

Sunday, February 28 ~ *Second Sunday in Lent*

We see Jesus on the cross and hear his call to follow him. Like Peter, we confess that Jesus is Messiah and ask, what will this mean for our lives? Where do you see Jesus in worship and in our world today?

Prelude: *from Sonata No. 2 in C Minor/Major*
Allegro moderato

Felix Mendelssohn

Gathering Words/Welcome and Announcements

SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER

To prepare a worship space in your home light a candle, gather a bowl of water, and a cross. The candle reminds us of Christ's light. The presence of water reminds us of God's forgiveness that comes to us through Baptism. The cross reminds us Christ is present with us in all things. Over the last year, we have learned anew that Christ is with us wherever we gather, and by God's love and grace, we are made one with Christ in baptism, across time and space.

Gathering Hymn :

Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church

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1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your church
2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,
3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,

walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,
so dai - ly liv - ing in your way of love,
you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;

led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,
and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,

moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:
know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:
glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flow'r,

far off yet here— the goal of all de - sire.
so we are dead and live with you in God.
so in - to life and glo - ry shall we wake.

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Music: OLD 124111, *Trente quatre pseumes de David*, Geneva, 1551

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Greeting:

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

And also with you.

Show us your ways, O Lord,

and teach us your paths.

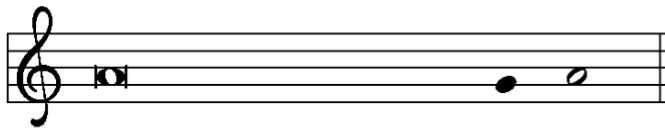
Your word revives our souls;

your word is alive and gives wisdom.

You send forth your word as healing balm,

and in your word made flesh, Jesus Christ, you rescue us.

Kyrie:



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



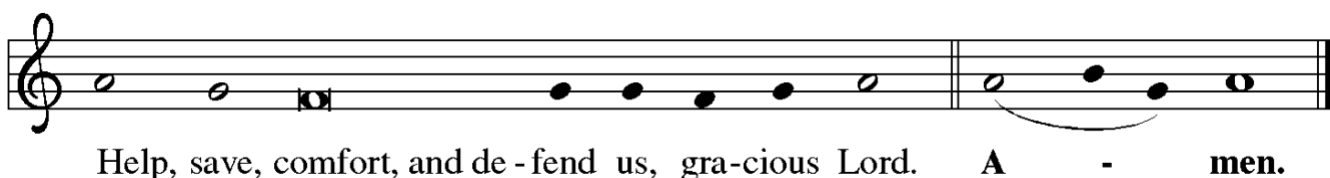
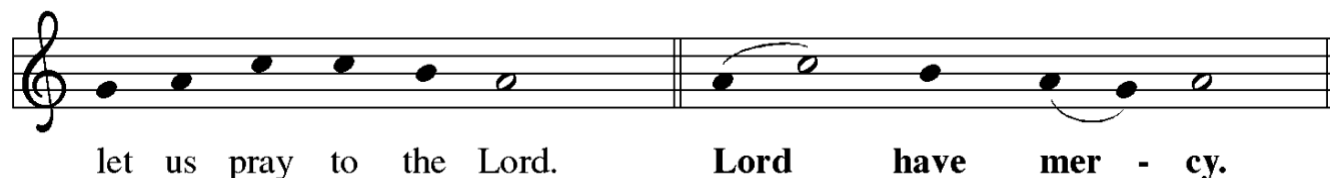
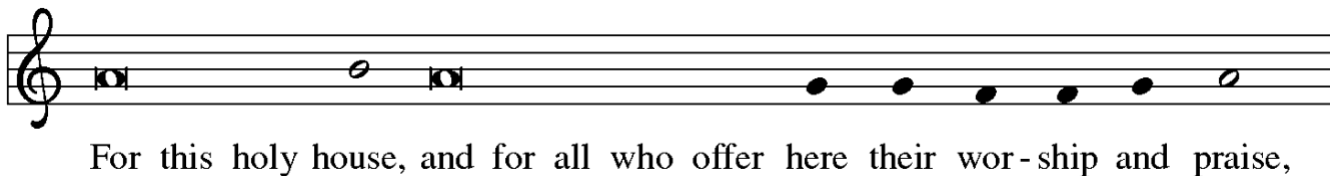
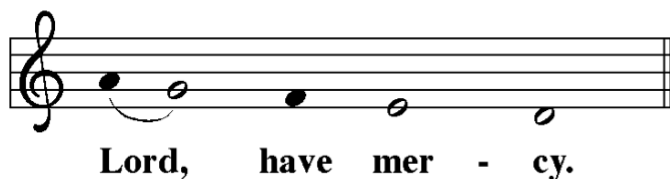
Lord, have mer - cy.



