

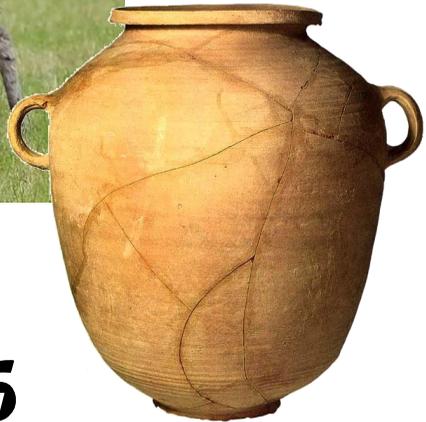


Children are welcome to gather at the back of the gym to process in during the opening hymn carrying palm branches and then remain up front for the Gospel Reading.

Youth & adults, please get palm branches to raise in celebration on the Opening Hymn.



**Go and
You Will
Find**



**Palm Sunday
March 20. 2016**

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Holy Communion: 1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays

Becky Lanzito & Karen Leicht - Organists, Ann Souza - Music Director,
Mandi Stilson – Choir/New Music Accompanist

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We are pleased you chose to be with us in worship today, and pray the Lord blesses you as he has blessed us with your presence. Our goal is to help people find the right place for them to hear God's word and serve His mission. We'd love to support you in that spiritual journey. Please take a moment to complete an attendance card and place it in the Offering plate or give to an usher. This card will help us connect with you.

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper is celebrated according to the Lutheran Confessions based on the teaching Jesus gave his disciples and us that he is truly present in this meal. Confident that our sins are forgiven, we experience our oneness with him and each other as he gathers us at his table. His true body and blood, given and shed for us, we share in this meal as he invites in Matthew 26:26-28, "Take and eat; this is My Body ... This is My Blood..." Baptized Christians sharing these beliefs are invited to receive Communion. All others are invited to the altar rail for a blessing. Wine can be taken by common chalice, individual cup, or by dipping your wafer into the chalice. Please address questions to the Elders or the Pastor. ***Non-alcoholic wine is in purple-colored cups.***

NURSERY

We have two rooms available for your use. When the service is in the sanctuary, the nursery is down the hall just past the restrooms. If the service is held in the gym, the nursery is in the youth room at the far end of the gym.

SERVING TODAY

Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Elder: Matt Messmer
Comm/Asst. Elder: Tim Faitsch
Acolytes: OPEN, Logan Rosenthal
Ushers: Al Diercks, Morrie Cook
Sandy Lahera
Lay Readers: Tony Young
Greeters: Vana Family, Olson Family
Fellowship: Brazda & Sanders Families
March Altar Guild: Sheila Bunnell
March Counters: Mary Kay Ams

Sunday 10:45 a.m.

Bob Souza
Paul DeLassus
Lexi Dorner, Allyson Adams
Scott Mundrick, Diane Mundrick
Suzanne Fowler
Robb Family, OPEN
Joan Blasko

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE PROVIDED BY:

Samantha and Clint McDonald in celebration of their wedding anniversary,
the Stoltzman family in celebration of Monte and Sabrina's birthdays, and
Cal and Susan Cox in memory of Calvin who would have turned 21 on March 19.

PSALM SERVICE

This service uses portions of the Psalms as the parts of the liturgy.
The Psalms are the hymnbook of the Bible and help us form our worship today.

Opening Hymn

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

LSB 443 sts. 1&2

(Children process in during the hymn and then remain up front for the Gospel Reading).



1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed Mid an ex - ul - tant crowd,



Through pil - lared court and tem - ple The love - ly an - them rang.
The vic - tor palm branch wav - ing And chant - ing clear and loud.



To Je - sus, who had blessed them, Close fold - ed to His breast,
The Lord of earth and heav - en Rode on in low - ly state



The chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.
Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren Should on His bid - ding wait.

Invocation

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

C: Amen.



