

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 22, 2018



## 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.

## PRELUDE

## GATHERING & WELCOME

### Call to Worship to Honor Our Immigrant and Refugee Sisters and Brothers

**Pastor:** God of life, prepare our hands for a touch, a new and different touch.

**Congregation:** **Prepare our hands for a touch. A touch of encounter. A touch of awakening. A touch of hope.**

**Pastor:** Many are the worn-out gestures, many are the useless excuses for avoiding brothers and sisters.


**Congregation:** **Give us daring to create new forms of community, new links of affection, breaking away from old ways of relating, encouraging true, meaningful ways to move into closeness.**

*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.*


## GATHERING SONG

## Blest Are They

Leader or All



1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the  
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; . . . they shall in -  
 3 Blest are they . . . . who show mer - cy; mer - cy  
 4 Blest are they . . . . who seek peace; . . they are the  
 5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, . . . all . . . be -




king - dom of God. Blest are they,  
 her - it the earth. Blest are they who  
 shall . . . be theirs. Blest are they, the  
 chil - dren of God. Blest are they who  
 cause . . . of me. Re - joice, be glad,

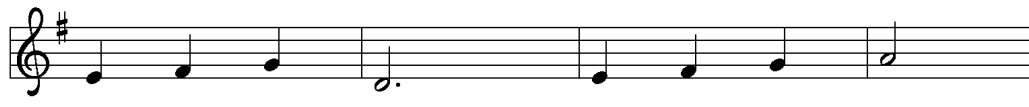


full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled.  
 hun - ger and thirst; they shall have their fill.  
 pure of heart; they . . . . shall see God.  
 suf - fer in faith; the glo - ry of God is theirs.  
 yours is the king - dom; shine for all to see.

*Refrain*  
 All




Re - joice and be glad!



Bless - ed are you, ho - ly are you!



Re - joice and be glad!



Yours is the king - dom of God!

## 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.**

*Refrain*



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



*Refrain*  
freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



*Refrain*  
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



*Refrain*  
God; to make all things new.

## SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of all creation, let us pray that everyone realize that they are all brothers and sisters, all nourished from the same source of life. Let us pray that we ourselves cease to be the cause of suffering to each other. Let us plead with ourselves to live in a way that will not deprive others of air, water, food, shelter, liberty or the chance to live with humility. We pray this in the name of the Risen Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## FIRST READING

## I John 3: 16 - 24

We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

P: Holy Word, holy wisdom.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

*"Veronica's" story is a composite of multiple stories of the women and men who are housed in NORCOR, the prison located in The Dalles, Oregon. "Veronica's" story is written by the pastors who visit these detainees. They are sharing the truth of the experiences of those detained, while protecting their identities.*

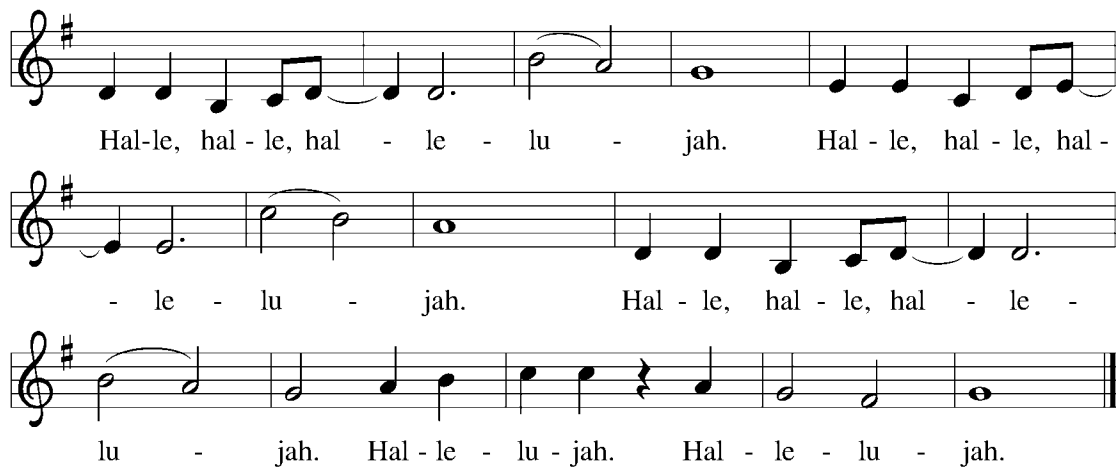
Veronica greeted us with a shy smile and bright eyes. Though she was trying her best to be cheerful, sadness surrounded her like a grey cloud. She'd had another night of poor sleep, waking as she often did to dreams about her children.

