



# 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Worship with Holy Communion

April 23, 2023

## Welcome to Bethel Lutheran Church



We are glad you are here, and we pray God will be real to you as you worship with us. Bethel is a Reconciling in Christ congregation; therefore, we invite all people, including those of all races, ethnicities, gender identities and expressions, sexual orientations, ages, economic levels, and abilities. God loves all creation and holds us all, so we welcome you who walk through our doors and you who are outside those doors. We honor and appreciate the rich diversity of age, sexual orientation, race, belief, emotional and physical health, gender identity and expression, marital status and station in life bring to the Bethel family and our relationships. We commit ourselves to embracing the work of anti-racism, social and economic justice, and environmental care.

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**Communion** - We will celebrate Holy Communion together via Zoom, as well as gathered in person. Please have bread/cracker(s) and a cup of wine/grape juice ready if you and those with you would like to participate. If you do not have access to wine or grape juice, you may receive Communion without the cup—Christ is present in the bread, as Jesus said, “I am the Bread of Life.” (John 6:35)

## GATHERING

**Prelude**

**Peace Be Upon You**  
Jewish Traditional



*Restrooms are located in the basement on the east side of the building. An all gender 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.*

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# Confession and Absolution

*Please stand in body or spirit*

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

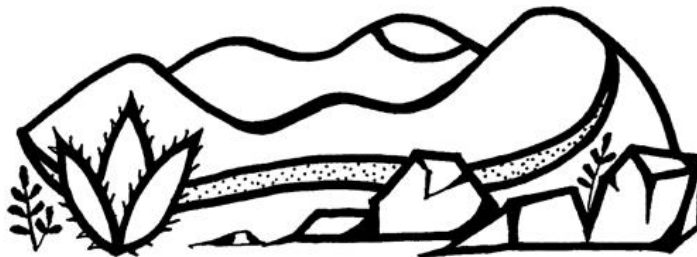
**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,  
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**



## Gathering Song of Praise

## Glory Be to God in Heaven

Verse 1



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for-give us; in your prom-ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together:

**O God, Jesus makes himself known to all disciples throughout the ages in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see Christ's redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

# WORD

## Scripture Reading

**1Peter 1:17-23**

A reading from 1 Peter.

<sup>17</sup>If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup>You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup>He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup>Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

<sup>22</sup>Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup>You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*Please stand in body or spirit*



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

## Gospel Reading

**Luke 24:13-35**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord!**

<sup>13</sup>Now on that same day when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene, two disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" <sup>19</sup>He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." <sup>25</sup>Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup>Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup>As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup>But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" <sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

## Children's Time

### Sermon

# Hymn of the Day

Please stand in body or spirit

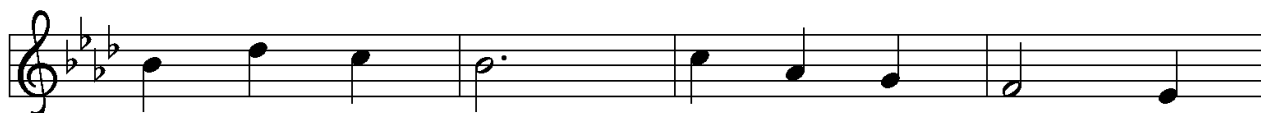
## Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!  
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter  
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;  
4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent;  
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!  
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;  
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;  
death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.  
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!  
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:  
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,  
Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!  
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.  
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.  
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.  
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

*Refrain*



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

## Prayers of Intercession

*The response to each prayer is: Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.***

## Sharing of Peace — *Take time to share the peace on Zoom and in person*

*Please be seated*

# COMMUNION MEAL

*For those worshipping virtually, please gather your bread and wine to participate in Holy Communion.*

## Offering

*You may use one of our options for giving: Venmo @BethelLutheran-Church phone # digits 6064, Paypal, see our website [bethelpdx.org](http://bethelpdx.org) for link, online at: <http://bethelpdx.org/donate> Additionally you may donate by mail. Thank you for supporting the many ministries of Bethel!*