Processional Gospel for Palm Sunday

Luke 19:29-40 (ESV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁹When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’” ³²So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. ³³And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴And they said, “The Lord has need of it.” ³⁵And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” ³⁹And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” ⁴⁰He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

Hymn

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

LSB 443 st. 3

3 “Ho - san - na in the high - est!” That an - cient song we sing;
For Christ is our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heav'n our King.
Oh, may we ev - er praise Him With heart and life and voice
And in His bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 92)

P: O Lord, it does us good to give you thanks,

C: to fill our lungs with the name of the Most High,

P: To start the morning off with good news of your love,

C: and to close the day with thanks for your faithfulness,

P: You made us find joy in what you have done, O LORD.

C: We will sing joyfully about the works of your hands.

P: How spectacular are your works, O LORD!

C: How very deep are your thoughts!

Confession and Absolution (Based on Isaiah 55 and Psalm 130)

P: The Lord's thoughts are not your thoughts,

neither are your ways the Lord's ways.

Seek the Lord while he may be found;

call upon him while he is near;

let the sinners abandon their ways,

and the unrighteous turn away from their thoughts;

Return to the Lord, for he will have compassion on you,

Return to our God, for he will forgive generously.

C: Yes, let us return to the Lord and confess our sin.

P: Out of the pit we call you, Lord; **C: please, Lord, hear us;**

P: Though our voices are faint let them reach your ears

C: and touch your heart of mercy.

P: Lord, if you keep a tally of all our sins, **C: then who could survive?**

P: But Lord, you have the power to forgive;

C: So we worship and honor you.

P: His word is our only hope; **C: We wait on the Lord, we wait in our souls,**

P: eager as any watchman waits for the morning.

(Silence for reflection on personal sins and need for forgiveness).

P: You wait for the Lord, because his love for you will never run out,

and because he has the power to set you free;

Only he will save you from your sins,

Only he has sent his son to die for you

and rise again to give you new life.

Your sins are forgiven in the Name of the Father

and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

Epistle (New Testament Letter)**Philippians 2:5-11(ESV)**

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Song of Praise**Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)**

Please see page 14 in this bulletin.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, on this day, Your Son Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem and was proclaimed King by those who spread garments and palm branches along His way. Let those branches be for us signs of His victory, and may we now ever hail Him as our Lord, and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life. In His name we pray. C: **Amen.**

Holy Gospel**Luke 22:1–34(ESV)**

¹Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called the Passover. ²And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to put [Jesus] to death, for they feared the people.

³Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was of the number of the twelve. ⁴He went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers how he might betray him to them. ⁵And they were glad, and agreed to give him money. ⁶So he consented and sought an opportunity to betray him to them in the absence of a crowd.

⁷Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. ⁸So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and prepare the Passover for

us, that we may eat it.”⁹ They said to him, “Where will you have us prepare it?”¹⁰ He said to them, “Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters¹¹ and tell the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’¹² And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there.”¹³ And they went and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

¹⁴And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵And he said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” ¹⁷And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, “Take this, and divide it among yourselves. ¹⁸For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” ¹⁹And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁰And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. ²¹But behold, the hand of him who betrays me is with me on the table. ²²For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed!” ²³And they began to question one another, which of them it could be who was going to do this.

²⁴A dispute also arose among them, as to which of them was to be regarded as the greatest. ²⁵And he said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. ²⁶But not so with you. Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves. ²⁷For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves.

²⁸“You are those who have stayed with me in my trials, ²⁹and I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, ³⁰that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

³¹“Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, ³²but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.” ³³Peter said to him, “Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death.” ³⁴Jesus said, “I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow this day, until you deny three times that you know me.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



1 O Christ, who called the Twelve To rise and fol - low You, For -
 2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve The truth for a - ges sealed, Whose
 3 O Christ, who led the Twelve A - mong the des - o - late And
 4 O Christ, who sent the Twelve On roads they'd nev - er trod To



sak - ing old, fa - mil - iar ways For ven - tures bold and new:
 words and works a - wak - ened faith, The ways of God re - vealed:
 broke as bread of life for all Your love com - pas - sion - ate:
 serve, to suf - fer, teach, pro - claim The near - er reign of God:



