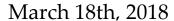
WELCOME TO BETHEL

Fifth Sunday in Lent



Welcome to Bethel Lutheran Church. We are glad you are here and we pray God will be real to you as you worship. Bethel is a Reconciling in Christ congregation. Knowing God loves all creation and holds us all, we welcome you who walk through our doors and you who are outside those doors. We welcome everyone and honor the rich diversity and giftedness that age, sexual orientation, race, belief, emotional and physical health, gender identity, marital status and station in life bring to the Bethel family and our relationships.

GATHERING



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

Restrooms are located in the basement on the east side of the building. A gender neutral restroom is located behind the worship space next to the church office. Please ask the Usher or Greeter for assistance. There is also a rocking chair in the rear of the Sanctuary. Please use it as you wish.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31: 31 - 34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt — a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

P: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

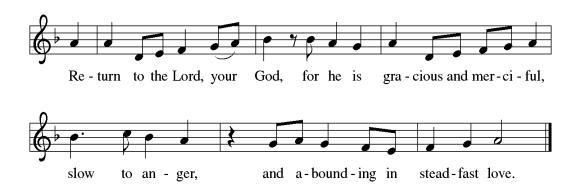
Hebrews 5: 5 - 10

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

P: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

LENTEN ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL John 12: 20 - 33

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say — 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

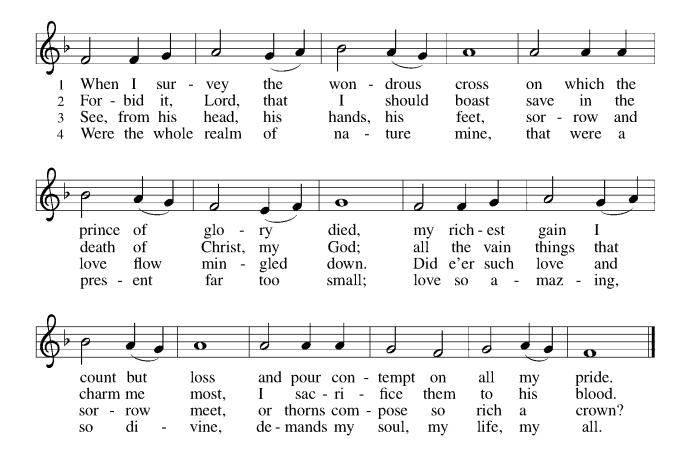


CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

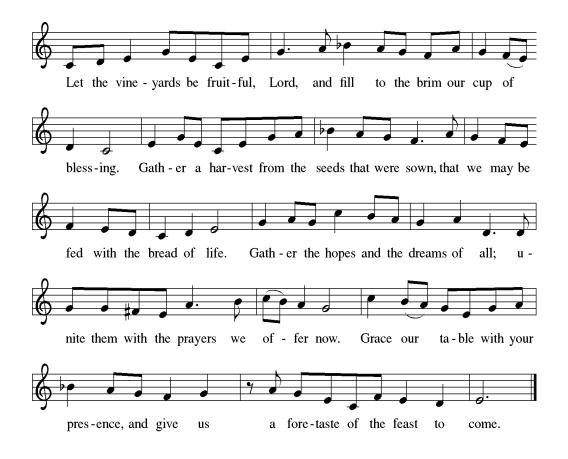
SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards be Fruitful



OFFERING PRAYER

Our welcome extends to the Communion Table. We recognize that this is Christ's Table and Christ's invitation. Please come forward as you are invited. If you prefer not to receive Communion at this time, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing – just fold your arms across your chest so that we know you prefer a blessing. Wine is served from the first chalice; grape juice is served from the second. We also offer gluten-free bread and individual cups of wine.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will. He is your Word, inseparable from you. Through him you created all things, and in him you take delight. He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb. He there took on our nature and our lot and was shown forth as your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary. It is he, our Lord Jesus, who fulfilled all your will and won for you a holy people; he stretched out his hands in suffering in order to free from suffering those who trust you It is he who, handed over to a death he freely accepted, in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one, to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous, to establish his covenant.

the resurrection, taking bread and giving thanks to you, said:

take and eat:

this is my body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. In the same way he took the cup,

gave thanks, and

gave it for all to drink, saying:

This is my blood poured out for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, then, his death and resurrection, we lift this bread and cup

before you,

giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you

and to serve you

as your priestly people.

