

“People judge by
outward appearance,
but the LORD
looks at the
heart.”

1 Samuel 16:7, NLT

Welcome to
Worship at Bethel

Sunday, March 22, 2020
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)

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*INVOCATION

*GATHERING HYMN

LBW # 400

"God, Whose Almighty Word"

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

LBW p.77

*HYMN OF MERCY

"I'd Rather Have Jesus"

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of all mercy, by Your power to heal and to forgive, graciously cleanse us from all sin and make us strong; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

1 Samuel 16:1-13

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PSALM

Psalm 23

Pew Bible page 491

The LORD is my shepherd,
I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;

he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff-- they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

SECOND LESSON

Pew Bible page 1067

Ephesians 5:8-14

*GOSPEL VERSE

"Thy Word"

*GOSPEL

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John 9:1-41

SERMON HYMN

"You Are Mine"

SERMON

Rev. Mark Kindem

*NICENE CREED

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

"Lord I Need You"

*OFFERING PRAYER

Holy and generous host, 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.

COMMUNION

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*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

"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

"Blessed Assurance"

WOV # 699

*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

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. 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

"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" v.1,3,4