

<p>TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH <i>Nurture with Love, Serve with Hope</i> FEBRUARY 15, 2026 PASTOR ELAINA SALMON</p>

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

(Please stand.)

THE GATHERING

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
the Creator of heaven and earth,
the Word who spoke life into being,
the Wind stirring the waters.

C **Amen.**

P Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Mighty God, lover of justice,

C **you call us to life in community,
but we have served our own interests
at the expense of our neighbors.
We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.
We say the right words,
but our hearts are far from you.
Turn us to seek your face.
Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,
that we may do justice, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

P The former things have passed away,
and new things God now declares:
Like a spring of water that never fails,
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,
and forgives your sin in Jesus' name.
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,
and bless you with the gift of peace.

C **Amen.**

Gathering Song *“Joyful Is the Dark”*

*Joyful is the dark, holy, hidden God,
rolling cloud of night beyond all naming:
majesty in darkness, energy of love,
Word-in-flesh, the mystery proclaiming.*

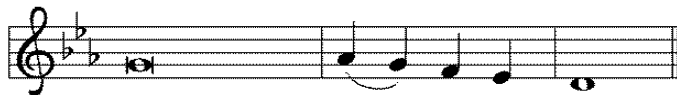
*Joyful is the dark, coolness of the tomb,
waiting for the wonder of the morning;
never was that midnight touched by dread and gloom:
darkness was the cradle of the dawning.*

*Joyful is the dark, depth of love divine,
roaring, looming thundercloud of glory,
holy, haunting beauty, living, loving God.
Hallelujah! Sing and tell the story!*

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.**

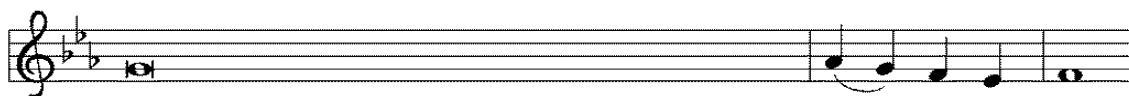
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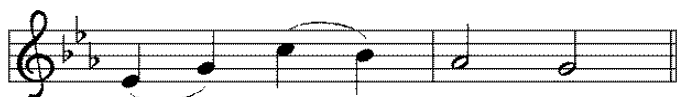
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



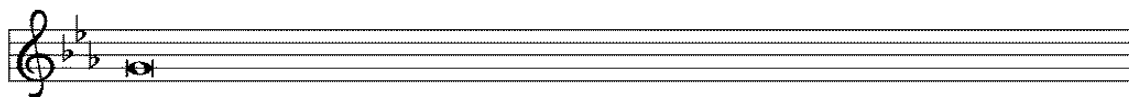
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



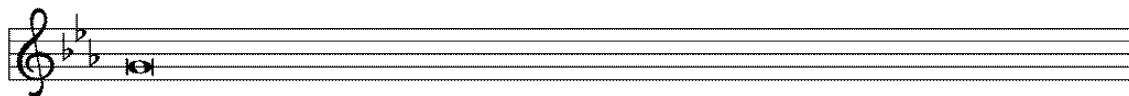
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



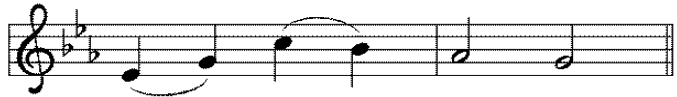
Lord, have mer - cy.



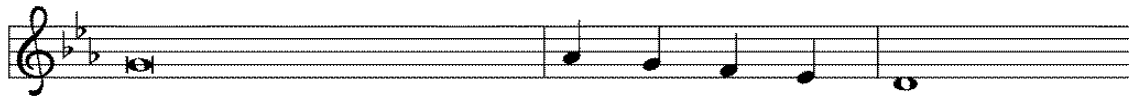
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



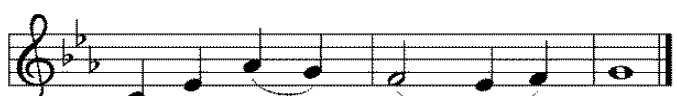
let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

This is the Feast

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Refrain

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Prayer of the Day

- P O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

(Please be seated.)