And we ask you: Send your Spirit

upon these gifts of your Church;

gather into one all who share this bread and wine;

fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth,

that we may praise and glorify you

through your Son Jesus Christ.

Through him

all glory and honor are yours,

Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church both now and forever.

Amen

ABBA PRAYER

and to show forth

Abba, Holy be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, For we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial. Amen





Come to the ta-ble of mer-cy, pre-pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun-gry and thirst-y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re-ceive from his nail-scarred hand.

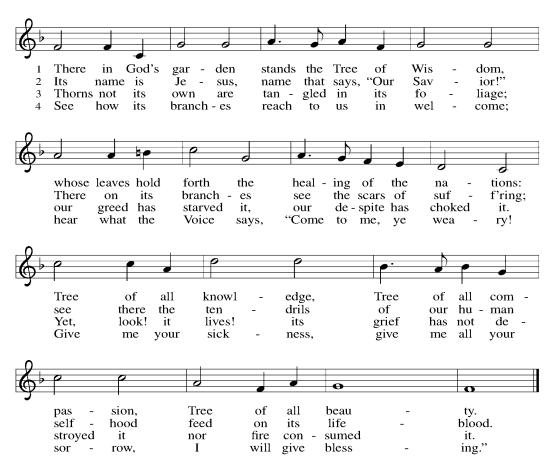


Eat of the bread of sal-va-tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMN

There in God's Garden



- 5 This is my ending this my resurrection; into your hands, Lord, I commit my spirit. This have I searched for; now I can possess it. This ground is holy.
- 6 All heav'n is singing,
 "Thanks to Christ whose passion
 offers in mercy
 healing, strength, and pardon.
 Peoples and nations,
 take it, take it freely!"
 Amen! My Master!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice, our alms, a making of peace, and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; through Christ our Lord.

Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

The Word of God is Source and Seed



DISMISSAL

Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coming Up:

Saturday, March 24

Neighborhood Hygiene Program 9am - noon Note: Due to conflicting activities, the clean-up day has been postponed

Sunday, March 25: Palm Sunday

Community Breakfast 9am Worship 10am

Thursday, March 29

Passover Seder 6:30 pm

Friday, March 30

Mt. Carmel Good Friday Jazz Service 7pm Leaving from Bethel at 6:30 pm

Saturday, March 31

Easter Vigil - children gather at 3pm, adults at 4pm. Light supper to follow at 5pm.

Sunday, April 1: Easter

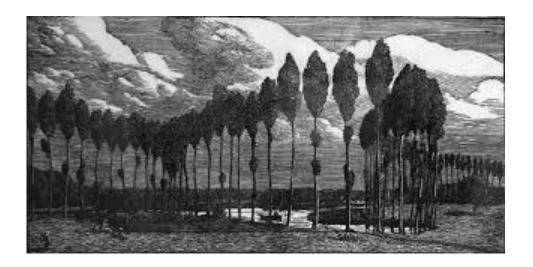
Community Breakfast 9am Worship 10am Easter Egg Hunt & Brunch - Noon

| Stewardship of Service | Today: | Next week - March 25: |
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| Ministers: | All Baptized Members of Bethel | All Baptized Members of Bethel |
| Pastor: | Pastor Michael Keys | Pastor Michael Keys |
| Pastor: | Pastor Christine Core | Pastor Christine Core |
| Musician: | Timmy Straw | Timmy Straw |
| Usher: | OPEN | Lee Nordling and Simone Michaels |
| Reader: | Megan Cyr | Don Worthington |
| Communion: | Tammy Gover | Simone Michaels and Annika Michaels |