Veronica has been away from her husband and her two children, all U.S. citizens, for over two years now. One of her children is in the second grade; the other is a toddler. The youngest one doesn't understand why her mother isn't living at home. Veronica tells us that when she makes a video call from NORCOR her youngest says, "That's Mama's house." I felt sadness welling up inside me. This small child cannot visit her mother while she is detained at NORCOR. Immigrant detainees at other facilities are allowed family visits. Immigrant detainees at NORCOR are not. Veronica wants nothing more than to be reunited with her children.

Though the summer heat blazed outside, Veronica told me she is often cold. She wraps a blanket around herself for warmth and protection from the intense air conditioning inside. She doesn't have a sweatshirt like she did at the facility she was at before she came to NORCOR. Detainees must wear short-sleeved smocks and light pants. No sweatshirts are available. When Veronica was transferred to NORCOR, she wasn't allowed to take any personal belongings with her. She asked us if we could get her some colored paper to make origami animals to mail to her children. Unfortunately, current policy at NORCOR won't allow for the simple gift of paper to a detainee.

Veronica does not have any legal representation. Her family cannot afford to retain an attorney. She doesn't have much hope for her case. She fears that her children will grow up without her if she is deported. She used to send money to her mother in Guatemala before she was taken into ICE custody. Veronica worries about her. Veronica's face beamed when we showed her photographs of people standing in daily vigil outside NORCOR. She knows she and the other detainees are not forgotten.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL

John 10: 11 - 18

Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away – and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

P: Holy Word, holy wisdom.

C: Thanks be to God.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE


## SERMON



# HYMN OF THE DAY

# Shepherd Me, O God

*Refrain*  
All



Shep-herd me, O God, be-yond my wants, be-yond my fears, from

*to stanzas 1, 2, 3, 5* *to stanza 4*



death in - to life. life.

*Leader or All*



1 God is my shep-herd, so noth-ing shall I want, I  
2 Gent - ly you raise me and heal my wea - ry soul, you  
3 Though I should wan - der the val - ley of death, I



rest in the mead-ows of faith - ful - ness and love, I  
lead me by path-ways of righ - teous-ness and truth, my  
fear no e - vil, for you are at my side, your

*Refrain*



walk by the qui - et wa - ters of peace.  
spir - it shall sing the mu - sic of your name.  
rod and your staff, my com - fort and my hope.

*Leader or All*



4 You have set me a ban-quet of love in the face of

*Refrain*



ha-tred, crown-ing me with love be-yond my pow'r to hold.

*Leader or All*



5 Sure-ly your kind-ness and mer-cy fol-low me all the days of my life;



I will dwell in the house of my God for-ev - er - more.

*Final refrain*  
All



Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -



yond my fears, from death in - to life.

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

## OFFERING

## OFFERTORY

### As the Grains of Wheat

*Refrain*

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were

gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from

all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,  
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

*Refrain*

may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. **Amen.**

## EUCCHARISTIC 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.



1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pect - ant, o - pen,  
2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac - cept - ance,



in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,  
in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple,



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

## LORD'S PRAYER

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Now let us feast this Easter day on Christ, the bread of heaven. Hallelujah!

