



Welcome to Worship!

Sunday, March 15, 2026~ 8:30 AM

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

PRELUDE

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling - Setting by Charles Callahan

WELCOME & INVITATIONS

CENTERING TIME

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

Let us confess our sins to God and one another.

**We confess to you, most loving God,
the sins that both bind and scatter us.**

We have knowingly believed dishonest words.

We have questioned your gracious power again and again.

We have given into temptation.

We have acted out of fear, placing blame on others yet holding ourselves apart.

In our disbelief and confusion, we have hurt our neighbors and ourselves.

Gather us back to you.

**Forgive us, free us, and make us whole
for the sake of your son Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Friends, beloved of God,

Jesus came not to condemn the world but that all might be saved through him.

In the name of Christ your sins are forgiven.

May God unbind your guilt and shame,

lead you by the Spirit,

and bring you to wholeness in abundant life.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5
 Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

KYRIE

Have Mercy on Us Lord

1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.
 We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
 Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
 Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD

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

CHILDREN’S GOOD NEWS TIME

SCRIPTURE ACCLAMATION

Return to the Lord, Your God

**Return to the Lord, your God,
For he is gracious and merciful,
Slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,
And abounding in steadfast love.**

SCRIPTURE & SERMON

John 9:1-41

Red: pages 871-872; **Brown:** pages 1183-1185; **Gray:** pages 1160-1161;

Story Bible: pages 432-435

HYMN OF THE DAY

Healer of Our Ev’ry Ill

Refrain

Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,

give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.

1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

Refrain

peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(Use QR code to access prayer list.)



Congregation Response: Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Please take a moment to echo Jesus as you share a greeting of peace with your neighbors:

Peace be with you.

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service - Setting by Michael Burkhardt

OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful, Lord

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,

And fill to the brim our cup of blessing.

Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,

That we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;

Unite them with the prayers we offer now.

Grace our table with your presence, and give us;

A foretaste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

HOLY HOLY HOLY

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

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COMMUNION MUSIC

Lamb of God

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Grant us peace.**

COMMUNION MUSIC

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

BENEDICTION

May God who seeks you by night and by day,

in death and in life,

open your senses to the mystery of God's grace,

enfold you through water and Spirit in Christ's love,

and give you confidence in the Spirit's power to unbind and grant new life.

May the Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

bless you now and forever. Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931
Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

SENDING WORDS

Go in peace forgiven, whole, and free.

Thanks be to God.

Today's Ministers

Preaching.....	Pastor Jeff Whillock
Presiding	Pastor Matt Spoden
Assisting Minister	Charlie Hemke
Musician.....	Darlyne Johnson & Rebecca Christiansen
Visual Communications Tech.....	Kennadee Wagner
Livestream Tech.....	Beth Kopecky
Sound Techs.....	Al Suedmeier & Gabe Harmel

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Radio Broadcast - Our Sunday 8:30 a.m. service is **broadcast** each Sunday morning at **10:45 on KGIM 1420 AM/98.5 FM.**

The Globe Offering will go to Diane Goldade. Diane is the mother of Josie (Cody) Folden. On February 14th, Diane was involved in a serious motorcycle accident. She hit a gravel patch traveling along some curves causing her bike to slide into the ditch. She was care flighted via helicopter to Avera ER here in Aberdeen. The accident resulted in her sustaining several spinal injuries, broken bones, partially collapsed lung, brain bleed and a few other injuries. Diane is currently starting her recovery journey at the Avera hospital ICU here in Aberdeen. The globe offering will help with her expenses.

Giving to Bethlehem

Scan the QR code for our simple, online giving portal. It's the easiest and most convenient way to consistently support the ministries of Bethlehem. As always, thank you for your generosity.

Questions about your giving? Contact Jeannie, Director of Administration at jhaaland@bethlehemaberdeen.org.



GUEST SPEAKERS DURING LENT

12:05 PM in the Chapel
6:15 PM in the Sanctuary

March 18 - Cole Kukowski
March 25 - Nancy Hartung
(Due to Bach's Lunch, in the Sanctuary at 12:00 PM, the speaker will only talk at the 6:15 PM service)



Lenten Schedule

Wednesdays

Midday worship at 12:05 in the Chapel
with lunch to follow
Community Meal served from 5:00 - 6:15
Evening worship at 6:15 in the Sanctuary

Weekends

Saturday evenings at 5:15 in the Chapel
Sunday mornings at 8:30 & 10:10 in the Sanctuary

Sunday Worship Services can be found on:

BethlehemAberdeen.org/LiveStream
Facebook.com/BethlehemAberdeen
<https://bit.ly/BethlehemYouTube>

Northern State University Presents Bach's Lunch

Wednesday, March 25, 2026
at 12:00 PM (Noon)
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
in the Sanctuary

JOURNEY TO EGYPT 2027 INFORMATIONAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18TH / 7:00 PM
CONFERENCE ROOM 1



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