



TURNING TO SPRING

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

April 7, 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.

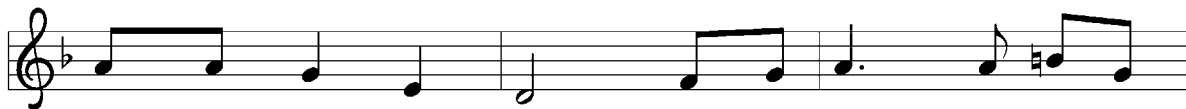
**Breathe your Spirit on our feet, that we may tread this earth with gentleness and respect.
Through Christ Jesus, our liberator.
Amen**

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 5

God of all our fear and sorrow,
God who lives beyond our death,
hold us close through each tomorrow,
love as near as every breath.

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

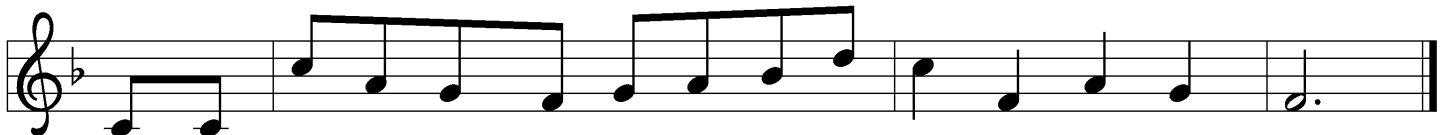
As the Sun with Longer Journey



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

**Jesus Christ, the love that gives love,
You are higher than the highest star;
You are deeper than the deepest sea;
You cherish us as your own family;
You embrace us as your own spouse;
You rule over us as your own subjects;
You welcome us as your dearest friend.
Let all the world worship you.**

From Jesus Our True Love, by Hildegard of Bingen

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 43:16-2

Thus says YHWH, who made a road through the sea, a path in the mighty waters,
who led chariots and warriors to their doom, a mighty army fallen, never to rise again, snuffed out
and extinguished like a wick:

“Forget the events of the event of the past, ignore the things of long ago!

Look, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth--can't you see it? I'm making a road in the
desert and setting rivers to flow in the wasteland.

Wild beats will honor me—the jackals and the ostriches—for I will put water in the desert and rivers in
the wasteland for my chosen people to drink, these people whom I formed for myself so that they
might declare my praise.

P: Hear the Word of God.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Roads Go Ever On, by J.R.R. Tolkien

Roads go ever ever on,
Over rock and under tree,
By caves where never sun has shone,
By streams that never find the sea;
Over snow by winter sown,
And through the merry flowers of June,
Over grass and over stone,
And under mountains in the moon.

Roads go ever ever on
Under cloud and under star,
Yet feet that wandering have gone
Turn at last to home afar.
Eyes that fire and sword have seen
And horror in the halls of stone
Look at last on meadows green
And trees and hills they long have known.

Roads go ever on and on
Out from the door where it began.
Now far ahead the Road has gone,
Let others follow it who can!
Let them a journey new begin,
But I at last with weary feet
Will turn towards the lighted inn,
My evening-rest and sleep to meet.

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 eleventh chapter.

Worship Notes:

- *The Congregation will read the indented bold type.*
- *Assigned readers will speak the parts of Martha, Mary, Jesus and Thomas.*

There was a certain man named Lazarus, who was sick. He and his sisters, Mary and Martha, were from the village of Bethany. Mary was the one who had anointed the feet of Jesus with perfume and dried his feet with her hair, and it was her brother Lazarus who was sick. The sisters sent this message to Jesus:

Martha and Mary: "Rabbi, the one you love is sick."

When Jesus heard this, he said,

Jesus: "This sickness will not end in death; it is happening for God's Glory so that God's Only Begotten may be glorified because of it."

Jesus loved these three very much. Yet even after hearing that Lazarus was sick, he remained where he was staying for two more days. Finally, he said to the disciples,

Jesus: "Let's go back to Judea."