## Offertory

## Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

**Generous God,**

**in this meal you offer your very self.**

**We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.**

**In the breaking of this bread**

**reveal to us the Risen One.**

**In the pouring of this wine**

**pour us out in service to the world;**

**through Christ our Lord.**

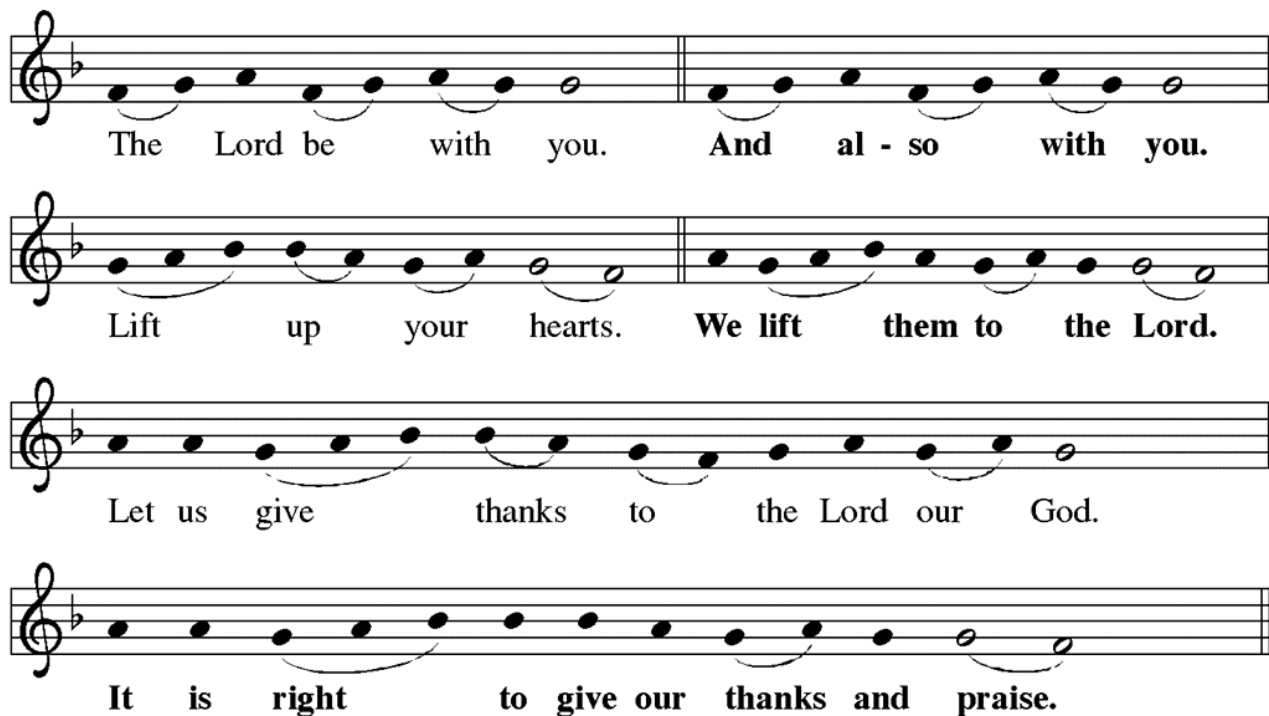




# Great Thanksgiving

*Please stand in body or spirit*

*The Pastor will guide you when to take the bread and cup to eat and drink.*



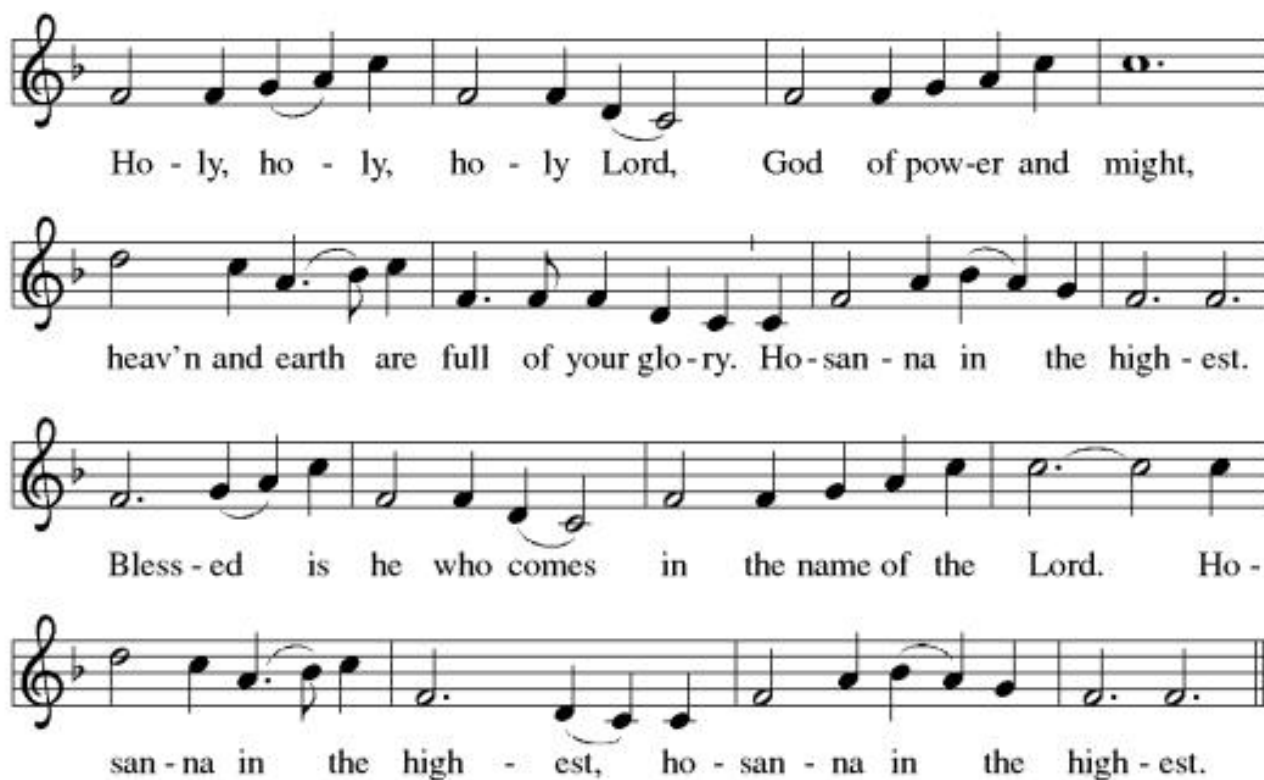
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*The Thanksgiving continues with the preface for the season.*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The presiding minister continues with the Thanksgiving at the Table. At the end, all say: **Amen.***



## **The Lord's Prayer**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is 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.**

*Please be seated*

## **Sharing the Bread and Cup**

### **Communion Music**

***Loyal Brave True***

***By Christina Aguilera***

### **Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray.

**Gracious God,**

**in you we live and move and have our being.**

**With your word and this meal of grace,**

**you have nourished our life together.**

**Strengthen us to show your love**

**and serve the world in Jesus' name.**

**Amen.**



# SENDING

## Announcements

## Farewell to Communion Rail

## Blessing

The God of all,  
who raised ✠ Jesus from the dead,  
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit  
to live in the new creation.

**Amen.**

## Sending Song

***They all Laughed***  
***By George Gershwin***

## The Sending.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**  
Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.  
**Thanks be to God.**



Stewardship of Service	This week – Apr. 23, 2023	Next week – Apr. 30, 2023
Ministers	All Baptized Members of Bethel	All Baptized Members of Bethel
Pastor	Pastor Leon LaCross	Pastor Leon LaCross
Music Director	Shlomo Farber	Shlomo Farber
Reader	TBD	TBD
Zoom Host	<b>Volunteer needed!</b>	<b>Volunteer needed!</b>

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## **Pray for:**

**Pray for the women of Iran** that they may speak out in safety and be heard and honored.

**Pray for all those on the Turkey/Syrian boarder** who have suffered great loss due the earthquake.

**Pray for Farid Owji**, a cousin to a friend of Pastor Leon, who is a journalist in Iran who was jailed for 27 days. Help him to heal from his trauma and help him as he seeks safety and asylum in other countries.

**Let us continue to pray for all victims of gun violence.**

**Pray for Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Seaside, OR.** Let us lift them up in the spirit of congeniality, and partnership to live out the gospel message with our neighbors.