Grant us to hear Your call To risk se - cu - ri - ty And,
 In - struct us now, we pray, By Your em - pow'r - ing Word. True
 Lead us a - long the ways Where hope has near - ly died And
 Send us on ways where faith Tran - scends ti - mid - i - ty, Where



bound in heart and will to You, Find per - fect lib - er - ty.
 teach - er, be for all who seek Their light, their life, their Lord.
 help us climb the lone - ly hills Where love is cru - ci - fied.
 love in - forms and hope sus - tains Both life and min - is - try.

5 O Christ, the apostles' Lord,
 The martyrs' strength and song,
 The crucified and risen King
 To whom the saints belong:
 Though generations pass,
 Our tribute still we bring,
 Our hymns a sacrifice of praise,
 Our lives an offering.

Offering & Prayer Requests

In addition to the prayer requests already received, Pastor will pause here to see if there are additional requests. Prayers can be thanksgivings, joy, requests for yourself, or requests for others.

Offertory

We Give Thee But Thine Own

LSB 781 sts. 1-2

(Sung as the offerings are brought forward to the altar)



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive



All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

Prayers

The Lord's Supper: What We Believe

All Christians who are baptized and have been instructed are invited to receive Communion with us if you believe as we do—that the bread is the body of Christ, and the wine is the blood of Christ, truly present for us for the forgiveness of our sins.

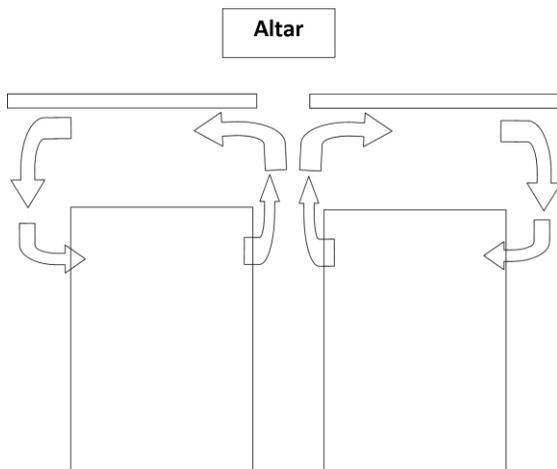
If this is a new teaching to you, or if this is different than you believe,

we ask that you wait to commune until we've had a further chance to talk. We invite those who are not communing to come to the rail, cross your arms, and receive a blessing from the Lord.



Communion Distribution

- Pastor distributes the bread, and the Elders distribute the wine—with individual cups or common cup. The individual trays also contain alcohol-removed wine in the center of each tray in the purple cups.
- Each side will be ushered from the center aisle to the communion rail, row by row, starting with the front.
- Go to the rail on your side of the sanctuary, filling in starting with the outside wall towards the center.
- Once you have received the elements, you may remain at the rail for prayer and leave at your own pace.
- Return to your seat using the outside aisle.
- Use the distribution time to prepare yourself for communion, sing the hymns as prayers to God, and maintain this as meditative time.



Preparation for the Lord's Supper

Sanctus (Holy Lord)

LSB 161

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

All: 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 and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Pax Domini (The Peace of the Lord)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

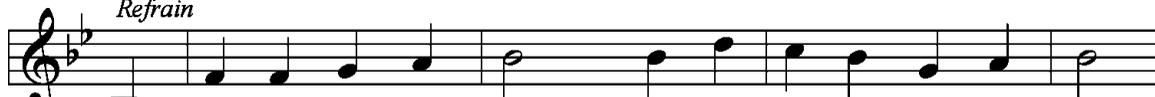
(We greet one another in peace saying "God's peace" or "The Lord be with you.")

