

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
215 3rd Ave SE, MINOT, ND, 58701

Pastors: Janet Hernes Mathistad & Gerald Roise
Organist: Deacon Kari Files, Pastor Intern David Myers

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2020

* Standing, for those who are able

PRELUDE

WELCOME, &ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, who is present, who gives life, who calls into existence the things that do not exist. **C: Amen**

P: If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand? Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P: Gracious God, **C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you, knowingly and unknowingly. We have wandered from your resurrection life. We have strayed from your love for all people. Turn us back to you, O God. Give us new hearts and right spirits, that we may find what is pleasing to you and dwell in your house forever. Amen**

P: Receive good news: God turns to you in love. "I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live," says our God. All your sin is forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ, who is the free and abounding gift of God's grace for you. **C: Amen**

GATHERING

* **HYMN: "You Are Mine"**

Hymn 581

***GREETING**

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

WORD

FIRST READING: Mark 4:35-41

Psalm 23

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:8-14

*** GOSPEL: John 9:1-41**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MORNING MESSAGE: Pastor Gerald

HYMN: "Amazing Grace, How Sweet..." Hymn 779

*** APOSTLES' CREED**

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*** THE PRAYERS**

*** PRAYER**

P: Holy and generous God, **C: you set a table where we feast as friends. Prepare us to witness to your goodness with every gift you have given us to share, that all people may know your peace through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen**

*** BLESSING**

*** POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: We thank you, living God, for the body and blood of your Son, which sustains us in the wilderness and the garden alike. As Christ has loved us in this feast, so send us to love Christ in our neighbors. In Jesus' name we pray. **C: Amen**

SENDING

*** BENEDICTION**

P: Now is the acceptable time. Now is the day of salvation. Holy God bless you, unbind you, and send you in love and in peace. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

* **HYMN: "What a Fellowship, What..."**

Hymn 774

POSTLUDE

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Personal hearing devices are available from the ushers. Please sign a worship/communion card. (Take one from the pew rack.)

COLORED ENVELOPES are for kids offering in our kid's church.

COMMUNION PRACTICE at Bethany: We offer bread or gluten-free wafers and either wine or white grape juice. All the baptized are welcome at the Lord's Table. If you are a guest and commune in your home church, we invite you to share in the Lord's Supper with us. If you do not yet commune, please come forward to receive a blessing.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Lenhart Mindt, Betty Niemann, Terry Price, Jeff Price, Arnie Semchenko, Harold & Shirley Harmon, Vicki Amon, Jean Rollman, Leon Turner, Peggy Schumaier, Val Swenson, Jody Selberg, Alma Lee, Donna Erickson, Marlene Pankow, Rhonda Willenbring, Jo Vannett, Muriel Lippert, Harris Olafson, Richard Gleason, Brenda Cook and family, Tammy Wolf and family, Lori Bertsch and Family.
Engineers, Mechanical Engineers, Construction Workers, Architects, Scientists

DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS are available in the narthex for April, May & June.

ACTIVITY BAGS (paper, toys, etc.) are to enjoy and return. **BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS** will be done the 3rd Sunday of the month.

PRAYER CONCERN POLICY: Names will be carried for up to two months. After two months, you may call to re-enroll a name for another two months

CAUSE OF THE MONTH: Our cause of the month is mission support for **The Sanctuary**. Please use the global mission envelope in your offering box to support this cause.

BETHANY'S WEBSITE: bethanylutheranminot.org

BETHANY'S STREAMING: bethanylutheran.tv

DUE TO COVID-19 WE HAVE CANCELLED ALL ACTIVITIES AT THE CHURCH FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 23RD AND SERVICES FOR MARCH 29TH WITH BE LIVED STREAMED. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE.

THANK YOU