They protested,

Disciples: "Rabbi, it was only recently that they tried to stone you—and you want to go back there again?"

Jesus: "Aren't there twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk by day don't stumble, because they see the world bathed in light; those who go walking by night will stumble because there is not light in them."

After Jesus said this, he said to the disciples,

Jesus: "Our beloved Lazarus has fallen asleep. I am going to Judea to wake him."

The disciples objected,

Disciples: "But Rabbi, if he's only asleep, he'll be fine."

Jesus had been speaking about Lazarus' death, but they thought he was talking about actual sleep. So he said very plainly,

Jesus: "Lazarus is dead! For your sakes I am glad that I wasn't there, that you might come to believe. In any event, let us go to him."

Then Thomas, "the Twin," said to the rest,

Thomas: "Let's go with Jesus, so we can die with him."

When Jesus arrived in Bethany, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Since Bethany was only about two miles from Jerusalem, many people had come out to console Martha and Mary about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him, while Mary stayed at home with the mourners. When she got to Jesus, Martha said,

Martha: "If you had been here, my brother would never have died! Yet even now, I am sure that God will give you whatever you ask."

Jesus: "Your brother will rise again!"

Jesus assured her. Martha replied,

Martha: "I know he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day."

Jesus: "I am the Resurrection, and I am Life: those who believe in me will live, even if they die; and those who are alive and believe in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

Martha: "Yes! I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, God's Only Begotten, the One who is coming into the world."

When she had said this, Martha went back and called her sister Mary.

Martha: "The teacher is here, asking for you."

As soon as Mary heard this, she got up and went to him. Jesus hadn't gotten to the village yet. He was at the place where Martha had met him. Those who were there consoling her saw her get up quickly and followed Mary, thinking she was going to the tomb to mourn. When Mary got to Jesus, she fell at his feet and said,

Mary: "If you had been here, Lazarus never would have died."

When Jesus saw her weeping, and the other mourners as well, he was troubled in spirit, moved by the deepest emotions.

Jesus: "Where have you laid him?"

Martha and Mary: "Come and see."

And Jesus wept. The people in the crowd began to remark, "See how much he loved him!" Others said, "He made the blind person see; why couldn't he have done something to prevent Lazarus' death?" Jesus was again deeply moved. They approached the tomb, which was a cave with a stone in front of it.

Jesus: "Take away the stone."

Martha: "Rabbi, it has been four days now. By this time there will be a stench."

Jesus: "Didn't I assure you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?"

So they took the stone away. Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said,

Jesus: "Abba, thank you for having heard me. I know that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd, that they might believe that you sent me!"

Then Jesus called out in a loud voice,

Jesus: "Lazarus, come out!"

And Lazarus came out of the tomb, still bound hand and foot with linen strips, his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus told the crowd,

Jesus: "Untie him and let him go free."

Many of those who had come to console Martha and Mary, and saw what Jesus did, put their faith in him.

**This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
Thanks be to God.**

Message

Prayer Intentions

Time for Reflection and Writing of Prayer Intentions

We invite you contemplate the ways in which the story of Lazarus and the thought of resurrection has impacted you. Your contemplation may be in the form of a prayer expressing your needs and desires, thankfulness or intentions for others in your life. You will be invited to share your prayer - you may do so, or not, as you desire.

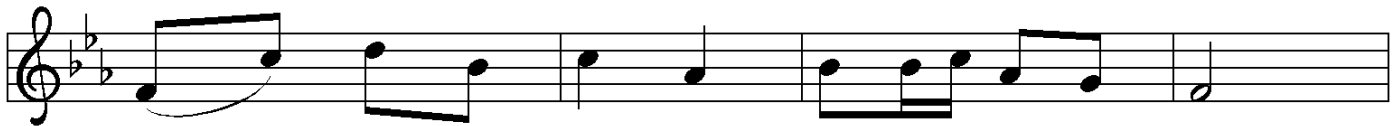


Hymn of the Day

Now the Green Blade Rises



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

Prayers of the People

Response:

God in your mercy, hear our prayers

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also 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.