THE WORD

Children's Sermon

The First Reading Exodus 24:12-18

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

- A The Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 2

- A Why are the nations in an uproar?
Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?
- C **Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, against the Lord and against the Lord's anointed?**
- A "Let us break their yoke," they say;
"let us cast off their bonds from us."
- C **God whose throne is in heaven is laughing;
the Lord holds them in derision.**

- A Then in wrath God speaks to them,
and in rage fills them with terror.
- C **“As for me, I have anointed my king
upon Zion, my holy mountain.”**
- A Let me announce the decree of the Lord,
who said to me, “You are my son; this day have I begotten you.
- C **Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance
and the ends of the earth for your possession.**
- A You shall crush them with an iron rod
and shatter them like a piece of pottery.”
- C **And now, you kings, be wise;
be warned, you rulers of the earth.**
- A Submit to the Lord with fear,
and with trembling bow in worship;
- C **lest the Lord be angry, and you perish in a sudden blaze of wrath.
Happy are all who take refuge in God!**

Second Reading 2 Peter 1:16-21

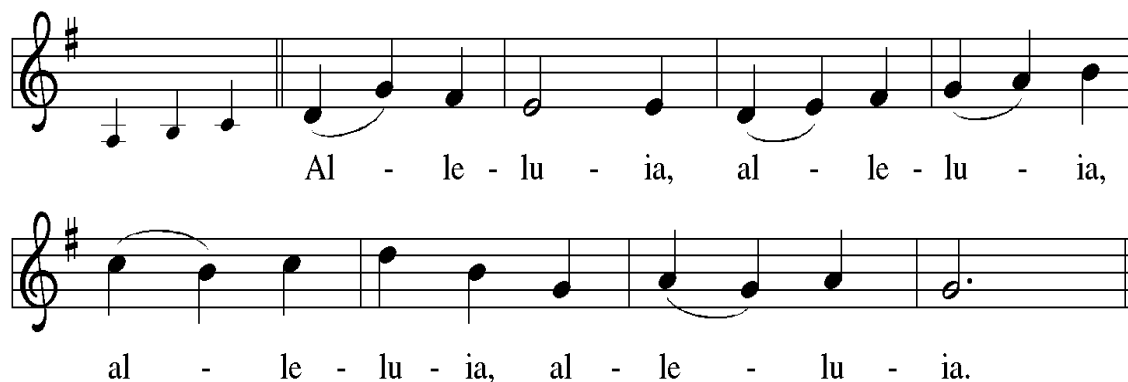
We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

- A The Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand.)

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated.)

Sermon **Rev. Elaina Salmon**

(Please stand.)

Hymn of the Day *"Dazzling Presence on the Mountain"*

*Dazzling presence on the mountain:
human eye had never seen
such a wonder, such resplendence,
heav'n and earth in cloud convene.
"This is my Son, the beloved,"*

*thund'rous voice from cloud exclaimed.
Word made flesh to heal creation,
to disciples God proclaimed.*

*From this mount of mystic splendor
to the cross Christ presses on;
here no Moses nor Elijah,
only thieves Christ's wings adorn.
"Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy,"
was one's penitential sigh.
With transfiguring assurance,
Christ rejoins his fervent cry.*

*From the heights of new creation,
Christ beholds his world, redeemed;
as with Peter and companions,
brings us now to sights unseen.
Justice, mercy, and compassion:
these the booths he bids us build,
that the earth he loves may flourish
as each life with grace is filled.*

*Let our praise ring from each mountain,
into deepest valleys pour,
where, with lives of grateful service,
we adore Christ evermore.
To the Son, God's own beloved,
and the Spirit endlessly,
may the church's praise be lifted
to the blessed Trinity.*

Prayers of the People

- A As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

(a moment of silence)

- A Revealing God, your Spirit sustains the church. Strengthen the faithful with the revelation of Christ transfigured, that we may joyfully follow him in the way of the cross. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

- A Life-giving God, creation is full of your majesty. Nurture in us a deep respect for the interdependence of all life, and make us wise and vigilant stewards of your good earth. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

- A Peacemaking God, the nations are in turmoil. We pray for an end to violent conflict. Give wisdom to negotiators and sanctuary to refugees. Defend any who are in danger. Merciful God,
C **receive our prayer.**
- A Healing God, you desire wholeness for all people. Bring healing to any who are experiencing illness, chronic pain, or mental anguish. Comfort the dying and those who grieve. Merciful God,
C **receive our prayer.**
- A Holy God, in our worship we glimpse your glory, hear your voice, and receive assurance of your love. Inspire all who prepare, lead, and participate in worship to serve you with reverence and joy. Merciful God,
C **receive our prayer.**
- A Transforming God, you bring life from death. We give thanks for the witness of those who have died in faith, and we praise you for the hope we have in Christ, our Morning Star. Merciful God,
C **receive our prayer.**
- A Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.
C **Amen.**

Sharing of Christ's Peace

- P The peace of Christ be with you always.
C **And also with you.**

(Please be seated.)

