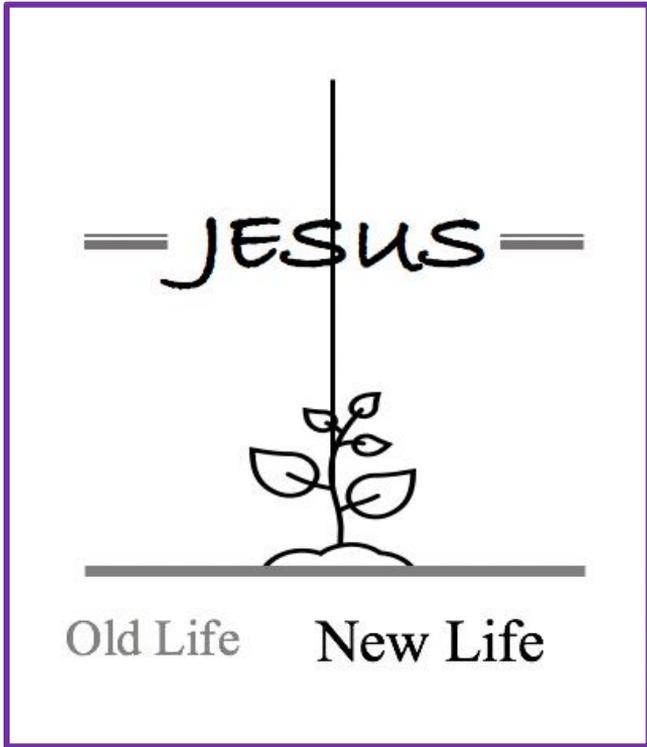


# The American Lutheran & Bethany Lutheran Lenten Worship

*Jesus: Our Hope for Healing and New Life*  
Lent 2: Eighth Commandment Way of Life



**Wednesday, March 3rd, 2021, 5:45 PM**  
Pastors Sarah Tadé & Adam Roberts

## GATHERING IN SILENCE FOR QUIETING OF OUR HEARTS

## CONFESSION p. 239 ELW

L: While we still were sinners, Christ died for us. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, God promises to heal us and forgive us. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

L: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

L: For self-centered living, and for failing to walk with humility and gentleness;

**C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

L: For longing to have what is not ours, and for hearts that are not at rest with ourselves:

**C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

L: For misuse of human relationships, and for unwillingness to see the image of God in others:

**C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

L: For jealousies that divide families and nations, and for rivalries that create strife and warfare:

**C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

L: For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God, and for carelessness with the fruits of creation:

**C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

L: For hurtful words that condemn and for angry deeds that harm:

**C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

L: For idleness in witnessing to Jesus Christ, and for squandering the gifts of love and grace:

**C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

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OPENING SONG *"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"* ALC #35

## Verse 1

How deep the Father's love for us, How vast beyond all measure, That He should give His only Son, To make a wretch His treasure, How great the pain of searing loss, The Father turns His face away, As wounds which mar the Chosen One, Bring many sons to glory

## Verse 2

Behold the Man upon a cross, My sin upon His shoulders, Ashamed I hear my mocking voice, Call out among the scoffers, It was my sin that held Him there, Until it was accomplished, His dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished

## Verse 3

I will not boast in anything, No gifts no pow'r no wisdom, But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection, Why should I gain from His reward, I cannot give an answer, But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom

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SCRIPTURE READINGS      Ephesians 5:1-2 & 4:25-32      Brita Tjentland

1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, 2 and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

25 So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Response: The Word of the Lord/“**Thanks be to God**”

MESSAGE

Pastor Adam

HYMN

*“O God of Mercy, God of Light”*

ELW #714

- 1 O God of mercy, God of light, in love and mercy infinite, teach us, as ever in your sight, to live our lives in you.
- 2 You sent your Son to die for all, that our lost world might hear your call; oh, hear us lest we stray and fall! We rest our hope in you.
- 3 Teach us the lesson Jesus taught: to feel for those his blood has bought, that ev'ry deed and word and thought may work a work for you.
- 4 For all are kindred, far and wide, since Jesus Christ for all has died; grant us the will, and grace provide, to love them all in you.

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PRAYERS

LBW p.148

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord

**C: Lord, have mercy**

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray . . . to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray . . . to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For \_\_\_(names)\_\_\_, for our pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For our public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray . . . to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray . . . to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray . . . to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray . . . to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the faithful who have gone before us and are at rest, let us give thanks . . . to the Lord.

**C: We give thanks, O Lord.**

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us . . . gracious Lord.

L: Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord.

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CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*"Create in Me"*

WOV #732

LORD'S PRAYER

ELW p. 242

BLESSING

*May the God of all healing enfold us in love, fill us with peace, and lead us to wholeness and strength.*

CLOSING SONG

*"Bind Us Together"*

ALC #108

Chorus

Bind us together Lord, Bind us together with cords, That cannot be broken, Bind us together Lord, Bind us together Lord, Bind us together with love

Verse 1

There is only one God, There is only one King, There is only one body, That is why we can sing *Chorus*

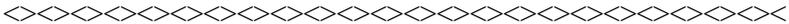
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace, remember the poor.

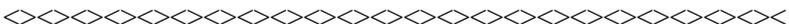
**We will! Thanks be to God!**

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Attendance last Wednesday 119; Sunday 47;

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## YOUTH PARTICIPANTS:

Acolytes: James Erickson, Alexa Frank  
Ushers: Kaede Scrivens, Hunter Haken

Scripture Reader: Brita Tjentland

**CARRYING TODAY'S WORSHIP THEME INTO DAILY LIFE:** During the Lenten journey, you are encouraged to keep a simple prayer journal during the 40 days. Perhaps you have a favorite daily devotional book. As you read the devotion, what were the key words? How do they connect an individual to become more like Jesus?