WE CELEBRATE THE MEAL

Offering

Offering Music

Cate Milburn Solo

The Lord Is My Shepard, by Michael Card

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

Congregation: *Congregation or Assistant:*

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

Congregation:

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

Final time Cong. or assistant:

mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

Congregation:

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.

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

Now Behold the Lamb



1 Now be-hold the Lamb, the pre-cious Lamb of God, who
2 Ho-ly is the Lamb, the pre-cious Lamb of God. Why
3 Thank you for the Lamb, the pre-cious Lamb of God. Be-



bore all my sin, that I may live a-gain: the pre-cious Lamb of God.
you love me so, Lord, I shall nev-er know; the pre-cious Lamb of God.
cause of your grace I can fin-ish the race; the pre-cious Lamb of God.

There is a Balm in Gilead

Refrain



There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;



there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.



1 Some-times I feel dis-cour-aged and think my work's in vain,
2 If you can-not preach like Pe-ter, if you can-not pray like Paul,
3 Don't ev-er be dis-cour-aged, for Je-sus is your friend;

Refrain



but then the Ho-ly Spir-it re-vives my soul a-gain.
you can tell the love of Je-sus and say, "He died for all."
and if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll ne'er re-fuse to lend.

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

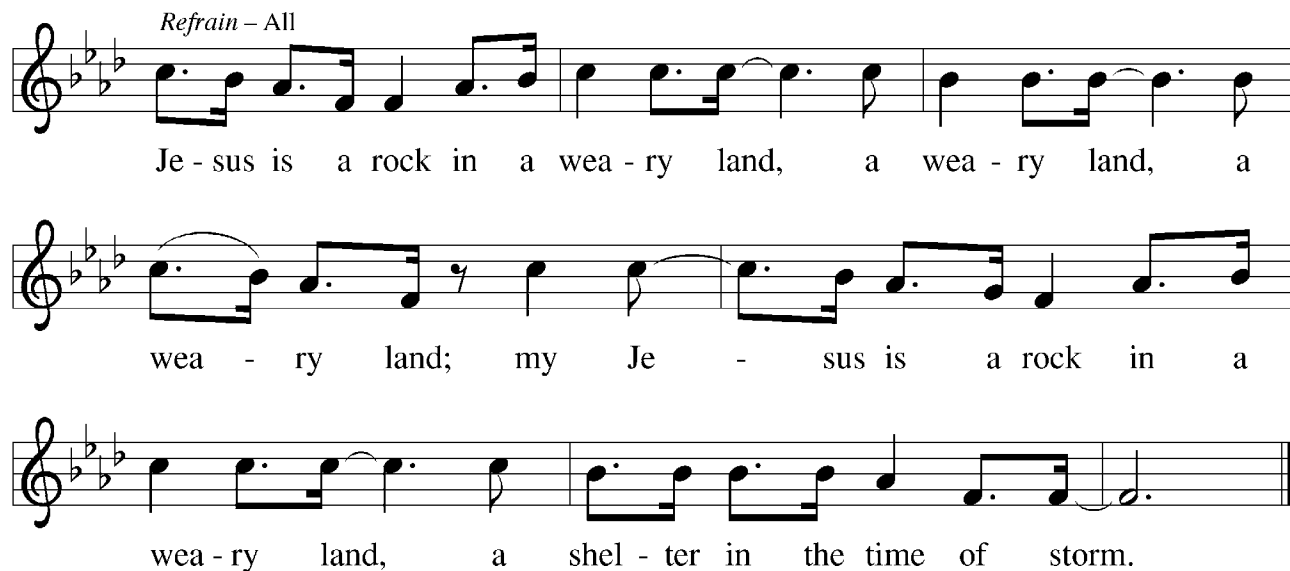
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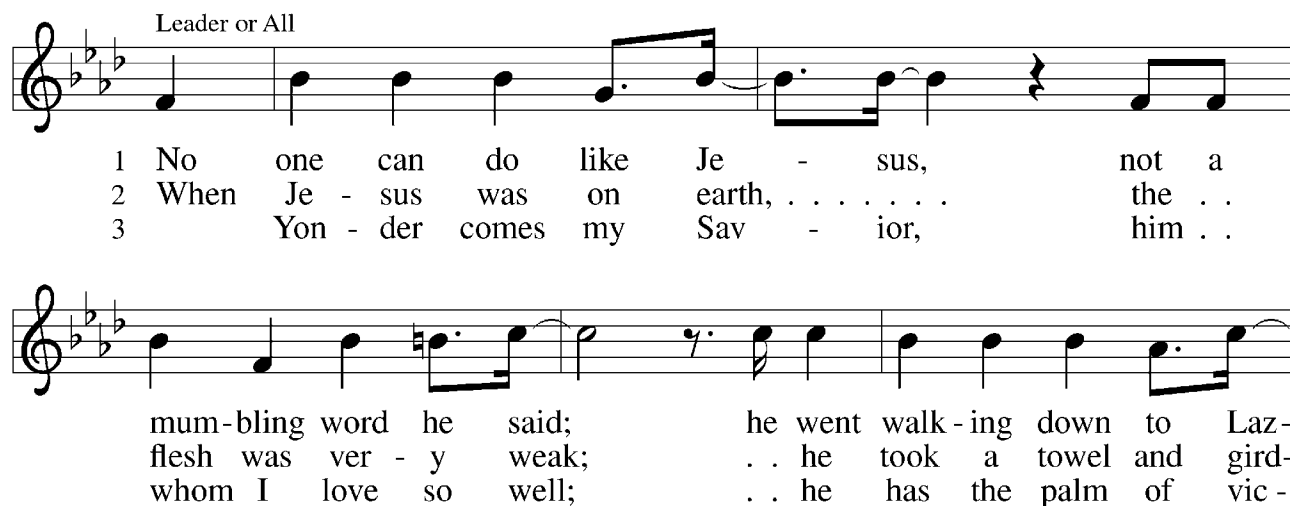
Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land

Refrain - All



Je - sus is a rock in a wea - ry land, a wea - ry land, a
wea - ry land; my Je - sus is a rock in a
wea - ry land, a shel - ter in the time of storm.

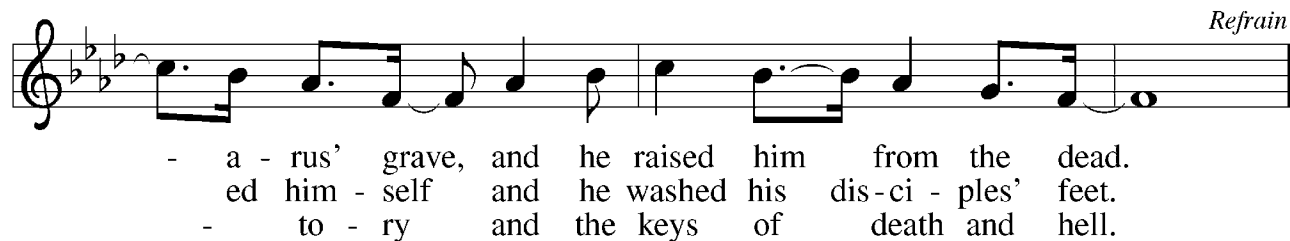
Leader or All



1 No one can do like Je - sus, not a
2 When Je - sus was on earth, the . .
3 Yon - der comes my Sav - ior, him . .

mum - bling word he said; he went walk - ing down to Laz -
flesh was ver - y weak; . . he took a towel and gird -
whom I love so well; . . he has the palm of vic -

Refrain



- a - rus' grave, and he raised him from the dead.
ed him - self and he washed his dis - ci - ples' feet.
- to - ry and the keys of death and hell.