**Pray for peace and justice in Russia and Ukraine**

**Pray for peace and justice** and safety among our houseless neighbors. Help us understand how we can share your love with them.

**Pray for Bethel leaders**, including Pastor Leon LaCross, Music Director Shlomo Farber, YDIC Summer Program Director Heather Anderson, Admin Assistant Kerry Czuba, the 2023 Church Council members, and for all the members and friends of Bethel Lutheran Church.

**Pray for those going through our confirmation program** that they grow in faith and have a deeper understanding of Jesus as someone who is a guiding, loving force in their lives.

**Pray for our children**, as they work on the 2<sup>nd</sup> half the school year. May they finish out the year with a yearning to learn more.

**Pray for those who are ill:**

- **Neil Marshall** (Nash's Portland family) as Neil undergoes treatment for a brain tumor while newly returned to his home base
- **Faith Moser** (mother of Joann Noll) and all her family who are caregiving and traveling and dealing with plumbing adventures in Faith's older home.
- **David Gyles** for his improved lung health
- **Leo Lawrence** as he continues treatment for cancer
- **Jeff Kolpin, husband of Shirley**, as he recovers from hip surgery. Give them the grace and humor to get through.
- **John Knight and family** as John continues in memory care
- **Laura Day**, mother of Natalie Peterson, in her diagnosis and treatment of cancer
- **Donald Gibler**, grandson of Laverne Atkins, who has experienced a set back due to a previous injury.
- **Gary Andeen** as he receives treatments for lung cancer.
- **Amy Bishop McDonald** for her diagnosis and surgery for breast cancer.
- **Faith St. John** for a speedy recovery after surgery
- **Chuck Huntley**, brother of Marjorie Strieff, for his ongoing health.
- **David Ness** while he recovers from a fall.

- **Jules Auger's wife Carol** who broke her hip on Sunday coming to the Jazz Service. Jules is the bass player for NW Tempo.
- **Harry Griffin (Pastor Keys grandson) & family**, in thanksgiving that his cancer diagnosis was a false positive. Prayers still needed for his recovery.
- **Glenn Chase** for continued good results on medical tests.
- **Marjorie Strieff** for improved health.

**Pray for those who have/had COVID** over the last couple of weeks that they recover quickly and with no complications.

**Pray for all those who have passed away** that they experience the loving embrace of God's love.

**Pray for Miles Bard** as he transitions to moving back to Portland.

Continuing prayers for well-being for our loved ones **Timothy, Elizabeth, Faith, Jim, Rob, Jacob, Miles, Andrew, Nash**, and **Patricia**--may they walk in light and peace.

**Pray in thanksgiving** for all the blessings received this week.

**Pray we know that God is close** and we are open to receiving and sharing God's love.

**Pray for Bethel Lutheran Church.**



**Bethel Youth Drop-In Center**

Housed at Bethel Lutheran Church  
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## 2023 Summer Drop-In Program @ Bethel Youth Drop-In Center

**Program overview:** Bethel Youth Drop-In Center celebrates 30+ years of providing a safe place for kids in the neighborhood of Bethel Lutheran Church in North Portland. The Center, a partnership between the congregation and neighborhood families, offers a safe space for children to learn, play, make friends and have adventures in the community. While housed at a church, the program is secular, offers no religious instruction, and welcomes children of all backgrounds.

**Program dates:** July 5 through August 11, MTWTF, 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM

**Ages served:** For Summer 2023, we will enroll children entering first through fifth grades in the 2023-2024 school year

**Registration:** Registration opens April 3 2023! Download a registration packet from [www.bethelpdx.org/summer-program/](http://www.bethelpdx.org/summer-program/) or email Director Heather Anderson at [ydic@bethelpdx.org](mailto:ydic@bethelpdx.org) for more information or to receive a paper packet.

**Cost:** Thanks to many Drop-In partners and supporters, this rich program of STEM projects, games, reading, crafts, city excursions, and two meals daily is available for only \$200 per week for the first child and is discounted for additional children. Families needing assistance may confer with Director Heather Anderson to enroll their children on a sliding scale (from \$200 to \$25 weekly).

