

TURNING TO SPRING

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 24, 2019

Welcome to Bethel Lutheran Church

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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

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Welcome

Call to Worship

Prayer of Confession and Forgiveness

God has set before us life and death. The choice is ours.
Let us acknowledge our misuse of the liberty of choice. Let us pray.

—*silent prayer*—

Let us ask to be forgiven for the times when we have chosen badly,
opting for the easy way of habit and social convention,
rather than the higher and harder ways of Jesus.

**Let us confess that sometimes our choices have been made
from rank selfishness, with scant concern for those around us,
even for those who love us dearly.**

Let us ask to be forgiven for putting off decisions,
for dithering and avoiding choice until opportunity has gone by.

**Let us confess that we have at times made outwardly good decisions for the wrong reasons,
driven by selfish motives.**

Holy God, Savior and Friend, we thank you that long before we face up to ourselves
and frame our confessions, your mercy in Jesus is here waiting for us.

We rest our mortal lives in your immortal Life, allowing your grace, mercy and peace
to cleanse, refresh and straighten us.

Restrooms are located in the basement on the east side of the building. A gender neutral restroom 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.

Breathe into our humanity, loving God, that we may fully live.

Please breathe your Spirit in our brains,
that our decision making may be pure and wise.

**Breathe your Spirit on our lips,
that our speech may witness to life and light and holy joy.**

Breathe your Spirit on our hands,
that in their busyness they may serve you before all else.

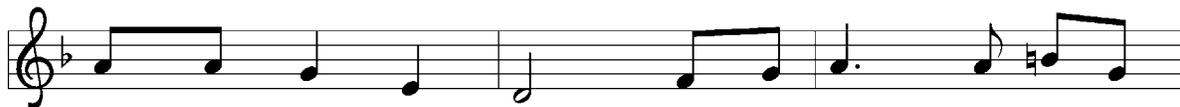
**Breathe your Spirit on our feet, that we may tread this earth with gentleness and respect.
Through Christ Jesus, our liberator.
Amen**

Opening Hymn

Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery



1 Tree of Life and awe - some mys - t'ry, in your
2 We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, love passed
3 Christ, you lead and we shall fol - low, stum - bling



death we are re - born; though you die in all of
on through act and word; ev - 'ry per - son lost and
though our steps may be; one with you in joy and



his - t'ry, still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, still you
bro - ken wears the bod - y of our Lord, wears the
sor - row, we the riv - er, you the sea, we the



rise with ev - 'ry morn.
bod - y of our Lord.
riv - er, you the sea.

Lent 3

Living Water of salvation,
be the fountain of each soul;
springing up in new creation,
flow in us and make us whole.

Greeting

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

Hymn

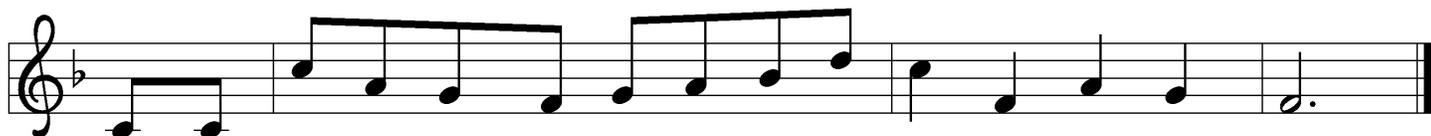
As the Sun with Longer Journey



1 As the sun with long - er jour - ney melts the win - ter's snow and ice,
2 Through the days of wait - ing, watch - ing, in the des - ert of our sin,
3 Praise be giv - en to the mak - er of the sea - sons' year - ly round:



with its slow - ly grow - ing ra - diance warms the seed be - neath the earth,
search - ing on the far ho - ri - zon for a sign of cloud or wind,
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it—Source, Sus - tain - er, Lord of life,



may the sun of Christ's up - ris - ing gent - ly bring our hearts to life.
we a - wait the heal - ing wa - ters of our Sav - ior's vic - to - ry.
as the ev - er turn - ing a - ges roll to their e - ter - nal rest.



Prayer of the Day

May we also be like the Samaritan woman: willing to examine our lives in Jesus' presence that we may continue to become worshipers of God in spirit and in truth, that we may share with those we know what it is like to meet with Jesus. This Lent, may your truth reveal us to ourselves and set us free in you.