O God, Hear Our Prayer

| Prayer Requested for: | Prayer Concern: | Prayer Contact: |
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| For all victims of shooting violence | Peace and comfort and that our distress of our | Bethel Staff |
| | hearts become action to prevent more violence | |
| Elizabeth Presberg | For healing and comfort, as her health is fragile | Joann Noll |
| Katie Reitel | Prayers of healing, strength and comfort for | The Bentleys |
| | Katie and support for her family | |
| David Lingnau | Prayers for healing and comfort; prayers for | Pr. Christine |
| | Stephanie and the rest of the Burdick family | |
| Shirley and Jeff Kolpin | Prayers of healing for Jeff; peace and comfort for | Cate Milburn |
| | Shirley | |

Our prayers continue for many among us: for Bertha Anderson, the family of Skip Getman, Vance Burghard, Dennis Mitchell, Dale Tersey, Timothy Collins, Elizabeth, Rob, Jacob Bard, Miles Bard, Annalu Lingnau, Ben Lingnau, Jr., and Ben Lingnau III, Paul Beezhold, Dorothy Hansen, Mary Rix, Patricia Connor, Bob and Nancy Leon. Steve Garrick, Wayne & June Hassebroek



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| Lirthdays! | 24 | Sue Ruth | |
| Pil (Ngays: | 26 | Annika Michaels | |
| | 29 | Jim Beck | |
| | 30 | Harry Griffin | |
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JOIN US!

March4OurLives - Saturday, March 24, 10 am - North Park Blocks

Join many children and families, along with other people of faith at this march on March 24, starting at 10 am. We are gathering in the North Park blocks. The march demands the lives of safety of our children become a priority. Help us make the statement that gun violence in our schools and communities must end.



The Bishops of the ELCA have written that they offer "support, partnership and prayers for the March for Our Lives, its satellite city events, and our children and youth who are leading us forward as peacemakers."

Our bishop, Bp. David Brauer-Rieke, will be with us. He writes: "I myself will be putting on my clergy collar and bishop's cross, and will march in the Portland. Other countries have mentally ill individuals. Other countries have video games. Other countries have any number of social stresses and conflict. However, no other country, with reasonable gun control laws, experiences the mass shootings we do in the U.S. Our youth are calling us to honest assessment and action around this ongoing reality and crisis."

We freely proclaim the ELCA's bishop's statement is encouraging us to make our caring, Christian, presence and voice heard. This March will do just that. We do believe this is a "political" (i.e. "public"), but in no way a partisan action. Our stand and our participation in this march is a response to social violence, at-risk youth, and represents our commitment as a church to be present and accountable.

If you are marching, and would like to meet up with other Bethel folks, please let Pr. Christine know.

A-Tisket, a-Tasket... A Drop-In Auction Basket!!

Save the date for this year's Cabaret & Cabernet Saturday, May 19.

Festivities kick off at 6 pm.

The Cab & Cab evening of entertainment and silent auction is a chance for supporters of the Bethel Youth Drop-In Center to gather for music, good food, and dancing fun as they support the Center, its After-School program, and the summer 2018 #AWESOME day camp.

- The entertainment is lined up, but we do need auction items. Contact Tammy Gover, Ronda Bard, Pr. Christine, Karen Anderson, auction-item-wrangler Joann Noll, or admin superhero Timmy Straw to donate your treasures!
- Need an idea for a donation? Consider a themed basket! If you have a nifty basket, great, bring that! If you don't have a basket, collect all the contents in a grocery sack and drop that by the office; we will match your donation with an appropriate basket!

Popular baskets from past Cab & Cab events:

Basket of Fire: a collection of hot sauces and piquant spices

Lady & the Tramp: several kinds of pasta and sauces and pasta-serving gadgetry Koffee Klatch: a basket of coffee, mugs, gift cards, etc., all related to our favorite drink Stitch in Time: get started with cross-stitch! designs, embroidery thread, hoop, supplies Cupcakes! All you need to make a special batch: pans, papers, mixes, icing, and nonpareils Tea for Two: a collection of teas, a teapot, cloth napkins, and Goodwill's best teacups

Of course, you have your own ideas, so don't hold back on assembling a themed basket we've never seen!