

Bethany Lutheran Church
703 Broadway- Emmetsburg, IA
Worship 10:30 AM
Sunday School 9:30 AM

Lost Island Lutheran Church
3797-310th St. - Ruthven, IA
Worship 8:45 AM
Sunday School 10:15 AM

Pastor F. Peter Morlock **Vicar Sarah Schilcher**

We welcome you to worship today

February 18, 2018

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. This year, the Sundays in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism. First Peter connects the way God saved Noah's family in the flood with the way God saves us through the water of baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world.

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS/ SIGNING OF FRIENDSHIP SHEETS

We invite everyone to please sign the attendance sheets in the black notebook located at the end of pew. If you are a member, take a minute to notice people you don't know and welcome them to worship. If you are a visitor, we would like to get to know you better, please include your address and phone number. We welcome you to come again.

ORDER OF SERVICE-LBW HOLY COMMUNION SETTING ONE

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:** LBW Pg. 56 (green hymnal)

*Please stand if you are able

***GATHERING HYMN:** LBW #229 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

***GREETING AND KYRIE:** LBW Pg. 57

*No hymn of praise during Lent

***SALUTATION:** P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY** Let us pray together.

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: GENESIS 9:8-17

Today's reading is the conclusion to the flood story. Because of human sin, the Lord destroys the earth by flood, saving only Noah, his family, and the animals on the ark. Yet divine destruction gives way to divine commitment. As in the first creation, God blesses humanity and establishes a covenant with all creatures.

⁸God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹"As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." ¹²God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." ¹⁷God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

PSALM 25:1-10

Your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness. (Ps. 25:10)

¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴**Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.**

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

⁸**You are gracious and up-right, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

The Bethany Sarah Circle will be putting Lutheran World Relief Kits together. We would like the congregation to help. Cash donations can be given to Pat Vician, Elaine Nauss or the church office. Please pay special attention to the size & color of the items-they are picky!

Hand towel-dark colored, 15"x 25"

Diaper Pins

Cloth Diapers-FLAT FOLDED

Bath size soap bar, 4-5 oz.-gentle

Bath towels-dark colored, 27"x 52"-light to medium weight

Adult size toothbrush

Large Tooth Comb

Metal nail clippers.

Sarah Circle would like to thank you for your help.

Lent began with Ash Wednesday, February 14th. There will be weekly midweek services at 5 PM and 7 PM with a light lunch served following the 5 o'clock service at Bethany. All are welcome. Servers are as follows:

Feb. 21-Sarah Circle

Feb 28-Men's Bible Study group

March 7-Youth

March 14-Confirmation Youth

March 21-Mary Martha and Ruth Circle.

If any youth are interested in helping with the Maundy Thursday Stripping of the Altar Service at Lost Island, please let Karyn Leininger or Diane know ASAP. If students want to have a reading part, we need to know your age to choose an appropriate reading part. Confirmation students are expected to help.

The family of Shirley Gentry would like to thank the people from Bethany who helped in the preparations for their mother's funeral. It was all greatly appreciated.

TODAY, February 18	BETHANY	NEXT SUNDAY, February 25
Organist:	Janis Campbell	
Lector: Deb Quamme		Joe Neary
Greeters: Bev Norland, Becky Walker		Amanda Murray Family
*Dennis & Sherrie Mandsager		*Tim & Molly Rodemeyer
Communion Asst: Kim Campbell, Pat Vician, Kathy Mehan		
Ushers: Burdell Naugle, *Doug Ort, Amelia & Quinton Ort		David Sidles, *Ron Chapman Willard & Parker Schmeling
Acolytes: Bayleigh & Mica Theesfeld		Nolan Gustafson, Quinton Ort

TODAY,	LOST ISLAND	NEXT SUNDAY
Organist:	Tim Nielsen	
Altar Guild for February		Linda Pitt, Lavonne Mason
Reader: Karyn Leininger		Tim Nielsen
Communion Asst: Steve Pitt		
Acolytes: Miriam Hackbart-Morlock		Olivia Sorenson