Adapted from Not Too Much blog by Brian McKinley

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 55:1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

P: Hear the Word of God.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Water, by Nikita Gill

When they ask you why you love
the rain, the ocean, the river,
tell them
it is because
unlike the people
who should have
love you better,
the water was never afraid
to touch you;
even when you were
at your most damaged
and broken.

P: Hear the Word of God.

C: Thanks be to God.



Gospel Acclamation



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

The Holy Gospel according to John the fourth chapter.

The story of the Samaritan Woman will be presented by the worship team.



**Children's Story
Sermon**

Read by Sofia Carpenter-Rodriguez

Introduction

Reflection Groups

Feedback

Hymn of the Day

Wade in the Water

Refrain
All

Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,

wade in the wa - ter, God's a-goin'-a trou-ble the wa - ter.

Leader All

- 1 See that host all dressed in white,
- 2 See that band all dressed in red, God's a-goin'-a trou-ble the
- 3 Look o - ver yon - der, what do I see?
- 4 If you don't be-lieve I've been re - deemed,

wa - ter; the lead - er looks like the Is - ra - 'lite,
looks like the band that . . . Mo - ses led,
the Ho - ly Ghost a - com-ing on me,
just fol - low me down to . . . Jor - dan's stream,

All *Refrain*

God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.

Prayers of the People

(Led by Reflection Groups)

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you

WE CELEBRATE THE MEAL

Offering

Offering Music

Offering Prayer

God of the wilderness, We give these offerings in gratitude,
rejoicing in the abundance of your gifts to us.

We give these offerings in faith,
trusting that you will provide for our needs.

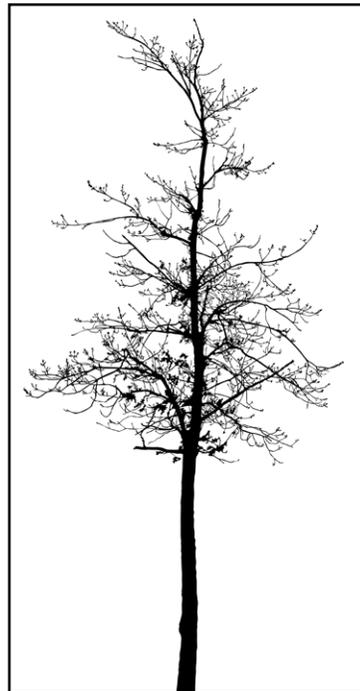
We give these offerings in hope,
knowing you can use them to spread your love in this world.

And with these offerings, we give ourselves;
May we live with generous hearts, with open hands.
Amen

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

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.



Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 * you break the chains of ha - tred and
 you are the way of jus - tice and
 you are the way of mer - cy and



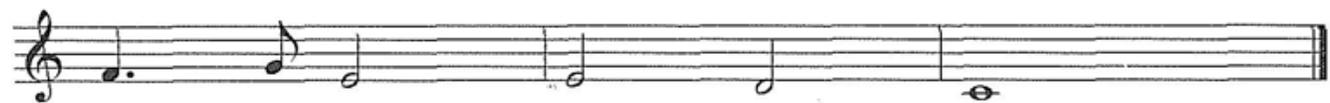
world:
 fear: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
 peace:
 love:



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

Speak to us, O God, in the breaking of the bread and make us one with you.

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.

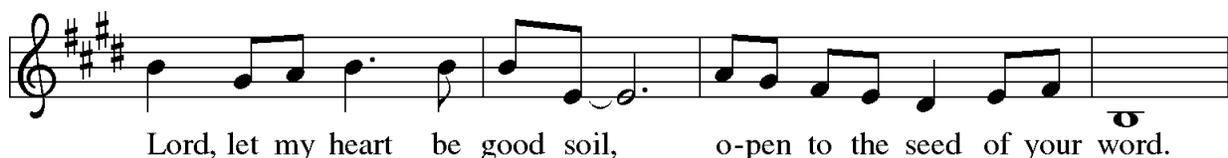
Communion Distribution

Christ has prepared the feast. Come to the table where all are welcomed home.

During the distribution of Holy Communion, you may wish to light a candle, place your prayer intention into the frame at the front of the Sanctuary, or come to the prayer station for personal prayer or anointing.

