



March 8, 2026

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church**  
**Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod**  
14531 Old Olga Road  
Fort Myers, FL

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Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM

Sunday School & Bible Class: 11:30 AM

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***Faith is formed through personal, trusted relationships.***

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love.

Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you reach out and show care to a stranger in your community?

During the third week in Lent, light three of the six purple candles on your Lenten Candle Cross. The acronym **ACTS** (Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication) is being introduced as a way to pray. This week represents “T”, for Thanksgiving, meaning to express thanks and gratitude to God.

*Pray:* **Dear God, I am thankful for all that you have given me. I thank you for . . . , in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, amen.**



**IT IS GREAT TO HAVE YOU IN WORSHIP WITH US TODAY!**

Here at Bethlehem Lutheran, we believe in the teachings of the Bible as taught by Jesus and the apostles and strive to live our lives in accord with the gospel of Jesus Christ. We are all fellow sinners who live together in the mercy and grace of Jesus. Jesus is the heart and center of all that we say and do as we serve Him and live in Christian love with one another.

If you would like to learn more about this church, or are looking for a church family, please talk to our pastor or one of the elders. They would be happy to talk with you! Regardless of whether you join or not, we welcome you and your family to

worship with us any time! We want to know who you are, so please provide your contact information in the Friendship Book as it is passed during the Offertory. If you are visiting, honor us by signing the Guest Register in the Narthex.

If you have a prayer request, please fill out a Blue Prayer Card from the pew rack and usher will be collecting them.

Thank you. Come visit us again sometime soon and may the Lord richly bless you!

**Theme of the Day:** We are given only one *detail* in our text from Job 14:1–19; one small part of a much larger story. But this one part—this one detail—is enough. *And it is beautiful.*

## **THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

### **It is Enough**

*March 8, 2026*

## **PRELUDE**

## **✠ ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠**

# OPENING HYMN

## 715 JESUS, SAVIOR, PILOT ME

*(Stanzas 1-2)*

- 1 Jesus, Savior, pilot me  
Over life's tempestuous sea;  
    Unknown waves before me roll,  
    Hiding rock and treach'rous shoal.  
Chart and compass come from Thee.  
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.
  
- 2 As a mother stills her child,  
Thou canst hush the ocean wild;  
    Boist'rous waves obey Thy will  
    When Thou say'st to them, "Be still!"  
Wondrous Sov'reign of the sea,  
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

*(Please rise)*

**+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +**

# INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**P** Gracious God, I confess that I am often like Job,

**C** **Lost in a sea of pain and confusion.**

**P** Tossed about by storms and dark clouds.

**C** **Overwhelmed by churning waves and unknown waters.**

**P** I often feel as though I'm sinking and drowning.

**C** **Losses and struggles paralyze me and sometimes threaten to destroy me.**

**P** I feel disconnected, despondent and increasingly desperate.

**ALL: God, be merciful to me a sinner.**

**P** Job says, “There is hope for a tree. If it is cut down, it will sprout again, and its new shoots will not fail. Its roots may grow old in the ground and its stump die in the soil, yet at the scent of water it will bud and put forth shoots like a plant.” (Job 14:7–9) We have hope and forgiveness because on the tree of the cross Jesus took away our sin and our wretchedness. On the tree of the cross Jesus identifies with our rejection and pain. And three days later the Crucified One is risen!

**ALL: I know that my Redeemer lives!**

## **HYMN OF RESPONSE**

### **715 JESUS, SAVIOR, PILOT ME**

*(Stanza 3)*

**3** When at last I near the shore  
And the fearful breakers roar

Twixt me and the peaceful rest,  
Then, while leaning on Thy breast,  
May I hear Thee say to me,  
“Fear not, I will pilot thee.”

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the  
dead.**

**He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the  
Father Almighty.**

**From thence He will come to judge the  
living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,**

**the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

**+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we adore you and worship you, for you saw us in our wretched state and sent Christ Jesus to die upon Calvary's tree so that we might have hope—hope today and hope forever; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS REFLECT  
THE THEME  
CHRIST IS OUR HOPE**

*(Please be seated)*

**Job Continues: Death Comes Soon to All**

<sup>1</sup>“Man who is born of a woman

is few of days and full of trouble.

