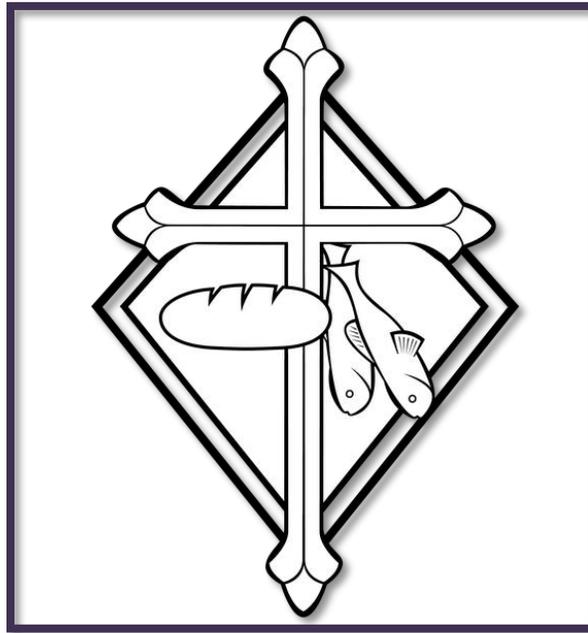

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2026



SERVING YOU TODAY

Pastor Tony Pittenger
Organist Kelli Gracia
Acolytes E. Circelli, E. & W. Nantz,
D. Monroe, J. Ballentine
Elder on duty this week Larry Sharrett

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday: Join with us as we use The Matins Service starting on page 109.

Monday: The Office of Compline, pg. 128

Flowers on the Altar this week are given to the glory of God by Benjamin and Karalena Smith in celebration of Briar Rose's 4th Birthday.

HYMNS

263: 1-2

*Jesus, Priceless
Treasure*

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*Guide Me, O Thou
Great Jehovah*

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*Wide Open Are Thy
Hands*

263: 5-6

*Jesus, Priceless
Treasure*

EPISTLE LESSON

Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not listen to the law? ²² For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and one by a free woman. ²³ But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, while the son of the free woman was born through promise. ²⁴ Now this may be interpreted allegorically: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. ²⁵ Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children.

²⁶ But the Jerusalem above is free, and She is our Mother. ²⁷ For it is written, “Rejoice, O Barren One who does not bear; break forth and cry aloud, You who are not in labor! For the children of the Desolate One will be more than those of the one who has a husband.” ²⁸ Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are Children of Promise. ²⁹ But just as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so also it is now. ³⁰ But what does the Scripture say? “Cast out the slave woman and her son, for the son of the slave woman shall not inherit with the son of the free woman.” ³¹ So, brothers, we are not children of the slave but of the Free Woman.

Galatians 4:21-31 (ESV)

GOSPEL LESSON

After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. ² And a large crowd was following Him, because they saw the signs that He was doing on the sick. ³ Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat down with His disciples. ⁴ Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. ⁵ Lifting up His eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward Him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?” ⁶ He said this to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do. ⁷ Philip answered Him, “Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little.” ⁸ One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, ⁹ “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?” ¹⁰ Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. ¹¹ Jesus then took the loaves, and when He had given thanks, He distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹² And when they had eaten their fill, He told His disciples, “Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost.” ¹³ So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten. ¹⁴ When the people saw the sign that He had done, they said, “This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!” ¹⁵ Perceiving then that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by Himself.

John 6:1-15 (ESV)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

O God of mercy, because of our Savior Jesus Christ provide us with every physical gift our bodies need in this earthly life, and every heavenly blessing our souls need in the life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Lord, just as You blessed Sarah with Isaac, the child of promise, and brought salvation to the world through Christ, born of the Virgin Mary, watch over the other families of Your Church and comfort those families yet without children, that all together may find joy in their heavenly inheritance. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant Your mercy, O Lord, to all our leaders: our president; our governor; all legislators and civil servants; those who work for the common good; those who must render judgment and impose punishment upon lawbreakers; and all who work for peace among the nations. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, our Shepherd, protect, comfort and guide all who call upon You in need [especially _____]. Grant healing and peace, that they may continue to serve You with joy in this life and finally come to that good land in Your eternal kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, bless the merciful works of Your Church for the poor and needy, that rooted in Christ's love for us, we may reflect and share that love with others. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

LENT CONTINUES

WEDNESDAY LENTEN WORSHIP 2:30pm & 7:00pm

SOUP SUPPER 5:30-6:30pm



During Lent, join us before the Wednesday evening service for food and fellowship.

Help is needed each week to make these meals enjoyable and delicious!

Please sign up on the purple bulletin board by the restrooms to serve, bring soup, bread, etc.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEACHER CONFERENCE

If you haven't done so already, please sign up on the purple bulletin board if you are able to help set up as we host this year's teacher's conference. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Seals, meal coordinator.

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

The Evangelism Committee is looking for more members to help plan and set up events. Our next meeting is Sunday, **March 22**. Reach out to Collin Starkel at (360) 801-4311 with any questions.

HOLY WEEK ALTAR CARE

Confirmed young ladies and women of the congregation, you are invited to participate in the ceremonial undressing and redressing of the altar on Maundy Thursday(4/2) and Easter Sunday(4/5). This is both a reverent and joyous opportunity to celebrate the death and resurrection of our Savior. *Please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway.*

CHOIR

NO CHOIR APRIL 1ST

Would you like to join the choir? We are preparing a simple, yet beautiful Easter piece with adults and Sunday School children. Whether you're an experienced singer or simply enjoy lifting your voice in praise, there is a place for you! We meet Wednesdays at 6:15pm. Choir members may jump the line for Soup Supper and be served first!

EASTER LILYS

Each year you are invited to sponsor one or more Easter Lilies to help beautify the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. They may be given in celebration of Eastor or in honor or memory of a loved one..

If you would like to head up the buying and storing of the Lily's please let the office know.

Cost is \$15each. *Sign up on the sheet posted in the narthex (please note any dedication details).*

Please sign up by March 30th.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, 3/15 Lent Four

9:00am Worship

ELC-Kindergarten Sing

10:15am Bible Class/Sunday School

3:00pm Book Club: Junk Drawer Jesus,
Pages 149-183

MONDAY, 3/16

7:00pm Worship

TUESDAY, 3/17

1:00pm Juanita's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, 3/18

2:30pm/7:00pm Midweek Lenten Service

5:30pm Soup Supper

6:15pm Choir

THURSDAY - FRIDAY, 3/18 - 3/19

No School

Teacher's Conference

SATURDAY, 3/21

9:00am Men's Fellowship

SUNDAY, 3/22 Lent Five

9:00am Worship

10:15am Bible Class/Sunday School

11:00am Evangelism



BEDTIME BOOKS
AT BETHANY
EASTER EDITION

Join us for bedtime inside!

Saturday, March 28 ★ 9:45am

Directions:

1. Read aloud books will be given to each family.
2. Follow along together as the book is read.
3. Go home with a puzzle board.

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The poster features a dark blue background with a crescent moon, stars, and clouds. At the bottom, there are six colorful toy cars with children sitting in them, driving towards the right.

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Worship Schedule: Sunday 9:00am, Monday 7:00pm.
