

**4TH SUNDAY IN LENT**

**03/15/2026**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:**

**ELW SETTING 3 W/ COMMUNION**

**VOLUNTEERS**

LOST ISLAND:	TODAY	BETHANY:
Reader—Bethany Geiger		Lector—Sherri Ort
Comm. Asst.: Charles Henningsen	Comm. Assist.— LuAnn Opheim, Pat Vician, Quentin Ort, Amelia Ort	Acolyte—Addy Hagen
	Greeter- Barb Haack, *Sherri Ort	Usher-Chuck Duhn, Joe Neary
Reader—Kyle Norris	NEXT SUNDAY- March 22	Lector—Kristin Rienhardt
		Acolyte—Noah & Riley Soenen
		Greeters—Pam & Terry Rouse
		Ushers—Chuck Noble, Dave Sidles

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Hailey Koenig, Justin Reinart, Mike Schipull, Wendy Warmbier, Paul Bedard, Korbin Johnson, Doug Ort, Jeff Duhn, Wilma Nielsen, Nolyn Johnson, Omundson Family, David Stephens, Rick Rienhardt, Bridget Johnson, and those we name in our hearts.

\*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.

We remember: Thomas Crocoll and Alex Meyer who are both serving in the military.

**PRELUDE MUSIC**

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*INVOCATION**

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**\*GATHERING HYMN.....#714 ELW "O God of Mercy, God of Light"**

**\*GREETING AND KYRIE.....#138 ELW "In peace, let us pray....."**

**\*SALUTATION**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY.....See Insert**

**FIRST READING.....1 Samuel 16:1-13**

**PSALM.....Psalm 23**

**SECOND READING.....Ephesians 5:8-14**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION.....#142 ELW "Return to the Lord....."**

**\*GOSPEL ANNOUNCED....."Glory to you, O Lord"**

**\*GOSPEL.....John 9:1-41**

**\*GOSPEL RESPONSE....."Praise to you, O Christ"**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SERMON.....Pastor Jeff Geiger**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY.....#779 ELW "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"**

**\*NICENE CREED.....ELW PG. 104**

**\*PRAYERS....."Your Mercy is Great"**

**\*SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**OFFERING/\*OFFERTORY.....#184 ELW "Let the vineyards be....."**

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER:** 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.*

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**.....ELW PG. 144

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**.....ELW PG. 145

**HOLY COMMUNION**.....#146 ELW "*Lamb of God....*"

**HYMN/SONG DURING COMMUNION**

#487 ELW "*What Feast of Love*" at Lost Island

Reflection song at Bethany "*Jesus Paid It All*"

**\*POST-COMMUNION**.....#135 ELW "*Now Lord, you let....*"

**\*PRAYER & BENEDICTION**

**\*SENDING HYMN**.....#324 ELW "*In The Cross of Christ I Glory*"

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

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.

The yellow colored cup is grape juice.  
Gluten free wafers are also available.



The Altar Guild would appreciate any Easter lilies and spring flowers that you may wish to share for Easter Sunday. They can be **delivered to the church on April 2nd BETWEEN 9AM-2PM** in the overflow room. Please put your name on the plant if you wish to take it home later. Also, if you want the plant to be recognized in honor or memory of someone, please fill out the sheet outside the office. The Easter lilies and spring flowers can be **picked up APRIL 12TH AFTER WORSHIP.**



*Thank you from the Altar Guild*

**PALM SUNDAY**   
MARCH 29TH.....8:45AM LOST ISLAND  
MARCH 29TH.....10:30AM BETHANY

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**   
APRIL 2ND.....7PM AT LOST ISLAND

**GOOD FRIDAY**   
APRIL 3RD.....7PM AT BETHANY

**"THERE IS HOPE" MIME DRAMA**   
APRIL 1ST.....7PM AT BETHANY

**EASTER SUNDAY**   
APRIL 5TH.....6:30AM AT BETHANY  
EASTER BREAKFAST FOLLOWING SERVICE  
APRIL 5TH.....8:45AM AT LOST ISLAND  
APRIL 5TH.....10:30AM AT BETHANY

*HOLY week*

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<sup>6</sup>When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely his anointed is now before the Lord." <sup>7</sup>But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." <sup>8</sup>Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." <sup>9</sup>Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." <sup>10</sup>Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." <sup>11</sup>Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here." <sup>12</sup>He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him, for this is the one." <sup>13</sup>Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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**SECOND READING.....Ephesians 5:8-14**

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