

IN OUR PRAYERS: We remember those in special need of God's love and care including: Fiona Millican, Janis Campbell, Marilyn Eglund, Deb Zanfes, Curt Ackerman, Bill Ellingrod, Kort Freeman, Jim & Bonnie Anderson, Fern Schmidt, Heide Rienhardt, Margaret Sloan, Garwin Anderson, Lois Quam, Pastor Trudy Peterson, Karyn Davis, Rod Snavelly, Nancy Zeigler, Bob & Janet Mortenson, Lucille Anderson, Norma Larson, Bill Ortman, 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, Lost Island's companion and the Evangelical Lutheran Church Laz-Paz Parish in Chile, Bethany's companion.

Maundy Thursday will be here before we know it. If you are interested in helping with the service at Lost Island, please let Karyn Leininger or Diane know. If students want to read, we need your age. Confirmation students are expected to help as well. Thanks!

March 17th is the St. Pat's. Parade. All ages are asked to meet at Aluma to either ride on their float or walk with them. Be there at 12:45 pm. Also, from 6pm to 12 am on the 17th is the "Voice of the Martyrs Event." Supper is included. This is for the 6th - 12th grades. Kristin would love any parents or adult volunteers!! Let her know at 712-790-6470. Please let Kristin know if your coming!!

Today, during the Children's Sermon, Rod from the Okoboji/Ingham Lake Bible Camp will be sharing with our youth and adults, what the Camp offers for the young and old. He will be sharing a very short (5 minute) video and will have an informational discussion with our congregation. There will be information for you to take with you afterwards.

The Noisy Offering today will go to the "Voice of the Martyrs."

For last month's Noisy Offering, you gave \$97.48 to the fund for Courtney Davis who is living and working in Papua New Guinea.

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:

March 14-Confirmation Youth (they are serving Pork Loin made by Joe Boevers)
March 21-Mary Martha and Ruth Circle.

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

Rev. F. Peter Morlock and Vicar Sarah Schilcher
Today, during the offering, Bethany's New "Praise Band" will be playing. They will play occasionally during Church Services.

We welcome you to worship today
March 11, 2018

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

The fourth of the Old Testament promises providing a baptismal lens this Lent is the promise God makes to Moses: those who look on the bronze serpent will live. In today's gospel Jesus says he will be lifted up on the cross like the serpent, so that those who look to him in faith will live. When we receive the sign of the cross in baptism, that cross becomes the sign we can look to in faith, for healing, for restored relationship to God, for hope when we are dying.

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.

SERVICE FROM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP-SETTING 10

*Please stand as you are able

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:**

L: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

L: Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, re-new us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN:** TFF #733 *Jesus Keep Me Near* (LI) Praise #403

***GREETING:**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

***KYRIE:** sung to tune of *Lord Jesus, Think on Me*



1 Have mer-cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol-cmn prayer.
2 Have mer-cy on us, Christ, and wash a-way our sin.
3 Have mer-cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de-part.



We come to hear your liv-ing word; it saves us from de-spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be-gin.
Re-new us with your sav-ing pow'r; cre-ate in us new hearts!

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TODAY, MARCH 11	BETHANY	NEXT SUNDAY MARCH 18
Organist	Janis Campbell	
Altar Guild for March	Kathy Mehan	
Lector: Verna Hanson		Marit Veltri
Greeters: Brian & Amy Malm Family		Terry & Pam Rouse
	*Bob Andersen	*Roger & Carol Walker
Communion Asst:		Dianne Hough, Bob Andersen, Sherri Ort
Acolytes: Bryce & Brayden Cooke		Kelsey & Joseph Petersen

TODAY, MARCH 11	LOST ISLAND	NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 18
Organist	Tim Nielsen	
Altar Guild for March		Karyn Leininger, Pat Henningsen
Reader: Troy Leininger		Alaire Nielsen
Communion Asst:		Craig Thu
Acolytes: Owen Lux		Miriam Hackbart-Morlock

OPPORTUNITIES

<u>Sunday, March 11</u>	Prep Mtg. after Church for Trip Members
<u>Monday, March 12</u>	9:00 am Women Quilters 6:00 pm Evening Quilters
<u>Tuesday, March 13</u>	6:30 pm Cub Scouts
<u>Wednesday, March 14</u>	9:30 Mary Martha Circle meets at Bev Norland's 12 noon Men's Bible Study, lunch 3:30—5 pm SACK (grades 2-5) 5:00 pm COOL Group 5 & 7 pm Lenten Services (Confirmation Group serving Pork Loin) 7-8:30 pm LIFE (grade 6-12)
<u>Thursday, March 15</u>	6:50 pm Tabitha Circle meets at Alaire's
<u>Saturday, March 17</u>	9:00 am Lost Island Quilters 1:00 pm St. Pat's Parade—Bethany has entered a float—all are welcome to hop on at Aluma
<u>Sunday, March 18</u>	8:45 am Lost Island Worship, Holy Comm. 10:15 am Lost Island Sunday School 9:30 am Bethany Sunday School 10:30 am Bethany Worship, Holy Comm. Installation of WELCA Officers during services 1-3 pm Nursing Home Services (Pastor?)

