



Thursdays @12pm and 7pm

Next Week

March 26<sup>th</sup> - I AM the Vine! John 15:1



5<sup>th</sup> Mid-week Lent  
March 19, 2026  
Berea Lutheran Church

**Opening Hymn: 435 “Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain”**

Pastor: In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: O Lord, open my lips!

**People: And my mouth will show forth your praise.**

Pastor: Make haste, O God, to deliver me!

**People: Make haste to help me, O Lord.**

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning is now, and will be forever: World  
without end. Amen.**

Pastor: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen

**People: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon,  
forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen**

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### **Call to Worship**

[During the sermon series on the I AM our worship will use psalms that point to God as the I AM. Today we read Psalm 119:153-160.]

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Look upon my affliction and deliver me, for I do not forget your law.

**C: Plead my cause and redeem me; give me life according to your  
promise!**

P: Salvation is far from the wicked, for they do not seek your statutes.

**C: Great us your mercy, O Lord; give me life according to your rules.**

P: Many are my persecutors and adversaries, but I do not swerve from your testimonies.

**C: I look at the faithless with disgust, because they do not keep your commands.**

P: Consider how I love your precepts! Give me life according to your steadfast love.

**C: The sum of your word is truth, and every one of your righteous rules endures forever.**

### Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Lord God, merciful Father, you are the God who made heaven and earth. Forgive us when we clamor for a different god and set our feet on the path that trusts you above all things; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

**First reading: Deuteronomy 32:1-8**

**Epistle reading: Hebrews 6:1-9**

**Holy Gospel: John 14:6--11**

**Hymn: 861 “Christ Be My Leader”**

**Sermon “I AM the Truth!”**

### Prayers For the Body of Christ

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole body of Christ and for all people according to their needs. For all the nations of the world, that their leaders may see with your eyes of justice and mercy the needs of their people, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: O Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For your body, the church, that we may see in our service the coming of your kingdom to our world, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: O Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For all who are spiritually blinded by this world, that you may be seen by them as the light of the world, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: O Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the sick, (especially...) that we may see the fulfillment of your kingdom through the healing that comes by your power, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: O Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, Lord, in Your mercy grant us a safe lodging and a holy rest and peace at the last, let us pray to the Lord,

**People: O Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Abide with us, Lord, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. Abide with us and with Your whole Church. Abide with us at the end of the day, at the end of our life, at the end of the world. Abide with us with Your grace and goodness, with Your holy Word and Sacrament, with Your strength and blessing. Abide with us when the night of affliction and temptation comes upon us, the night of fear and despair, the night when death draws near. Abide with us and with all the faithful, now and forever, let us pray to the Lord,

**People: O Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Into your care, O Lord, we entrust all for whom we pray, believing in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen**

### Lord's Prayer

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,  
for ever and ever.

Amen

### Benediction

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord watch over you and protect you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**People: Amen**

**Closing Hymn: 880 “Now Rest beneath Night's Shadow”**