

**\*SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

WOV # 660

*"I Want Jesus to Walk With Me"*

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

**O God, maker of heaven and earth, Your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of Your Son, who calls us to bear witness to His saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**COMMUNION**

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\*Word's of Institution, \*Lord's Prayer, Distribution  
(Wine is a light pink, grape juice is a dark purple.)

**COMMUNION HYMN**

*"My Jesus I Love Thee"*

**\*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**

**God of our salvation, we give You thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to You, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of Your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to Your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**\*BLESSING**

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. May 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**

*"Nothing But the Blood of Jesus" v.1,4*



"Man does not live  
on bread alone, but  
on every word that  
comes from the mouth  
of God." Matthew 4:4

*Welcome to  
Worship at Bethel*

*Sunday, February 22, 2026  
First 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

*"In the Name of the Father"*

\*GATHERING HYMN

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*"Lift High the Cross" v.1,2,5*

\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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\*HYMN OF MERCY

*"I'd Rather Have Jesus"*

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide now the people of Your Church, that, following our Savior, we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; 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

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Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

PSALM

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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

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Romans 5:12-19

\*GOSPEL VERSE

*"Thy Word"*

\*GOSPEL

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Matthew 4:1-11

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON HYMN

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*"O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days"*

SERMON

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\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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