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.



Prayer of the Day:

Let us pray. O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

Children's Moment

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Psalm: Psalm 22:23-31

²³You who fear the LORD, praise him!

All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

²⁴For he did not despise or abhor
the affliction of the afflicted;
he did not hide his face from me,
but heard when I cried to him.

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the LORD.
May your hearts live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember

and turn to the LORD;
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before him.

²⁸For dominion belongs to the LORD,
and he rules over the nations.

²⁹To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
and I shall live for him.

³⁰Posterity will serve him;
future generations will be told about the LORD,

³¹and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying that he has done it.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Turn your eyes up - on Je - sus, look
full in his won - der - ful face;
And the things of earth will grow strange - ly dim in the
light of his glo - ry and grace.

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system ends with a comma, the second with a semicolon, and the fourth with a period. The piano accompaniment features chords and single notes, with some measures containing triplets or longer note values. The final system ends with a double bar line.

The Gospel according to Mark.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel: Mark 8:27- 38

After Peter confesses his belief that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus tells his disciples for the first time what is to come. Peter's response indicates that he does not yet understand the way of the cross that Jesus will travel.

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. ³¹[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

1 *Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te;*
 1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;
 2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
 3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,
 4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;

Jé - sus, je vou - drais l'an-non-cer à mes voi - sins par - tout,
 I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:
 May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.
 to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.
 but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.

car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l'a - mour:
 you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
 For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.
 And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love,

Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te.
 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.
 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.
 we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

Text: Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus and L'Arche Community; tr. Stephen Somerville, b. 1931

Music: LES PETITES SOEURS, Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus and L'Arche Community

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Response to the Word:

In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

pray in the Holy Spirit.

Keep yourselves in the love of God;

look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things
done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in
newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen

The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins.

Amen

Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another,
live in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Greet those with whom you worship physically with a sign of peace, extend the peace of Christ through the comments section or text to those who are at a distance.

Offering

Though we meet virtually, the ministry of God's people at BLC continues. Our worship is complete when we bring all of our resources to receive God's blessing and fulfill God's purpose. This time of uncertainty and reduced physical contact gives us ever more opportunities to share our abundance – of compassion, of time, and of material resources. If you are able, please continue your financial commitment to BLC.

If you would like to make a one-time gift electronically, scan the QR (quick response) code on the right and you'll be brought to BLC's mobile giving page. For recurring gifts, download the Tithe.ly app. Checks may also be mailed to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 48 Perrin Street, Fairport, NY 14450.



Whatever form your offering takes, we give thanks to God for you and your generosity.

Offering of Music:

"Out In The Wilderness"

Jay Beech, arr. Folk Group

BLC Folk Group (Rich Towsley, Director)

Offertory:	<i>Create in Me a Clean Heart</i>	#188
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A musical score for the offertory song "Create in Me a Clean Heart". It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The first system of music covers the first line of lyrics, and the second system covers the second line. The music is a simple, folk-style arrangement with a steady rhythm.

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670-1739

Offertory Prayer:

Let us pray. Gracious God,

in the abundance of your steadfast love, you call us from death to life, from silence to speech, from idleness to action. With these gifts we offer ourselves to you, and with the Church through all the ages we give thanks for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Prayers of the People:

In the silences of our prayer you are encouraged to remember those whose needs are known to us listed below. You may also lift up the name of someone in need of prayer in the comments of our worship livestream.

As God's people called to love one another, let us pray for the needs of the Church, the human family, and all the world.

Brief silence

God of truth, we pray that throughout Lent we will reflect on our faith, our lives and endeavors with honesty and humility while trusting in God's grace to restore our spirit and to reassure us that we will always be disciples of Christ and loved children of God. Hear us O God,
your mercy is great.

