Welcome to Bethel...



Passion Sunday

March 25, 2018

Welcome to Bethel Lutheran Church. We are glad you are glad you are here and we pray God will be real to you as 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.

CALL TO WORSHIP

- P: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
- C: Hosanna in the highest.
- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Sovereign God, we thank you for these branches of palm. By your blessing may they be for us signs of the victory of your Son. May we who carry them in His name ever hail Him as our Messiah, and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, forever and ever.
- C: Amen
- P: The reading of the Palm Gospel, according to Matthew, the 21st Chapter.
- C: Hosanna in the highest.

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, 'Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.' The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!' When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

C: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

THE PROCESSION

P: Let us praise Jesus our Messiah, as did the crowds who welcomed him to Jerusalem. Let us proceed in peace. In the name of Christ.

C: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Merciful God, as we enter this holy week and gather at your house of prayer, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, that, united with Christ and all the faithful, we may one day enter in triumph the city not made with hands, the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens, where, with you and the Holy Spirit, Christ lives in glory forever.

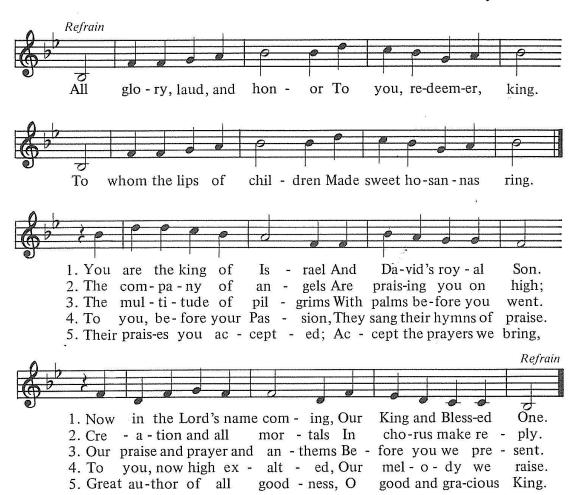
Amen

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

* The Congregation proceeds, waving palms, into the Sanctuary and repeating "Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." When then congregation has gathered, we sing.

HYMN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross.

In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

CHILDREN'S SERMON

If I Had a Hammer, Peter Seeger and Lee Hays

Kid's Choir

SHARING OF PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER
EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

ABBA PRAYER

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.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION



COMMUNION HYMN

One Bread, One Body



THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, according to the Gospel of Mark.

The congregation is invited to participate in the reading of the Passion story with the words indicated in **bold**. The words of Jesus are *italicized*.

The Plot to Kill Jesus

It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; for they said, 'Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.'

The Anointing at Bethany

While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one another in anger, 'Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor.' And they scolded her. But Jesus said, 'Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.'

Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus

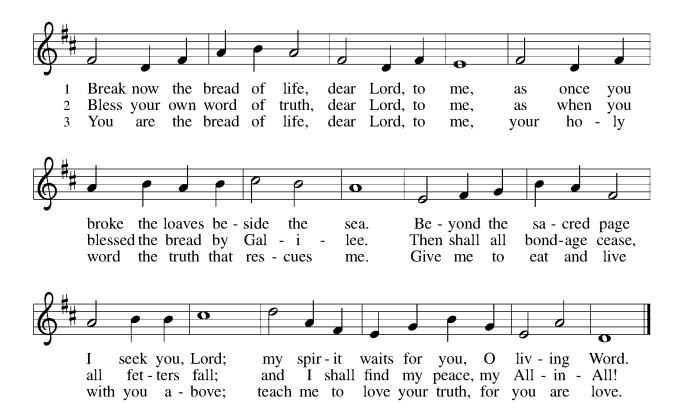
Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

The Passover with the Disciples

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?' So



he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, "The Teacher asks, where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations f or us there.' So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.



When it was evening, he came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.' They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, 'Surely, not I?' He said to them, 'It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.'

The Institution of the Lord's Supper

While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, 'Take; this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them, 'This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out <u>for</u> many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.'

Peter's Denial Foretold

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them, 'You will all become deserters; for it is written,

"I will strike the shepherd,

and the sheep will be scattered."

But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.' Peter said to him, 'Even though all become deserters, I will not.' Jesus said to him, 'Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.' But he said vehemently, 'Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.' And all of them said the same.

Jesus Prays in Gethsemane

They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, 'Sit here while I pray.' He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them, 'I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.' And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, 'Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.' He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, 'Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.' And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them, 'Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.'



The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, 'The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.' So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, 'Rabbi!' and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to them, 'Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled.' All of them deserted him and fled. A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.

Jesus before the Council

They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying, 'We heard him say, "I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands." 'But even on this point their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, 'Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?' But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him, 'Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?' Jesus said, 'I am; and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming with the clouds of heaven.'

HYMN

My Song is Love Unknown



- 5 They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made away; a murderer they save, the prince of life they slay. Yet cheerful he to suff'ring goes, that he his foes from thence might free.
- 6 In life, no house, no home my Lord on earth might have; in death, no friendly tomb but what a stranger gave.
 What may I say? Heav'n was his home; but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, 'Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?' All of them condemned him as deserving death. Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him, 'Prophesy!' The guards also took him over and beat him.

Peter Denies Jesus

While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said, 'You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.' But he denied it, saying, 'I do not know or understand what you are talking about.' And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders, 'This man is one of them.' But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, 'Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean.' But he began to curse, and he swore an oath, 'I do not know this man you are talking about.' At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, 'Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.' And he broke down and wept.

Jesus before Pilate

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' He answered him, 'You say so.' Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, 'Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.' But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

Pilate Hands Jesus over to Be Crucified

Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them, 'Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?' For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, 'Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?' They shouted back, 'Crucify him!' Pilate asked them, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Crucify him!' So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

The Soldiers Mock Jesus

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.



The Crucifixion of Jesus

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, 'The King of the Jews.' And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, 'Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!' In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, 'He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.' Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows! He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him.

Isaiah 53: 4-5

The Death of Jesus

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'Listen, he is calling for Elijah.' And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.' Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.



The Burial of Jesus

When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath,

Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

HYMN Were You There



We depart in silence.

Coming Up:

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 - April 1 - Easter
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:	Lee Nordling & Simone Michaels	
Reader:	Reader of the Gospel: Don Worthington; Passion Narrator: Cate Milburn; Words of Jesus: Naso Michaels	Marlo Edman
Communion:	Simone Michaels & Annika Michaels	

O God, Hear Our Prayer

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

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., Ben Lingnau III, Paul Beezhold, Dorothy Hansen, Mary Rix, Patricia Connor, Bob & Nancy Leon., Steve Garrick, Wayne & June Hassebroek.



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March:

- 26 Annika Michaels
- 29 Jim Beck
- 30 Harry Griffin

April:

- 1 Shirley Moore
- 3 Marjorie Strieff
- 6 Linda Worthington
- 9 Lynn Colvin
- 15 Christine Core



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!

CABARET & CABERNET



Festivities begin at 6pm

SNAPPY live music! RAUCOUS silent auction! DELICIOUS food & drink! All proceeds to benefit the BETHEL DROP-IN CENTER!

Do Good, Be Joyous, and Bring your DANCING SHOES!



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