THE MEAL

Invitation to the Offering

- P We have been eyewitnesses to Jesus' majesty! Let us give thanks for his light, life, and love with an offering of our lives.

Offering

Special Music

(Please stand.)

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Offering Song



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Offertory Prayer

- A God of majesty,
no eye has seen, no ear has heard
what you have prepared for those who love you,
yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy.
Use what we have gathered
to feed us with the reign of God come near,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

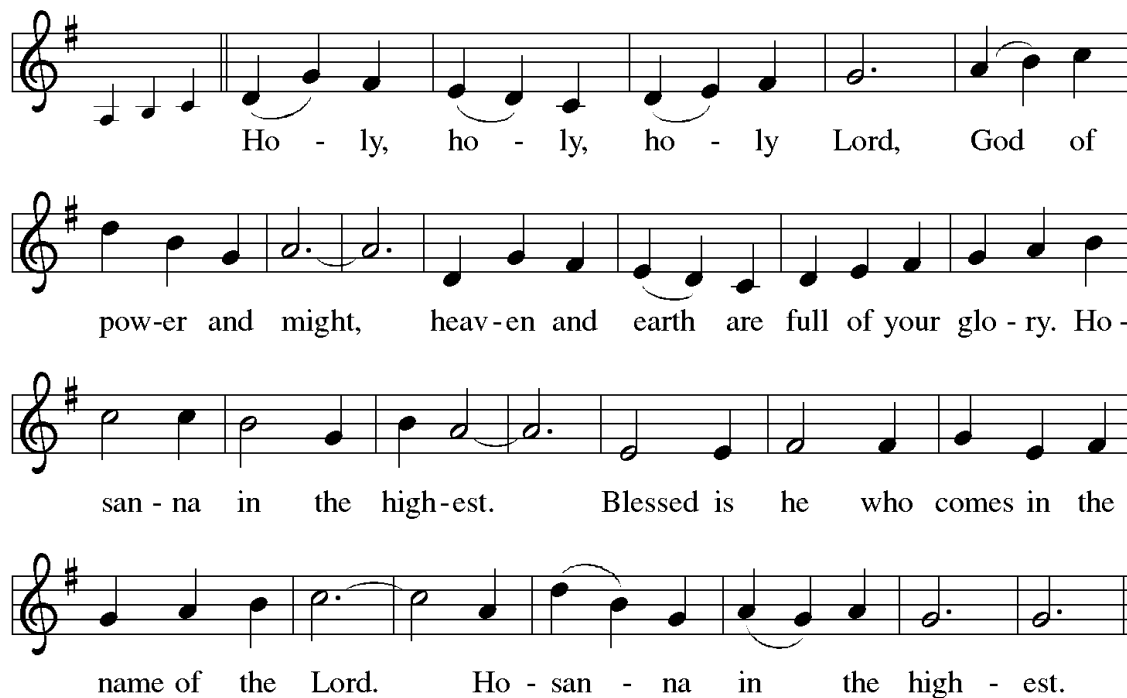
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Preface

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love,
that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



P In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

P Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

P Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love,
O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

P Remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray,
C **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