God of love, we pray that when people witness our actions and hear our words, they will see the light of the gospel and the love of Jesus Christ in us and will be moved to believe in your love, forgiveness and actions in the world today. Hear us O God,
your mercy is great.

God of understanding, help us listen to each other with respect and to address and heal the political and ideological divisions that discourage us from treating one another with love and concern as neighbors and siblings in Christ. We pray that the Spirit will unite us and lead us in the work we must do together for the well-being of our communities, nation and neighbors in need. Hear us O God,
your mercy is great.

God of care and healing, we give thanks that you see us and know our needs. Today we pray for these members and friends of Bethlehem and their families: Erwin & Nancy, Fred & Colleen (Evan & Corinne), Tom & Connie, Mary, Jackie and for our twin parish in Shurugwi, Zimbabwe.

We pray for those in need of healing, especially:

- Ada Carr, friend of Mike Higgins, who is healing following a broken neck
- Lois Peterson, aunt of Christine Higgins, who is recovering from a fall
- Iona Jones who is hospitalized following a fall
- Riley, nephew of Kathy Moragne, facing health challenges
- Milani, 14-month-old granddaughter of Don Groff's niece who had surgery for a benign brain tumor
- Waverly, friend of Phyllis Stock as she begins dialysis
- Those impacted by fires, hurricanes and other disasters
- Those who are involved with the ongoing work of caregiving for loved ones
- Those who are infected with or recovering from Coronavirus, and their caregivers
 - Elaine Forsberg, step-grandmother of Christine Higgins

And for those intentions that are deep in our hearts and too difficult to mention.

Long silence

Hear us O God,
your mercy is great!

Lord, you give us what we need. Help us to see Jesus, help us to hear Jesus, and help us to feel Jesus in everything we say and do. Hear us O God,
your mercy is great!

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, grant us, O God, for the sake of Christ who died and rose again, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer:

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen

WE LEAVE TO SERVE:

Benediction:

You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor.

God bless you ☩ that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.

Amen

Sending Hymn:	<i>Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus</i>	#802

(Music on the following page)

Dismissal:

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Postlude on "Promised Land"

Sacred Harp/arr. Sam Batt Owens



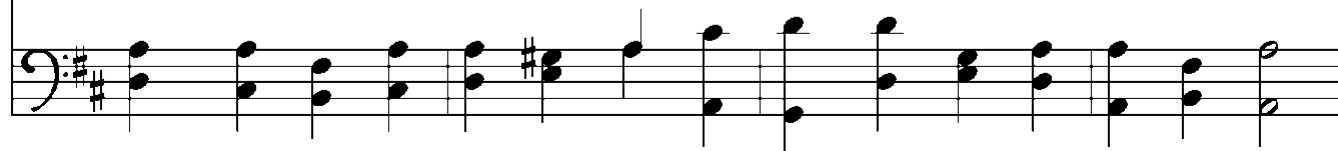
1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.
Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.
he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.
that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,



On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,
Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:
Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;
we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be



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full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.
 all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.
 and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.
 in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.
 Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.
 Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.
 Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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Calendar for week of February 28 – March 7

(Last updated on 2/24/21 at 12 noon, visit <https://blcfairport.org/event-directory/> for updates)

Sunday, February 28

Second Sunday in Lent

8:30 am Facebook
Livestream Worship
9:45 am Zoom* Book/Bible
Study
([Join](#) or use ID 869 8659 4311)
11:00 am – 1 pm Pickup
Sweetheart Sale Orders at the
District Lot
6:30 pm Zoom* Story time for
pre-K through 5th grade and
families
([Join](#) or use ID 815 7566 9638)
7:30 pm Zoom* LYO
([Join](#) or use ID 818 2417 6546)

Monday, March 1

6:00 pm Virtual Youth Choir
([Join](#) or use ID 816 9461 2911)
6:30 pm BSA Troop 208
7:00 pm Zoom* GFL
Confirmation
([Join](#) or use ID 859 4816 8778)