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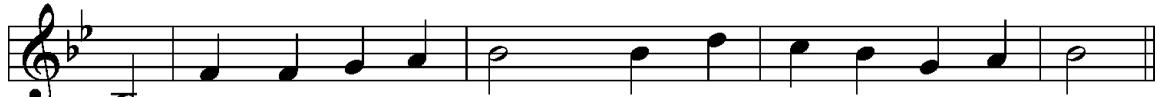
All Glory, Laud, and Honor

LSB 442

Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To You, Re-deem - er, King,



To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



- 1 You are the King of Is - rael And Da - vid's roy - al Son,
- 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels Is prais - ing You on high,
- 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims With palms be - fore You went;
- 4 To You be - fore Your pas - sion They sang their hymns of praise;
- 5 As You re - ceived their prais - es, Ac - cept the prayers we bring,



Refrain

Now in the Lord's name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.
And we with all cre - a - tion In cho - rus make re - ply.
Our praise and prayer and an - thems Be - fore You we pre - sent.
To You, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.
O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Our good and gra - cious King.



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That
I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When I was sink-ing down Be -
God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll



caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my
neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side His crown for my
is the great I AM, While mil-lions join the theme, I will
sing His love for me, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side His crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

Common Dismissal

P: Now may this true body and true blood of our Lord...

C: Amen.

Thanksgiving Prayer

P: Let us pray: Lord Jesus Christ, we give you praise this day for all of your blessings, especially for giving us your body and blood. Keep us through this meal to always be under your care. Watch over us as we go throughout the day, so that we may never wander from your way. This we pray in your name, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Benediction (Based on Psalm 67 and Numbers 6)

P: God is good to us, he is blessing us,

C: **The face of God is shining down on us,**

P: Let the peoples praise You, O God;

C: **Let all the peoples praise You.**

P: Oh, let the nations be glad and sing for joy!

C: **God, our own God, shall bless us.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

LSB 441



1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! All the
 2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
 3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The an - gel
 4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Thy last and
 5 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly



tribes ho - san - na cry. O Sav - ior meek, pur -
 pomp ride on to die. O Christ, Thy tri - umphs
 ar - mies of the sky Look down with sad and
 fierc - est strife is nigh. The Fa - ther on His
 pomp ride on to die. Bow Thy meek head to



sue Thy road, With palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
 now be - gin O'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
 won - d'ring eyes To see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
 sap - phire throne A - waits His own a - noint - ed Son.
 mor - tal pain, Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

Announcements

Song of Praise

Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

Soloist sings the verses. The congregation joins in singing the Chorus after each verse.

Verse 1

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see **Chorus**

Verse 3

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures **Chorus**

Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed **Chorus**

Verse 4

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine **Chorus**

CHORUS



— My chains are — gone. — I've been set —



— free, my God, my Sav - ior has ran - somed — me. And like a —



— flood — His mer - cy — rains, un-end - ing _ love, — a-maz - ing grace.

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Bethel Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 26

10:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.

We will have our annual Easter egg hunt. The hunt is for families with children from birth through grade 3. Please sign-up on the list on the Hub so we know how many children to expect. Young people in grade 4 through grade 8 are invited to help hide the eggs and assist with the crafts. If you are interested in assisting from 9:00 a.m. — 11:00 a.m. please contact Karen Kozlik at karenkozlik@gmail.com or call 847-613-7756.

Easter Candy Donations

Deadline is TODAY.

Easter candy donations are needed to make our annual Easter egg hunt a great success! Candy donations must be individually wrapped and fit inside a plastic egg. There will be a drop off box in the back of church next week or drop off in the church office.

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Join us for Holy Week Worship

Mourning Thursday

Worship at 6:30PM

Good Friday

Worship at 1:00PM

Worship at 6:30PM

Easter Sunday

Sunrise Worship at 6:00AM

Breakfast at 7:00AM

Festival Worship at 8:00AM

Breakfast at 9:00AM

Festival Worship at 10:45AM

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY...

**HAVING COME THROUGH FRIDAY'S FIERY FURNACE
TO REDEEM AND RESCUE HIS PEOPLE.**



“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life”