Communion Hymn

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil



Post-Communion Blessing

Prayer After Communion

Tender and merciful one, at your feast, you fed us who brought nothing, turning out emptiness into joy. Filled with your abundant grace, send us now with to be ministers of reconciliation, mending broken hearts, working for justice, and striving for peace among all people, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen



WE ARE SENT IN JESUS' LOVE

Announcements

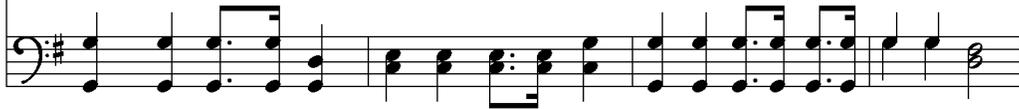
Blessing

Sending Hymn

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine



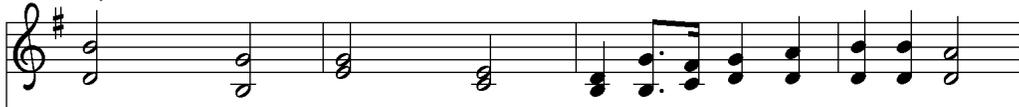
1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms?



what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.



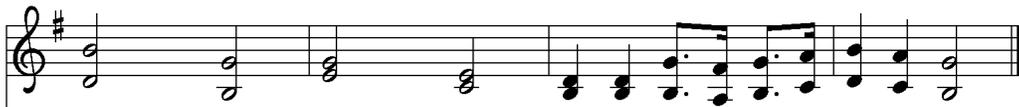
Refrain



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean-ing on the ev - er - last-ing arms.



lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

Dismissal

Go in peace. You are God's hands in the world.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer Requested For:	Prayer Concern:	Prayer Contact:
For the people of New Zealand and our Muslim siblings everywhere	Assurance of God's Love	Staff
Those unable to worship with us – Wayne & June Hassebroek, Dorothy Hansen, Barbara Lynch	Assurance of God's presence	Staff
Those affected by political and racial discord.	Prayers of peace.	Staff
Jan Kimble	Prayers for healing and effective treatment for breast cancer.	Tammy Gover
Richard VanDyke	Prayers for healing and peace.	Jim VanDyke
Pepe Rochon	Prayers for healing and comfort.	Faith St. John
Barbara Horne	Prayers of healing and comfort.	Tammy Gover
Steve Stoner	Prayers of healing and comfort.	Staff
Our prayers continue for many among us: for Bertha Anderson, Timothy Collins, Elizabeth, Rob, Jacob Bard, Miles Bard, Annalu Lingnau, Ben Lingnau, Jr., Ben Lingnau III, David Lingnau, Mary Rix, Patricia Connor, Lori Fields.		



Stewardship of Service	Today - Mar 24	Next Week - Mar 31
Ministers:	All Baptized Members of Bethel	All Baptized Members of Bethel
Pastor:	Pr. Christine Core	Pr. Christine Core
Pastor:	Pr. Terry Moe	Pr. Terry Moe
Music Director:	LeAnn Michaels	LeAnn Michaels
Musician	Jamie Vandenburg	
Usher:		
Reader:	Marlo Edman	
Communion:		
Preparation of the Altar:		



Coming Up:

- March 31** | Second of two “Thank You Parties” – A Celebration and Thanksgiving for Tammy Gover’s tenure at the Bethel Drop-In Center.
- March 31** | Special Congregational Meeting – Immediately following worship, this meeting should be a quick one. This meeting has been called to pass a Resolution required by Mission Investment Fund in order to complete the funding agreement for the parsonage loan. A quorum is necessary for this vote, and the Resolution must be approved by a 2/3 majority.
- April 1** | Food Ministry Meeting, 6 pm
- April 2** | Youth Drop-In Center Board Meeting, 6:30 pm
- April 2** | SAVE COLUMBIA POOL, 6:30pm to 8:30pm, IRCO Main Office – Gym, 10301 NE Glisan Street, Portland, OR 97220

For the future:

- April 27** | EPIC Get to Know You and Fundraising Bash, 2-5 pm. Save the date and watch for more, much more, information
- TBD** | Special Congregational Party, details soon
- April 28** | Congregational Council Meeting following Worship – postponed one week; Easter falls on our regularly scheduled meeting date
- June 1** | De-escalation Training, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm for all interested

Other News

Our Lenten Prayers

Here at Bethel, we are offering a couple of opportunities during Lent to deepen our spiritual lives.