***GOSPEL: JOHN 3:14-21 (cont'd.)**

[Jesus said:] ¹⁴“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

CONCLUSION OF THE GOSPEL: Praise to you, O Christ. (Spoken)

CHILDRENS MESSAGE (CAMP OKOBOJI INFO)

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** LBW #479, *My Faith Looks Up To Thee*

***THE APOSTLE’S CREED**

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION—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 #524 *My God, How Wonderful Thou Art (LI)*

Noisy offering: “Voice of the Martyrs” **(Bethany) Praise Band playing**

***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 LORD’S PRAYER AND BENEDICTION**

***SENDING HYMN:** LBW #377. *Lift High The Cross*

***DISMISSAL:** P: Go in peace to love & serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

***CANTICLE OF PRAISE:** sung to tune of *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Pray together

O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

VOLUNTEER CHOIR: LBW #448, *Amazing Grace*

FIRST READING: NUMBERS 21:4-9

Though God provides food and water for the Israelites in the wilderness, they whine and grumble. They forget about the salvation they experienced in the exodus. God punishes them for their sin, but when they repent God also provides a means of healing: a bronze serpent lifted up on a pole.

⁴From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” ⁶Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” ⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

PSALM 107:1-3, 17-22 Please Read Responsively
You deliver your people from their distress. (Ps. 107:19)

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good, for God’s mercy endures forever.
²**Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**
³gathering them in from the lands; from the east and from the west, From the north and from the south.
¹⁷**Some were fools and took rebellious paths; through their sins they were afflicted.**
¹⁸They loathed all manner of food and drew near to death’s door.
¹⁹**Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD and you delivered them from their distress.**
²⁰You sent forth your word and healed them and rescued them from the grave.
²¹**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love and your wonderful works for all people.**
²²Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving and tell of your deeds with shouts of joy.

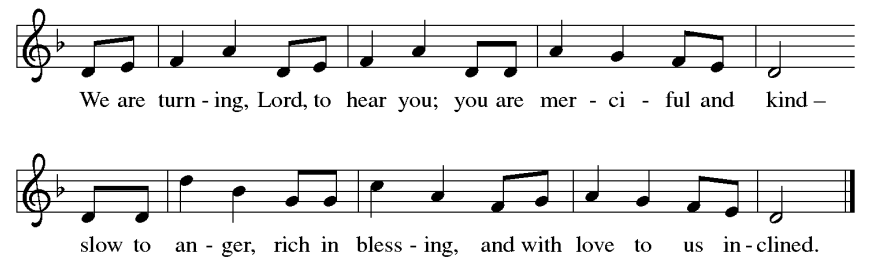
SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 2:1-10

While we were dead in our sinfulness, God acted to make us alive as a gift of grace in Christ Jesus. We are saved not by what we do but by grace through faith. Thus our good works are really a reflection of God’s grace at work in our lives.

¹You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Here ends the reading. Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** sung to (*By the Babylonian Rivers*)



GOSPEL ANNOUNCED and RESPONSE: Glory to you, O Lord. (Spoken)

GOSPEL: JOHN 3:14-21

To explain the salvation of God to the religious leader, Nicodemus, Jesus refers to the scripture passage quoted in today’s first reading. Just as those who looked upon the bronze serpent were healed, so people will be saved when they behold Christ lifted up on the cross.

VOLUNTEERS –BETHANY

Organist	Janis Campbell
Ushers for February	Phil Andreasen, Lonnie Naig
Assistant side ushers for February 12	Shawn Connelly, Dalton Connelly
Assistant side ushers for February 19	Joe Carter, Luke Carter
Altar Guild for February	Dianne Hough

TODAY, February 12

Lector: Amelia Ort	Deb Quamme
Greeters: Joe & Lisa Carter Family	Bev Norland
*Greg & Rachel Haack	*Dennis & Sherri Mandsager
Communion Asst:	John & Stephanie Larson, Kathy Mehan
Acolytes: Bryce Cooke	Braxton Cooke, Ben Saxton
Ryerson Boevers	

TODAY, February 12 LOST ISLAND NEXT SUNDAY, February 19

Organist	Tim Nielsen
Altar Guild for February	Marlys Jensen, Linda Pitt
Reader: Karyn Leininger	Tim Nielsen
Communion Asst:	Troy Leininger
Acolytes: Olivia Sorenson	Kate Sorenson

OPPORTUNITIES

<u>Monday, February 13</u>	9 am Quilting
<u>Tuesday, February 14</u>	6:30 pm Cub Scouts
<u>Wednesday, February 15</u>	12 noon Men's Bible Study, lunch 1:30-3 pm SACK (grades 2-5) 5-7 pm Confirmation 7-8:30 pm LIFE (grade 6-12)
<u>Thursday, February 16</u>	9:30 am Willow Ridge Communion (pastor) 11:30 am Ministerial group (pastor)
<u>Sunday, February 19</u>	8:45 am Lost Island Worship, Holy Communion 10:15 am Lost Island Sunday School 9:30 am Bethany Sunday School 10:30 am Bethany Worship, Holy Communion 1-3 pm Nursing Home Services



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to Paul Abbott for conducting our worship service today.

Thank you to Brian Campbell and Pastor Kris for leading services last week.

The Noisy Offering today will go to the Palo Alto County Ministerial Salvation Army Fund. This is a fund held at the local police station and used for needy persons coming into the area with nothing-needing a meal, lodging

Penny Wars 2017 has come to an end. We want to thank all that have given money, sabotage, and fun over this last month. WINNERS of The YOUTH with -\$57.40! ADULTS ended with a -\$133.86. The total earnings PENNY WARS are for the Penny Wars and the amount that will

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Updates on Pastor Ellerbusch are on the bulletin board in the overflow room. He is still hospitalized and would enjoy cards!