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God.

Prayer Requested For:	Prayer Concern:	Prayer Contact:
For those working make the lives of the marginalized and unwanted better, to ease loneliness, promote love	Strength for the journey.	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
Katie Reitel and Family	Prayers for peace and assurance of God's love.	The Bentleys
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 - Apr 7	Next Week - Apr 14
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	Cate Milburn	Ryan Burghard
Usher:	Shirley Kolpin	
Reader:	Naso Michaels	
Communion:	Simone & Annika Michaels and Paul	
Preparation of the Altar:	Jackie Calder	



Coming Up:

- April 8** | Bethel Discernment Team, 6:30 pm at Cate Milburn's home
- April 13** | Confirmation Class Planning for Holy Saturday Vigil , 10 am
- April 20** | Hygiene Program
- April 27** | Neighborhood Open House, 2-5 pm.
- 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.

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!

Cabaret and Cabernet 2019 | May 18, Festivities kick off at 6 pm | Tickets are now on sale!

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

Gather for music by Saturated Phats, good food, and dancing fun to support the Drop-In Center: both the After School program, and the summer 2018 #SUMMERFUN day camp.

Auctions Items Are Needed

Saturated Phats is busy tuning their instruments, but we need auction items. Need an idea for a donation? Consider a themed 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

Contact any Drop-In board member: (Ronda Bard, Pr. Christine, Karen Anderson, PJ Bentley, Amy Nielsen-Scott), or auction-item-wrangler Joann Noll to donate your treasures.

Parsonage Project

Congregational Action:

On Sunday, March 31, 2019, members of the Congregation voted unanimously to pass a Resolution that formally authorized Bethel Lutheran Church to borrow up to \$100,000 to fund the improvements and repairs to the parsonage. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend and support this important step in the process.

The Project Itself

Demolition is the first part of remodeling. Superior Construction Services (SCS) has begun. The kitchen and downstairs bathroom will be new. The upstairs half-bath is getting a shower to make a full new bathroom. The oil furnace was removed and we've completed the environmental work on the oil tank outside. The gas line is installed for a complete heating and air conditioning unit – the super cool kind that heats/cool by zone.

Also:

- Plumbing and electrical systems are being revamped
- Beautiful wood floors are being refinished
- Broken windows are being replaced
- An egress window is being added to the basement
- There will be new window wells and windows in the basement
- Come see new appliances, and new lighting!

On-going Fundraising

We simply cannot do this without you! We are encouraging all Bethel members and friends to consider how they might be able to support this important project with their pocketbooks.

On April 27, everyone is invited to our neighborhood open house!

Food Ministry Team

The Food Ministry team meets the first Monday of every month to, among other goals, more intentionally manage the Sunday morning breakfast service.

At our April meeting, we acknowledged:

Two generous gifts made by FoBs to the Food Ministry, the renewal of the grant of funds from the St. Vincent DePaul Society at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church and the incredible gift of volunteer time, both from the FoB community, but also from the houseless community.

On Sunday, we had four (or maybe it was five) people from the community helping in the kitchen.

We also are fine tuning the traffic flow and confirmed that we will maintain a 75 person limit in the room at any one time. We are perfecting our policy on the admission of Service Dogs.

Next up

How do we care for our members, providing ourselves the same hospitality we are providing for those who physically hunger.

Let the Team know if you have issues you'd like us to address.

Team Members:

Cate Milburn, Shirley Kolpin, Paul Gover, Tammy Gover, Dorian Bentley, Nash Ababu and Becky McAllister.



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** _____

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In Honor of _____ **By** _____

In Honor of _____ **By** _____