We invite you to light a candle, whenever you are moved to do so – for example at the beginning of the service during the Prelude music, during the time of Confession and Forgiveness, Offering, or the Distribution of Communion. We will also have a station for individual blessing and prayer during Holy Communion. On Sunday, the First Sunday in Lent, you will see a large frame with chicken wire stretched in the frame. There will be a supply of paper (purple) with a space for writing a prayer; something that is resting on your heart. When you are ready, you are invited to write your thoughts and prayers on the paper, roll it up and place it in one of the holes of the chicken wire. We will be collecting your prayers in this way during the entirety of Lent.

Special Congregational Meeting | Sunday, March 31

The meeting will immediately follow worship and be just before our celebration for Tammy. With the grant of the loan from Mission Investment Fund, the congregation council AND the Congregation needs to approve a Resolution authorizing Bethel to borrow the funds. Yes, we know we passed a motion at the Annual Meeting giving the Council authority to proceed with the loan. This formal resolution is required to be passed as a condition of the loan. We will publish the Resolution ahead of time, the meeting should take a few minutes and then we can get on with the important stuff – the party!

Congregation Council Report, From PJ Bentley, Secretary

At our most recent council meeting on March 17, we had an enlightening, provocative discussion about money. As Bethel is making amazing progress in fundraising for the parsonage and at the same time dealing with persistent deficits, conversations about money are important. We found that reflecting on our personal histories and relationships with money helps us look at fundraising and finances at Bethel from a new perspective.

Council is also getting excited to a lot of action this spring! On March 24th we will have a quick gathering to clarify the types of calls Pastor Core and Pastor Moe work under. On March 31st, we will have a brief congregational meeting to pass a resolution regarding the Mission Investment Fund loan; the resolution is required as a term of the loan. And on April 27th we are looking forward to a fundraising celebration!

Questions? You can always reach out to President Naso Michaels, Vice President Cate Milburn, or anyone on council.

Financial Report from Meghan Cyr, Treasurer

2019 General Budget Summary through February 28, 2019 Income Statement

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Income	19,572	25,047	(5,474)
Expenses	(24,471)	(25,982)	1,511
Net Difference	(4,898)	(935)	(3,963)

Overall we are at a deficit of ~\$4,898.

1. Giving for February (Envelope and Loose) is less than budget by \$2,410, which was similar to the deficit in January.
2. Expenses are also less than budget by ~\$1,500 due to minor differences in general expenses.
3. There is an expected budget deficit at the beginning of the year (\$935) as there will be changes in the latter half of the year where we are expecting a surplus.
4. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Holy Week Schedule

- **Palm Sunday Worship** – Sunday, April 14, 10 am
- **Seder Dinner** – Thursday, April 18, dinner served at 6:30 pm. Many thanks to our head chefs, Ronda Bard and Nash Ababu. Sous chefs and other helpers will be recruited! If you'd like to help, give us a call.
- **Good Friday Service** – Friday, April 19, 7 pm – Meditations on the seven last words of Jesus.
- **Holy Saturday Vigil** – planned by the Confirmation Students – a bit child-oriented, but a special time for all. A simple supper follows.
- **Easter Worship** – Sunday, April 21, 10 am followed by an Easter Egg Hunt. Many thanks to Tammy Gover and her family for organizing the Easter Egg Hunt.
- **New Congregational Picture on Easter Sunday** – Jason Kaplan (Summer's spouse) will be taking a new Congregational picture. The last one we have seems to have Sofia Carpenter-Rodriguez in about second grade and I don't think Gabe Moody-Burghard is walking yet! It's time!

Parsonage Fundraising

The generous person will prosper,
and whoever refreshes others will himself be refreshed.

Proverbs 11:25

THANK YOU! Thank you to Bethel members and the Bethel Players who have contributed generously to the Parsonage Remodel Project. Based on our excellent fund raising so far, Mission Investment Fund has granted Bethel a loan in the amount of \$100,000!

STATUS OF PROJECT As you may all know, the construction contract for the much needed remodel is \$115,412. This remodel gives us a new kitchen,

TWO fully remodeled bathrooms, six bedrooms, and a two-zone heating and cooling system ... plus much more. Additionally, Bethel is responsible for the decommissioning of the oil tank and the purchase of appliances. We know there will be other expenses and contingencies – a realistic estimate for the entire project runs about \$150,000.

