OF THE SERVICE

PRELUDE/ RINGING OF THE BELL
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP OF PRAYER & MEDITATION

*CONFESSION P.56
*HYMN *The Church's One Foundation* **LBW 369**
*GREETING P.57
*KYRIE P.57
*PRAYER OF THE DAY
(bulletin-in unison)

MEDITATION ON GOD'S WORD

Lenten Reading - *At The Cross*
John Tom Shewell
FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm: Psalm 126 *(bulletin – responsively)*
SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14
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***THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 20:9-20**
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CHILDREN'S SERMON
SERMON **Pastor David Klappenbach**
HYMN *When I Survey the Wonderous Cross* **CH 324**
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OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

OFFERING **"O Savior, Precious Savior"** **LBW 514**
*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING P.68
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***BENEDICTION** P.76
*HYMN *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less* **LBW 294**
*DISMISSAL
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April 6, 2025
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 and give to an usher. Please come again!

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