<sup>2</sup>He comes out like a flower and withers;

he flees like a shadow and continues not.

<sup>3</sup>And do you open your eyes on such a one

and bring me into judgment with you?

<sup>4</sup>Who can bring a clean thing out of an

unclean?

There is not one.

<sup>5</sup>Since his days are determined,

and the number of his months is with you,

and you have appointed his limits that he

cannot pass,

<sup>6</sup>look away from him and leave him alone,

that he may enjoy, like a hired hand, his

day.

<sup>7</sup>“For there is hope for a tree,

if it be cut down, that it will sprout again,

and that its shoots will not cease.

<sup>8</sup>Though its root grow old in the earth,

and its stump die in the soil,

<sup>9</sup>yet at the scent of water it will bud

and put out branches like a young plant.  
<sup>10</sup>But a man dies and is laid low;  
man breathes his last, and where is he?  
<sup>11</sup>As waters fail from a lake  
and a river wastes away and dries up,  
<sup>12</sup>so a man lies down and rises not again;  
till the heavens are no more he will not  
awake  
or be roused out of his sleep.  
<sup>13</sup>Oh that you would hide me in Sheol,  
that you would conceal me until your wrath  
be past,  
that you would appoint me a set time, and  
remember me!  
<sup>14</sup>If a man dies, shall he live again?  
All the days of my service I would wait,  
till my renewal should come.  
<sup>15</sup>You would call, and I would answer you;  
you would long for the work of your hands.  
<sup>16</sup>For then you would number my steps;  
you would not keep watch over my sin;  
<sup>17</sup>my transgression would be sealed up in a  
bag,  
and you would cover over my iniquity.  
<sup>18</sup>“But the mountain falls and crumbles away,

and the rock is removed from its place;  
<sup>19</sup>the waters wear away the stones;  
the torrents wash away the soil of the earth;  
so you destroy the hope of man.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **EPISTLE**

*2 Corinthians 4:8–18*

<sup>8</sup>We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; <sup>9</sup>persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; <sup>10</sup>always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. <sup>11</sup>For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. <sup>12</sup>So death is at work in us, but life in you.

<sup>13</sup>Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, <sup>14</sup>knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. <sup>15</sup>For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more

people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

<sup>16</sup>So we do not lose heart. Though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For this slight momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, <sup>18</sup>as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please rise)*

## **ALLELUIA AND VERSE (LENT)**

*LSB 157*

**C** **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.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

*Luke 7:11–17*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventh chapter.

## **C** Glory to You, O Lord.

### **Jesus Raises a Widow's Son**

<sup>11</sup>Soon afterward [Jesus] went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. <sup>12</sup>As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. <sup>13</sup>And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." <sup>14</sup>Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." <sup>15</sup>And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. <sup>16</sup>Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!" <sup>17</sup>And this report about him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*(Please be seated)*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### 763 WHEN PEACE, LIKE A RIVER

1 When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;  
When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul. **Refrain**

**ref It is well (It is well)  
with my soul, (with my soul),  
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials  
should come,  
Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate  
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.  
**Refrain**

3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glorious  
thought;  
My sin, not in part, but the whole,  
Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
**Refrain**

**ref It is well (It is well)  
with my soul, (with my soul),  
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

**4** And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall  
be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall  
descend;  
Even so it is well with my soul. **Refrain**

## **SERMON**

### **"It is Enough"**

*. . . Pastor Karl*

The Fourth Part in the Series  
**"Job: Blessed be the Name of the Lord"**  
One Detail  
(Job 14:1-14)

