



IN CHRIST GOD WAS
RECONCILING THE
WORLD TO HIMSELF.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:19

*Welcome to
Worship at Bethel*

*Sunday, March 31, 2019
Fourth Sunday in Lent*

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*"A Family in Christ;
Moved by His Spirit;
Sharing His Love."*

*: Please stand if you are able.
LBW: Lutheran Book of Worship (green)
WOV: With One Voice (blue)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*INVOCATION

"We Gather"

*GATHERING HYMN

WOV # 781

"My Life Flows On in Endless Song"

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

LBW p.77

*HYMN OF MERCY

"A Country Kyrie"

***PRAYER OF THE DAY: God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Pew Bible page 195

Joshua 5:9-12

PSALM

Pew Bible page 496

Psalms 32

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

While I kept silence,
my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you;
at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding,
whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you.

Many are the torments of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD.

Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

SECOND LESSON Pew Bible page 1053
2 Corinthians 5:16-21

*GOSPEL VERSE

“Thy Word”

*GOSPEL Pew Bible page 952
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

SERMON HYMN LBW # 377
“Lift High the Cross” v.1,2,5

SERMON
Rev. Mark Kindem

*NICENE CREED LBW p. 84

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Lord in your mercy....**hear our prayer**

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING
“Give Thanks”

*OFFERING PRAYER
**Generous God, you feed us with the harvest of the land,
and you provide for our every need. Receive our gifts of
money, imagination, and labor, and transform them into a**

feast that welcomes all, in Jesus Christ, our host and our guest. Amen.

COMMUNION

LBW p. 89

*Word's of Institution, *Lord's Prayer, Distribution

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.

COMMUNION HYMNS

"The Old Rugged Cross"
"Let Us Break Bread Together"

LBW # 212

*COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Tender and merciful one, at your feast, you fed us who brought nothing, turning our emptiness into joy. Filled with your abundant grace, send us now to be ministers of reconciliation, mending broken hearts, working for justice, and striving for peace among all people, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*BLESSING: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

*DISMISSAL: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*SENDING HYMN

WOV # 780

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