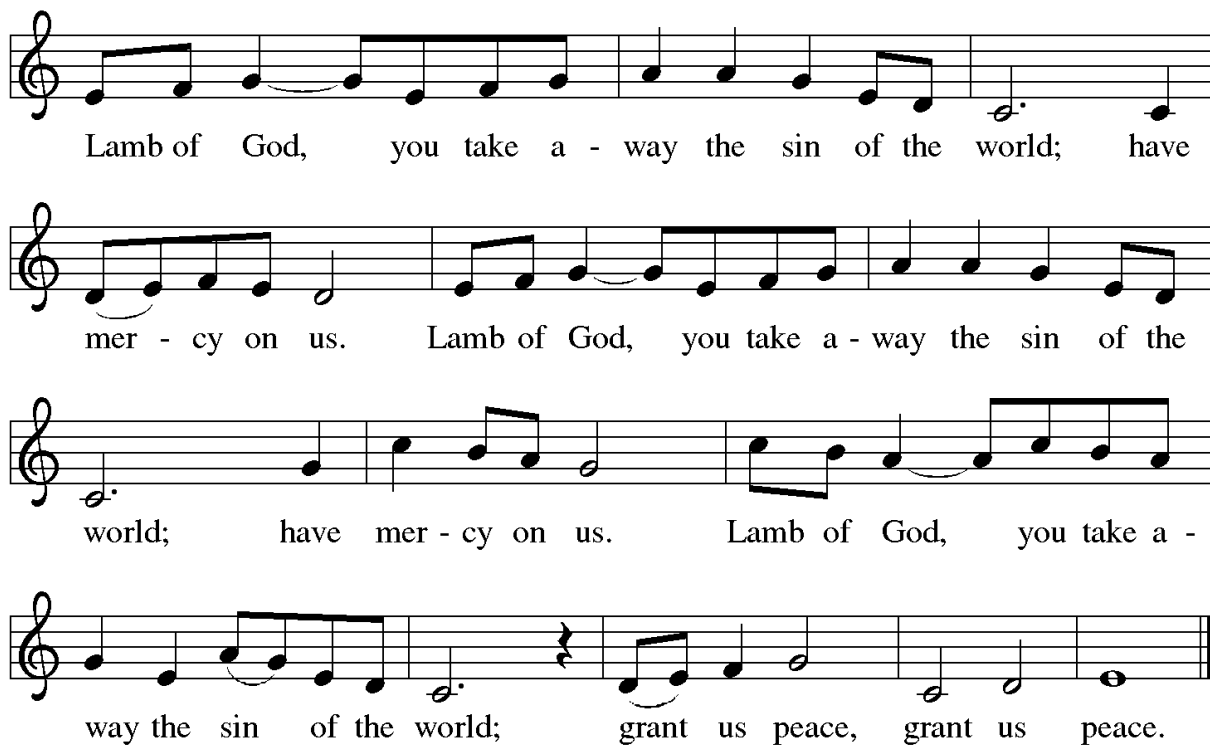
P Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
Come to the table; taste and see.

(Please be seated.)

Communion Distribution

Communion Songs

"Lamb of God"



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

“Open My Eyes”

*Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your face.
Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see.*

*Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear your voice.
Open my ears Lord. Help me to hear.*

*Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love like you.
Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love.*

*I live within you, Deep in your heart, O Love.
I live within you. Rest now in me.*

(Please stand.)

Communion Blessing

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

A Radiant God,
we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
In the sacrament of his body and blood
you have drawn us to your heart.
Send us from this table with delight,
that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,
and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C **Amen.**

SENDING

Blessing

P May the triune God,
who has put a new song in your mouth
and tuned your heart for praise
bless you now and forever.
C **Amen.**

Sending Song *“Beautiful Savior”*

*Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee,
truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.*

*Fair are the meadows,
fair are the woodlands,
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.*

*Fair is the sunshine,
fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.*

*Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!*

Dismissal

P Go in peace to nurture with love and serve with hope.
C **Thanks be to God**

PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY

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Mike Hoffman	Dave Nommenson	George Woolet
Monica Johnson	Charlotte Pohlman	Al

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For those we name in our hearts, and for those who have not yet found Jesus.

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ASH WEDNESDAY

The beginning of Lent is Ash Wednesday on February 18th. Our worship service will be at 7pm. If you need ashes-to-go for homebound families members, some are available on the back table.

BIBLE STUDY

The monthly Bible Study group has decided to read The Book of Belonging, a children's Bible, to open up scripture stories in new ways. Pr. Elaina's copy is available to preview on the back table. The Bible Study will meet on February 25, March 25, April 22, and May 27 from 10-Noon at Bethany. All are welcome!

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

We invite you to join us for a Soup Supper on February 25 at 6pm! We'll kick off our Holy Conversations series over a nice warm bowl of soup. We're looking for volunteers to bring soup, bread, drinks, and dessert. Please see sign-up sheet on the back table.

BETHANY GEAR FUNDRAISER

You can update your wardrobe with new Bethany gear! The link to our store is on our website (bethanylemont.org). The store will remain open through the month of February. Bethany will receive a few dollars for every product sold.

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