

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Vibrantly open to the spirit, Bethel Lutheran Church serves God and its neighbors by joyfully living and sharing the Good News.

Sunday, February 18, 2018

First Sunday of Lent

Aaron Holmgren, Pastor

Jan Smith, Keyboardist

GATHERING

Prelude

Gathering Songs

“This is the Day” Green Binder # 3

(One request from the congregation)

“How Shall I Call You?” GB # 84

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

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

God of heaven and earth, you come to us and make us yours. Equip us by your Spirit to confess our sin, embrace your forgiveness, and seek the way you set before us in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

With honesty of heart, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God, **forgive us. Our will in captive to sin, and we cannot break free.**

Forgive us, for **we have spoken when we should have kept quiet.**

Silence for Reflection

Forgive us, for **we were silent when we should when we should have said something.**

Silence

Forgive us, for **we acted when we knew better.**

Silence

Forgive us, for **we were still when we know we should have moved.**

Silence

God of Righteousness, **for the wrong we have done, for the good we have failed to do, have mercy on us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

People of God, look to the ☩ Son. Given to heal you and set you free because God loved the world so much. Almighty God has mercy, forgives us our sins, and brings us into eternal life. **Amen.**

Entrance Song

“Heaven Is in My Heart” GB # 72

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray; **Holy God, heavenly Father, out of the flood waters you brought forth righteousness, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

WORD

First Reading	Genesis 9:8-17	The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.
Children's Message	"Boats and Baptism"	
Second Reading	1 Peter 3:18-22	The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.
Gospel Song	"Open Our Eyes" GB # 5	
Gospel Reading	Mark 1:9-15	The Gospel of the Lord. Thanks be to God.
Sermon	"Covenant"	
Song of the Day	"Come Holy Spirit" GB # 49	
Prayers of the People	Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.	
Peace	The peace of Christ be with you all. And also with you.	
Offering		
Offertory Song	"I Surrender All" GB # 65	

MEAL

Communion

Table Prayer	Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest. Let these gifts to us be blest. Amen.
Words of Institution	
Lord's Prayer	
Communion Song	"Fear Not (I Love You This Much)" GB # 68

SENDING

Benediction Song	"The Lord Bless Thee GB # 25
Sending Song	"Send Us Out" GB # 91
Sending Words	Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God!
Postlude	