*(Please rise)*

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

**P** Almighty Father, we confess our faith in Jesus,  
who died on the tree of the cross to give us a  
living hope.

**C** We flee to no other refuge,

**P** Wash in no other fountain,

**C** Build on no other foundation,

**P** Or listen to any other voice.

**C** Enable us in our pain and disappointment

**P** To find joy in our Savior

**C** Who is too wise to error,

**P** Too tender to crush,

**C** And too merciful to cast us away.

**+ Additional Prayers +**

**P** Oh, God, a tree can overcome being cut  
down.

**C** And so we will persevere.

**P** A tree can overcome being left for dead.  
**C** And so we claim renewal and life in  
Christ's name.

**ALL: Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

## **OFFERING**

### **♪OFFERTORY RESPONSE♪**

#### **192 CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART, O GOD**

*(Please rise)*

**△ Create in me a clean heart, O God; and  
renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not  
away from thy presence; and take not thy  
holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy  
of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy  
free spirit. Amen.**

### **♪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 debts,  
as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
Forever. Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

## **CLOSING HYMN**

### **918 GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT REDEEMER**

- 1** Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer,  
Pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;  
Hold me with Thy pow'ful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,

Feed me till I want no more;  
Feed me till I want no more.

**2** Open now the crystal fountain  
Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,  
Be Thou still my strength and shield;  
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

**3** When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death and hell's destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever give to Thee;  
I will ever give to Thee.

## **BENEDICTION**

*LSB 166*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be  
gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give  
you peace.

**C** Amen.

**Silent Prayer:** Jesus, I believe that there is hope for a tree and there is hope—enduring hope—for *me!* Amen.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **POSTLUDE**



# *SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY*

Preacher: Rev. Karl P. Glander

Organist: Holly Bell

Flutist: Nancy Rybak

Bells: Debbie Jackow

The Sound System: Jeff Kirsch

Elder: Klaus Naumann

Altar Guild: Emmy Larson, Betty Willis

Ushers: Doug Grage, Tim Tobeck

Reader: Gary Barkhaus

**Signup Sheets in the Fellowship Hall. This is your chance to get involved in worship.**

**Our Response to God's Love**

Worship Service – 81

Adult Bible Class – 25

Sunday School – 4

Wednesday Lent – 27

**Celebrating birthdays this week: 3/9:** Pam Barkhaus, **3/10:** Mary Tobeck, **3/13:** Ruthann Thornton

**Celebrating anniversaries this week: 3/11:** Barbara Bulmahn & Vern Stork (9yrs)

**COFFEE & CONVERSATION**

Join us in the Fellowship Hall after the 10:30 service for coffee and goodies. The refreshments this week are from Mickie and Klaus Naumann. Thank you!

**ADULT SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY and SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Pastor Glander leads a Bible study in the Fellowship Hall after the 10:30 service and Sunday school for the children is in the classroom.

## **LENT SERVICE**

6:00 PM: Light dinner consisting of Soup and Sandwiches

Vespers Service, Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

## **SALISBURY STEAK DINNER**

Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>  
4-7 pm

## **Church Council**

Sunday, **March 15, 2026** ~ will meet after Bible Class

## **MOVIE NIGHT**

### ***A Soldier's Love Story***

Sunday, March 15, 2026 ~ 6:00 p.m. ~ POPCORN AND ROOTBEER FLOATS WILL BE SERVED STARTING AT 5:30 p.m. COME JOIN IN THE FUN!!



The Book of Job:  
**Blessed be the Name of the  
Lord**

One of the Bible's greatest wisdom books is the book of

Job. This Lent we are exploring this magnificent composition that is numbered among some of the greatest literature of all time. **The sermons will help us dig deeply into Job's central message and supporting truths**, while the Sunday Morning Adult Bible Classes will further address the book's major topics and themes.