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION & COMMUNION HYMN



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;  
2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude  
3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?  
4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:  
5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,

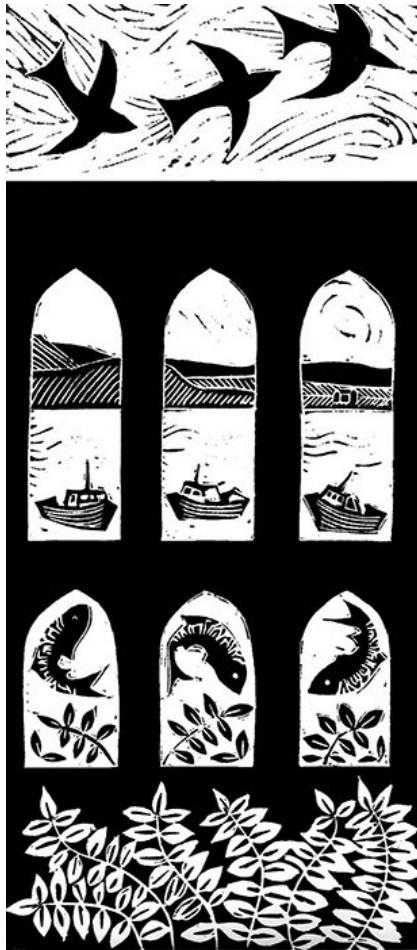


so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.  
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav'n - ly food.  
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?  
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.  
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.



## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**



SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

Stewardship of Service	Today:	Next week - April 29:
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	LeAnn Michaels
Usher:		
Reader:	Marlo Edman	Marlo Edman
Communion:		

# SENDING HYMN

## We are Marching in the Light



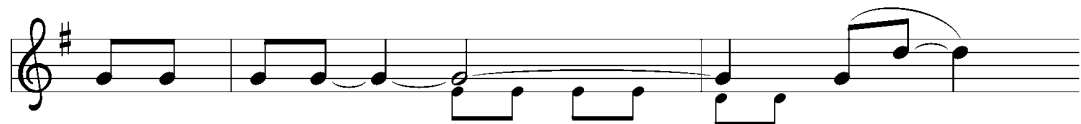
*Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -*  
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



*nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',*  
light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,



*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*  
we are march - ing in the light of God.



*Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo*  
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*  
we are march - ing in the light of God.



*Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo*  
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*  
we are march - ing in the light of God.

## DISMISSAL

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

C: **Christ is Risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world! Go in peace to do as you have been told: to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with God.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *Coming Up:*

Today	Congregational Meeting and Potluck after Worship
April 28	NORCOR Action with IMIrJ
May 5	Oregon Synod Regional Gathering, West Linn Lutheran
May 19	Cabaret & Cabernet

### 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
Vance	Prayers for healing	Gabe Moody-Burghard
June and Wayne Hassebroek	Prayers following the death of June's sister Gladys	Pr. Christine
Justin Richardson	Prayers for the family of Karen Carpenter's nephew Justin, killed suddenly in a car accident, and particularly for Justin's mother Christy Richardson	Karen Carpenter
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, 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.

## WORSHIP NOTES FOR EASTER SEASON

In 2016, the Oregon Synod of the ELCA became the first in the synod to declare themselves a "Sanctuary Synod." The statement - passed by all of us through our governing body - encourages us to "become Sanctuary churches ready to protect refugees and undocumented sisters and brothers from arrest and deportation by Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers."

Bethel joins with the Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice to lift up immigrants who live and work in our community. We give thanks for the many gifts and talents they bring to our nation. We give thanks for all who live in our community who came here to escape poverty, oppression or violence; and for those who came seeking opportunity. We open our hearts to provide welcome and accompaniment to people facing persecution and oppression. As faithful people of God, we pray for all immigrants and refugees.

In part, our worship this blessed Easter Season will help us focus on the suffering of our immigrant sisters and brothers and, we pray, deepen our commitment to them.