FUNDRAISING FOR THE PROJECT Everyone has the capacity to give something according to their means, although we know not everyone can give an equal amount. We do encourage everyone to consider their gift. Does a donation of the price of a latte every week fit your budget? That's a precious gift of \$190 over a year's time. As theologian Henri Nouwen has written, "Even a seemingly small act of generosity can grow into something far beyond what we could ever ask or imagine – the creation of a community of love in this world ..." from "*A Spirituality of Fundraising*"

OUR GOALS Clearly, the project will cost more than the granted loan, so we have a two part goal. Our fundraising must make up the difference between the actual cost and the loan; and two we need to pay back the loan. The anticipated rent from the newly refreshed and updated parsonage will help pay back the loan. The loan balance can be paid over a maximum of 10 years.

In addition to talking to all Bethel members and recipients of this newsletter about the project and the way this work fits into the mission of Bethel, the Fundraising Committee is planning an:

EPIC Get to Know You and Fundraising Bash.

Mark your calendars: April 27, 2-5 pm.

Save the date and watch for more, much more, information

Celebration for Tammy Gover | March 31

Help us celebrate and give thanks for Tammy Gover's tenure at the Bethel Youth Drop-In Center. We are thrilled Tammy and Paul will continue be here as members and volunteers even after Tammy has left staff.

Who were all those people at Bethel On Saturday, March 16?

Saludo (Salvadorians United in Oregon) held their Mobile Consulate Event at Bethel on Saturday. Representatives from the El Salvador Consulate met with people who needed help with passports, questions with birth certificates, and other certifications. The event was supposed to last from 8 am to 1 pm, but so many people needed assistance, that consulate representatives worked into the evening. We at Bethel were honored to host the event. Saludo will be back to hold the same event on July 13.

Call to Action: Save Columbia Pool

Portland Parks has proposed closing Columbia Pool in July 2020. This was just learned on Tuesday night, we are grateful for the work of the Kenton Neighborhood Association in particular in getting information out quickly and for the collaboration of Friends of Columbia Park and the Kenton Business Association - and hopefully many others!

With such a short timeline, if you would like to be involved, or if you are doing work we should connect to, please let me know or the Kenton Neighborhood Association know (info in link below). We know there are many others concerned about this and we are working on a tight timeline. Among other things, we must weigh in during the budget process with your views on the pool and other proposed cuts. You can learn more about the Parks budget online. Where would the nearest non-seasonal swimming pool be for us? Where will the RHS swim team practice? Etc. etc.etc.

Please feel free to share this information with your networks.

- Portsmouth NA event listing in FB <<https://www.facebook.com/events/2295173227364035/>>
- Kenton Neighborhood Association page with background and their call to <<http://historickenton.com/call-to-action-save-columbia-pool/>>

email from, Mike Verbout <mikeverbout@cheerful.com>

Cabaret and Cabernet 2019 | May 18, Saturday 6 pm

Save the date! Reserve your tickets now!

Join us for a festive evening of fun and fundraising for the Bethel Youth Drop-in Center. \$20 for individual ticket or \$150 for a table. Email bethel@bethelutheran for reservations.



Bethel Youth Drop-In Center Summer Program

Don't forget to pass the word that we are taking registrations for the summer day camp program. Use this link to register the grade school age children in your life!



Decorating for Easter

We will be adorning our worship area again this Easter season with tulips, daffodils and other seasonal flowers. We will also place a few pots of lilies. For many, the beautiful trumpet-shaped white flowers of the Easter Lily symbolize purity, virtue, innocence, hope and life... the spiritual essence of Easter.

If you would like to remembering or honoring Loved Ones with the purchase of Easter flowers, please print out this form, complete it and put it in the Offering Plate with your payment. Please complete order form along with payment to church office by Sunday, April 14. Checks should be made to: Bethel Lutheran Church and indicate Easter Flowers

Flowers may be given in memory of departed loved ones, in honor of someone, or simply in thanksgiving for particular blessings. The names will appear in the bulletin for Easter, April 21. The cost of each bunch of flowers or a lily is \$12.

Please complete this order form along with payment to the church office **by Sunday, April 14th**. **Checks should be made to:** Bethel Lutheran Church and *indicate flowers*.

Name and phone of purchaser: _____

I would like to order _____ [quantity] **@ \$12 each, Total of \$** _____

Please PRINT as you would like to appear in bulletin.

In Memory of _____ **By** _____

In Memory of _____ **By** _____

In Honor of _____ **By** _____

In Honor of _____ **By** _____