OPPORTUNITIES

<u>Monday, February 19</u>	9 am Quilting 6 pm Night Quilting
<u>Tuesday, February 20</u>	7 pm Sarah Circle meets at Jane Heykes home 6:50 pm Tabitha Circle meets at Alaire's home
<u>Wednesday, February 21</u>	12 noon Men's Bible Study, lunch 1:30-3 pm SACK (grades 2-5) (Early Out) 5:00 pm Lenten Service (Sarah Circle serves) 5:30 Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm COOL Group meets 7:00 pm Lenten Service 8:00 pm LIFE (grade 6-12)
<u>Thursday, February 22</u>	Articles are due for the Newsletter
<u>Saturday, February 24</u>	9:00 am Quilting at Lost Island Church
<u>Sunday, February 25</u>	8:45 am Lost Island Worship 10:15 am Lost Island Sunday School 9:30 am Bethany Sunday School 10:30 am Bethany Worship

**** The Confirmation Students are to attend one of the two Lenten Services each week****

Psalm 25:1-10 (cont'd.)

⁹You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

¹⁰All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

SECOND READING: 1 PETER 3:18-22

As God acted through Christ's suffering and death to bring us to God, so God acts through baptism to save us from a sinful existence. This spiritual cleansing marks our new life in Christ.

¹⁸Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Here ends the reading. Please stand for the Lenten response.

***LENTEN RESPONSE: LBW pg. 63 Return to the Lord, your God,....**

***GOSPEL ANNOUNCED and RESPONSE: Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: MARK 1:9-15

The Spirit that comes upon Jesus at his baptism sustains him when he is tested by Satan so that he might proclaim the good news of God's reign.

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

***GOSPEL RESPONSE: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDRENS MESSAGE
SERMON**

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** LBW #341, *Jesus, Still Lead On*

***THE NICENE CREED:** pg. 64

***THE PRAYERS-**respond with “hear our prayer”

***SHARING OF THE PEACE** –in this cold & flu season you may wish to refrain from shaking hands and just extend the greeting

Please be seated while the offering is received

***OFFERING/OFFERTORY:** LBW Pg. 66 **“Let the vineyards....”**

OFFERTORY PRAYER: LBW Pg. 67

Merciful Father, **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us-ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:** LBW Pg. 68

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION:** Pg. 69

***THE LORD’S PRAYER:** Pg. 71

HOLY COMMUNION: Pg. 72 **“Lamb Of God...”**

HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION: LBW #212, #197, #200

***BLESSING:** P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen.**

***POST COMMUNION:** Pg. 73 **“Lord, now you let your servant ...”**

***PRAYER AND BENEDICTION:** Pg. 74

***SENDING HYMN:** LBW #343 *Guide Me Ever Great Redeemer*

***DISMISSAL:** P: Go in peace to love & serve the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

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IN OUR PRAYERS: We remember those in special need of God’s love and care including:

Curt Ackerman (Son-in-law of Teresa Jensen), Marilyn Eglund, Janis Campbell, Bill Ortman, Bill Ellingrod, Deb Zanfes, Wilma Nielsen, Rhonda Bakken, Bonnie Anderson, Evelyn Mandsager,

Margaret Sloan, Kort Freeman, Heide Rienhardt, Garwin Anderson, Lois Quam, Pastor Trudy Peterson, Karyn Davis, Fern Schmidt, Rod Snavelly, Bob & Janet Mortensen, Lucille Anderson, Norma Larson, Richard Omundson and those we name in our hearts.

***Our missionary:** Courtney Davis in Papua New Guinea

***Our companion synods:** The Southern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania-Yakobi Parish, companion with Lost Island and the Evangelical Lutheran Church Laz-Paz parish in Chile, companion with Bethany .

Bethany Lutheran extends their sympathy to the family and friends of Shirley Gentry who passed away Sunday, 2/11/18. Her funeral was held here yesterday.

The youth have challenges for you (the congregation) during lent..... Please participate...it helps the youth but more importantly it is for you! See your challenge on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

1st Communion classes are scheduled for Saturday, March 10 from 10 am to 12:00 pm. This class is for 5th graders and others who may be interested. We are celebrating 1st Communion on Palm Sunday, March 25th. Please contact Pastor Peter for any questions.



We invite all who are baptized to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion with us. We ask that you believe that Christ is present in the bread and wine and that you desire the benefits He offers. If you would like to come forward for a blessing and not receive Holy Communion, please indicate by crossing your arms. If you are not able to come forward, please indicate to the usher and we will serve you at the pew. Grape juice is present in the center of the tray. Gluten free wafers are also available.