## The Time is Now.

# ICEoutofNORCOR

Over the month of April, IMIrJ is rolling out a campaign to get Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE) out of NORCOR (Northern Oregon Regional Corrections). IMIrJ is calling on teams from faith communities across the state to join in this effort! How will Bethel and its members and friends respond?

**What is NORCOR?** NORCOR is a four-county (Gilliam, Hood River, Sherman and Wasco) public jail in The Dalles with an ICE contract. A lawsuit, filed by the Oregon Law Center in Portland, is asking for the cessation of holding immigration detainees at NORCOR. A 1987 state law prohibits the use of state or local resources to “detect or apprehend” people whose only offence is being the country illegally. This suit contends the jail is in violation of that state law through its ICE contract “which requires it to incarcerate individuals solely to assist in the enforcement of federal immigration law.”

**Why Now?** On May 1st, 2017 a hunger strike was launched by immigrants who had been detained at NORCOR. That same week, local organizers began to host daily vigils and clergy began to visit those detained. Faith communities from around Oregon have traveled to stand in solidarity with detainees. We’ve now heard countless stories of poor conditions, the outrageous cost of phone calls, and the devastating effect the “NO VISITATION” policy is having on detainees and their families. This visitation policy only allows legal counsel and clergy to visit and even then there is a thick glass plate separating detainees from clergy. Local clergy report again and again the pain of not being able to celebrate Communion with those who want to receive the Sacrament. This contract fundamentally violates our state sanctuary law. ***As we approach the one year anniversary, it’s time for people of faith to come together and act!***

Working with those who have been detained, local organizers, and clergy in the Gorge, faith communities around the state will be amplifying the voices and stories of those who have been detained as well as participating in a series of education opportunities and escalating actions. The campaign will lead up to a statewide convening and action at NORCOR in The Dalles on **Saturday, April 28th.**

### Can we commit to doing the following?

1. Pray or light a candle for those detained as well as the local clergy and organizers,
2. Participate on weekly calls (or watch recording) – Log in information sent out each week. Contact Pr. Christine for information.
3. Before April 26th, sign the petition - circulating during service and posted on the IMIrJ website - calling for the reinstatement of family visiting rights for immigrants detained at NORCOR.
4. Mobilize for action on April 28th (or plan solidarity action locally)

## Oregon Synod Assembly & Regional Gatherings 2018:

*The Future is NOW! - Welcome to the New!!*

We are getting ready for our Regional Gatherings

**SATURDAY, MAY 5, 9 am – 3 pm**

**West Linn Lutheran Church**

**And ... everyone is invited.**

Contact Pr. Mike or Pr. Christine to let us know you can join us!

Seventy three (73!) congregations participated in our Synod Visitation this fall. Eleven people from Bethel were interviewed. That's wonderful and amazing. Thank you! Over 800 conversations/interviews were had between Oregon congregations and over 100 specially trained volunteers. Now that's a lot of chatting! All the data and input from these conversations were collated by the University of Colorado. Bethel results were summarized in the March Beacon.

This data, with what we reported through our Parochial Reports, gives us (and the synod as a whole) an amazing picture of we you understand ourselves to be.



We are preparing for our Regional Gathering – Gatherings that will focus on mission. Our mission day will include time with the Bishop giving us a profile of the synod; sharing of creative ministries within our congregations, and worship.

**The “business” portion of the Synod Assembly will be held on May 19.**

**Bethel delegates are Pr. Christine and, as designated by the Congregation Council,**

**PJ Bentley, Council President, and Naso Michaels, Council Vice-President.**

# CABARET & CABERNET



**SAVE THE DATE! SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2018**

Festivities begin at 6pm

SNAPPY live music! RAUCOUS silent auction! DELICIOUS food and drink!

Please call the church office to reserve your table: \$20 per ticket; \$150 for a table of 8.

Our menu this year comes from the culinary talents of our favorite Argentinian chef, Sonia Fornoni. Delectable delights include: Empanadas! And a special desert:

Arrollado de Dulce de Leche!

All proceeds to benefit the BETHEL DROP IN CENTER

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





# Earth Day