Tuesday, March 2

BLC Office Closed**

6:30 pm BSA Troop 2019

Wednesday, March 3

9:30 am Zoom* Bible Study
([Join](#) or use ID 943 3691 2942)
1:00 pm Zoom* Men's Lunch
([Join](#) or use ID 874 8853 3240)
3:00 pm Education Planning
Meeting
6:30 pm Chancel Bells
7:00 pm Zoom* Midweek Lenten
Worship Series
([Join](#) or use ID 837 4022 0666)
8:00 pm Zoom* Chancel Choir
Rehearsal
([Join](#) or use ID 869 2314 9200)

Thursday, March 4

10:00 am Zoom* CMT Meeting
([Join](#) or use ID 825 5536 5823)
6:30 pm Zoom* BLC Officer's
Meeting

Friday, March 5

Pastor's Sabbath

10:00 am Folk Group Rehearsal
3:00 pm Dulcimer Group
Rehearsal

Saturday, March 6

Sunday, March 7

Third Sunday in Lent

8:30 am Facebook
Livestream
Worship followed by Holy
Communion – the sanctuary
will be open for people to
receive communion until 11 am
No book/Bible study today
7:30 pm Zoom* LYO
([Join](#) or use ID 818 2417 6546)

*****Beth Schoenfeld will be out of the office on Tuesdays through March 10. Pastor Amy remains available on Tuesdays and can be reached by phone when she is not in the office.***

For additional details about any of the meetings, events and activities listed above contact the church office!

Church Office Hours: We continue to hold remote office hours M-F from 9 am to 12 noon. During these times, please call (585) 223-0634 to reach us directly, otherwise you may continue to email us at office@blcfairport.org and we'll respond as we're able. For further assistance or urgent pastoral care needs outside of office hours, please call the office and leave a message on the pastoral care line. Pastor Amy remains available by phone and email at other times.

****To join any of our BLC Zoom meetings, use the ID provided or contact the church office and/or group organizer.***

****Zoom Options:*** For recurring meetings, the info will remain the same each time. Participants can join with the link provided (above where applicable, or via email), or by using the Meeting ID and manually enter the password (the 10-digit BLC phone number with area code, no spaces or hyphens). ***Please contact the group leader or the church office for assistance or additional details! If you have trouble accessing a Zoom meeting in real-time, you can call or text (585) 364-2129 for assistance.***

*Today's reflection (as shared in the weekly STAR) is taken from the **BLC Lenten Devotional** shared in Quarterly Mailer. If you did not receive a Quarterly Mailer in the mail or you would like additional paper copies of the devotional, please contact the church office. Consider reflecting each day during the season of Lent on one of the writings shared.*

When you pass through the waters I will be with you. - Isaiah 43:2

I was very young, not yet 30. I had been married 3 years when my husband told me he didn't love me anymore and he wanted a divorce. I laughed, thinking he was joking, but he wasn't. We separated and were divorced 2 years later. Luckily, there were no children. But there were friends and family that did not understand, and were very hurt and upset. "They are your friends", my now ex-husband said.

After he told me he wanted a divorce, I called my parents. My father told me "you aren't going anywhere. If he wants to leave, let him leave." My father was truly my father, strong, calm, and what I needed at that time.

I had very good friends who suggested I seek out some legal advice, which I did. That was also what I needed at that time. And my friends let me just come over, sit until I wanted to go home. They would feed me and just be there for me without judgment or questions.

I felt like my heart had been ripped from my chest. I was in shock for 2 months. I went to work as a nurse, and was able to minister to people in pain and who suffered losses like I hadn't before. It is amazing how God uses our difficulties for the good of others, and us!

My church family accepted me as if I had done nothing wrong, when I felt so wrong. I had a place to be loved and accepted, and to participate in God's work. What a blessing!

This was so many years ago. And the pain has lessened, but I still get angry and resentful at times. I didn't have children, and I did not remarry, but there are other blessings. I've been able to be part of the beginnings of Advent House, I was able to travel to Zimbabwe. And I've had lots of other travel as well. God has provided for me in so many ways with wonderful friends, a good job, and loving family! And He has used me to reach out to those in need and those needing love and acceptance. I am so very blessed! God is able to use our pain to grow us, and serve Him in ways we never would imagine without the pain.

Lisa Rosenbauer

Heavenly Father, despite the pain and anxiety I feel and am going through at this time, I ask that You would use it and me to bear witness to Your love, forgiveness, and acceptance in this world. Amen.

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