We all suffer—personally and privately. We also suffer in more public ways. A husband loses a job. A child gets divorced. A parent dies. And now, thanks to the media, we are able to see and experience more and more of the world's catastrophes and suffering. **We need the book of Job, now, more than ever.**

Martin Luther asserted that “**Job is magnificent and sublime as no book of Scripture.**” Others have called Job “the Shakespeare of the Bible.” Yet the early Christian scholar Jerome perhaps put it best when he called **the book of Job an “eel,”** since the more one tries to contain it, the slipperier it becomes! The purpose of our Lenten emphasis is to learn how to apply Job to our lives, so that the book becomes less

like an eel and more like a loving companion through life's dark valleys. Preaching plans are as follows:

### **The Book of Job:**

#### **Blessed be the Name of the Lord!**

**Ash Wednesday**, *"Flying Blind"* (Job 1:1–12)

**Lent 1**, *"Sweet Surrender"* (Job 1:13–21)

**Lent 2**, *"Learning to Lament"* (Job 3:1–26)

**Lent 3**, *"It is Enough"* (Job 14:1–14)

**Lent 4**, *"Understanding How it all Works Together"*  
(Job 23:1–17)

**Lent 5**, *"God Speaks in the Storm"* (Job 38:1–11)

**Palm Sunday**, *"On Earth is not his Equal!"* (Job 41:20–34)

**Good Friday**, *"Tearing Down the Spite House"* (Job 42:7–9)

**The Resurrection of Our Lord**, *"I Know that My Redeemer Lives!"* (Job 19:23–26)

### **Lent Service**

Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

#### **Wednesdays during the 2026 Lenten season:**

- Dates: March 11, March 18, and March 25, 2026.
- 6:00 PM: Light dinner consisting of Soup and Sandwiches.
- 7:00 PM: Vespers Service (Evening Prayer).

# CHURCH DIRECTORY

We are updating the Church directory. If your contact information has changed since last year please complete a Directory update form available in the narthex or the church office. Thank you!



## Lenten Services

*March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.*

*March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.*

*March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.*



## Palm Sunday Service

*March 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.*

## Maundy Thursday Service

*April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. with Holy Communion*

## Good Friday Service

*April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.*

## Easter Services

*April 5<sup>th</sup>*

*6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service*

*8-10 a.m. Easter Breakfast*  
*10:30 a.m. Easter Celebration Service*  
*11:45 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt*

### **We Need Easter Candy!**

Bethlehem is doing our Annual Outreach Easter Egg Hunt. Lots of candy, fruit snacks, or cash donations can be given to Mickie Naumann. Any Donations can be left in the Box in the Narthex under the table or in back of the fellowship hall by the church office. When donating candy, please keep in mind that this candy goes out to younger children. If all donations could be here by Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. **Remember we are reaching out to those in the Community with a chance to let them see we are here and Gods Love!**  
**Thank You!**

### **PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND HEALING**

For good test results, treatment, positive thinking, healing, and comfort during cancer treatments, for those suffering from addiction, mental illness and for healing, strength, comfort, and peace for family we pray for:

Nick, Rose, Don, Carl, James and his family, Chris Tobeck, Pam and Paul, John and Judy Wittenberg,

Paul, Dick, Larry, Bill Denny, Sharyn, Christa and Axel, Tyler Wilke, Johnie, Sherri and Gene, Carolyn B., Ken T., Sarah, Jackie, Wayne, And those in our hearts

**For Those Who have recently lost loved ones:** The family and friends of Rick Hill, The family and friends of Rybak, The family and friends Peter Doukas, The family and friends of Billie Waddick

**PRAYERS for Homebound, Assisted Living, Nursing Home**

**Those who can't attend common worship that they would find comfort knowing that the Lord is with them.**

Edison and Karen Johnson, Chester and Linda Rust, Dorothy Riddle

**PRAYERS FOR PROTECTION**

For our full-time troops and public servants, for travel, missionaries, and for peace and protection for families. Son-in-law (being deployed), Donald Sepulveda

**Dear Lord, We come to You today with heavy hearts, as we lift up those who are in need of prayer. We ask that You would bring healing and restoration to their body, mind, and spirit Amen.**

# Salisbury steak Dinner



Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>,  
4-7 pm

Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn,  
slaw, roll and butter, drink, and delicious dessert

\$10.00 adult \$5.00 child

Eat in or take out

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