**Lent 2:** The Eighth Commandment: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. This week, try to not "bash" your neighbors by what you say. Because it is difficult, ask others for help to keep you accountable.

**WHY THE CANDLES IN THE CROSS?** Lent is a journey of 40 days, not counting Sundays. The lit candles mark for us the days of this journey, bringing us ever closer to Holy Week, the heart of the Christian story: our Lord Jesus' suffering, death and glorious resurrection for our life and the life of the world.

**FORTY DAY CHALLENGE!** Church and Society is challenging EVERYONE to give \$1 a day for forty days during lent. The money collected will be given to the **Southwest Minnesota Crisis Center**. Donations help provide a safe place, food, and clothing for men, women, or children escaping domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, or sex trafficking.



## ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERVICES AT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Where? First United Presbyterian Church, 336 11<sup>th</sup> St.

What? 30 minute Lenten Worship (in-person & through Facebook live).

When? 12:00 noon: February 24<sup>th</sup>, March 3rd, March 10th (ALC Leads), March 17th (ALC Leads), and March 24<sup>th</sup>. \*Please note: due to covid there will be no noon meal following the service.



**EASTER FLOWER** order forms were sent out in the messenger and are located in the Narthex on the back table for those who are interested in ordering. The deadline to order Easter Flowers is **March 8th at 12 noon**.

**COVID ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING WORSHIP:** On the first Wednesday of Lent we were blessed to have 119 people worshipping! The downside is that we are nearing maximum capacity with Covid restrictions. As we're allowed to sing now, our leadership is a bit anxious, although joyful, that we may have more worshippers in our sanctuary than we have room for. Therefore, to make the most space available, our ushers will assign you a seat from the front to the back. Once we reach 50% capacity, worshippers will then be seated in the Skylight Court or in the Fellowship Hall. We will continue to have online worship available. Thank you for your cooperation as we continue to do our best with this virus.

**NEXT WEEK'S NOISY OFFERING** is designated to The Windom Area Sharing Center. Please bring your spare change!

**"Assurance,"** a CD of faith-based harp music recorded by **Karen Wojahn**, is available in the church office. A minimum donation of \$10 per CD is requested, payable to American Lutheran Church, which will be forwarded to the SW MN Synod's Gifts of Grace Fund.

Because all that we have belongs to God, our goal in using that which belongs to Him is to glorify Him.  
"So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God" (1 Cor. 10:31).

**THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN**

**Wednesday, March 3**

6:30 PM Virtual BAM-W via Zoom (N-4<sup>th</sup> Grade)

6:30 PM Confirmation

6:30 PM The Case for Faith (7<sup>th</sup> Grade)

**Thursday, March 4**

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline

10:00 AM & 6:30 PM Cable TV

**Friday, March 5**

**World Day of Prayer**

6:30 AM McPrayer, United Methodist Church (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Graders)

**Saturday, March 6**

**Sunday, March 7**

*Third Sunday in Lent*

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion

10:00 AM GLOW Meeting

10:30 AM Radio Broadcast 103.1 FM

10:30 AM Virtual BAM via Zoom (N-4<sup>th</sup> Grade)

1:00 PM-2:30 PM First Communion

Preparation Class

4:30 PM Teen Bible Study, Youth Room

5:30 PM Youth & Family Board Meeting

**Monday, March 8**

12:00 PM Easter Flower Order Form  
Deadline

**Tuesday, March 9**

8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study

9:00 AM GLOW Sewing Day

12:00 PM Trust Fund

1:15 PM Staff Team Huddle

2:00 PM Altar Guild

7:00 PM Budget & Finance, Christian

Education, Discipleship, Marketing, & Stewardship, Properties, Spiritual Life & Fellowship, and Worship & Music Board Meetings

8:00 PM Church Council

**Wednesday, March 10**

12:00 PM Ecumenical Worship,  
Presbyterian Church (ALC Leads)

1:30 PM Hillside Manor

5:45 PM Lenten Worship w/Noisy Offering

6:30 PM Virtual BAM-W via Zoom (N-4<sup>th</sup> Grade)

6:30 PM Confirmation

6:30 PM The Case for Faith (7<sup>th</sup> Grade)

**Lent at ALC/Bethany**

February 24, March 3, 10, 17, & 24

Due to Covid there will be no Lenten suppers this year

5:45 PM Worship

6:30 PM BAM-W

6:30 PM Confirmation

6:30 PM The Case for Faith

**Lenten Worship Themes**

***Jesus: Our Hope for Healing and New Life***

Lent 1: Jesus, God's Fragrant Offering, **February 24**

Lent 2: Eighth Commandment Way of Life, **March 3**

Lent 3: Forgiveness, **March 10**

Lent 4: Community Building, **March 17**

Lent 5: Fasting/Taking On, **March 24**

This past year has been hard. COVID has separated us physically. Current events have pitted people against each other. The book of Ephesians has a lot to teach us about unity in the Body of Christ and the new life which is possible in Him! Come join the 40 day journey as we do the hard work of examining our hearts and mending our relationships to be more like Jesus.

**Holy Week at ALC/Bethany**

**Palm Sunday, March 28**

9:00 AM Worship

**Maundy Thursday, April 1**

6:00 PM Worship with Holy Communion / 1st Communion

**Good Friday, April 2**

6:00 PM Worship

**Easter Sunday, April 4**

The Resurrection of Our Lord

8:00 AM Festival Easter Worship with HC

9:30 AM Bethany Lutheran, Easter Service

11:00 AM Festival Easter Worship with HC