

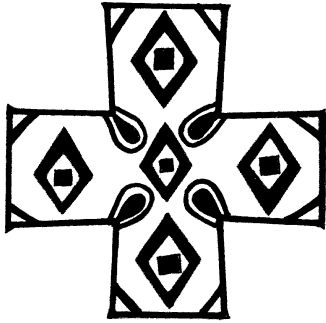


Resurrection of Our Lord

Worship with Holy Communion

April 20, 2025

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.

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

When You Believe

By Kenneth Edmonds



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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Thanksgiving for Baptism

Please stand in body or spirit and face the baptismal font

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of † the One
who was, who is, and who is to come.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,
and called to live the baptized life,
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God,
we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that make a people your own,
that restore to wholeness,
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that strengthen believers
and give new life to beloved servants of your church;
waters that extend your boundless love
and cross barriers of our own making.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that open the hearts of believers
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;
waters that set your people on a new path,
rejoicing in the Spirit's power.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,
that our every day is shaped by these waters
that give us our very lives in you.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.
Amen.

Gathering Song of Praise

Jesus Christ is Risen Today



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4
Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together:

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

Scripture Reading

Acts 10:34-43

A reading from Acts.

³⁴ Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

Scripture Reading

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

*The Psalm will be read responsively: those sitting on the pulpit side will read the plain text, those sitting on the piano side will read the **bold text**, those worshipping at home can choose either.*

¹ Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;

God's mercy endures forever.

² **Let Israel now declare,**

"God's mercy endures forever."

¹⁴ The Lord is my strength and my song,

and has become my salvation.

¹⁵ **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:**

"The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!

¹⁶ The right hand of the Lord is exalted!

The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!"

¹⁷ **I shall not die, but live,**

and declare the works of the Lord.

¹⁸ The Lord indeed punished me sorely,

but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹ **Open for me the gates of righteousness;**

I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord.

²⁰ "This is the gate of the Lord;

here the righteous may enter."

²¹ **I give thanks to you, for you have answered me**

and you have become my salvation.

²²The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³**By the Lord has this been done;
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

A reading from 1 Corinthians

¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²²for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

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 24:1-12

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

¹ On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵ The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶ Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." ⁸ Then they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

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

Children's Time

Sermon



Please stand in body or spirit

Hymn of the Day

Now All the Vaults of Heaven Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
set heart and will on things a - bove that we
and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876–1947, alt.

Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623

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Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

*The response to each prayer is: God of Grace, **hear our prayer.***

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

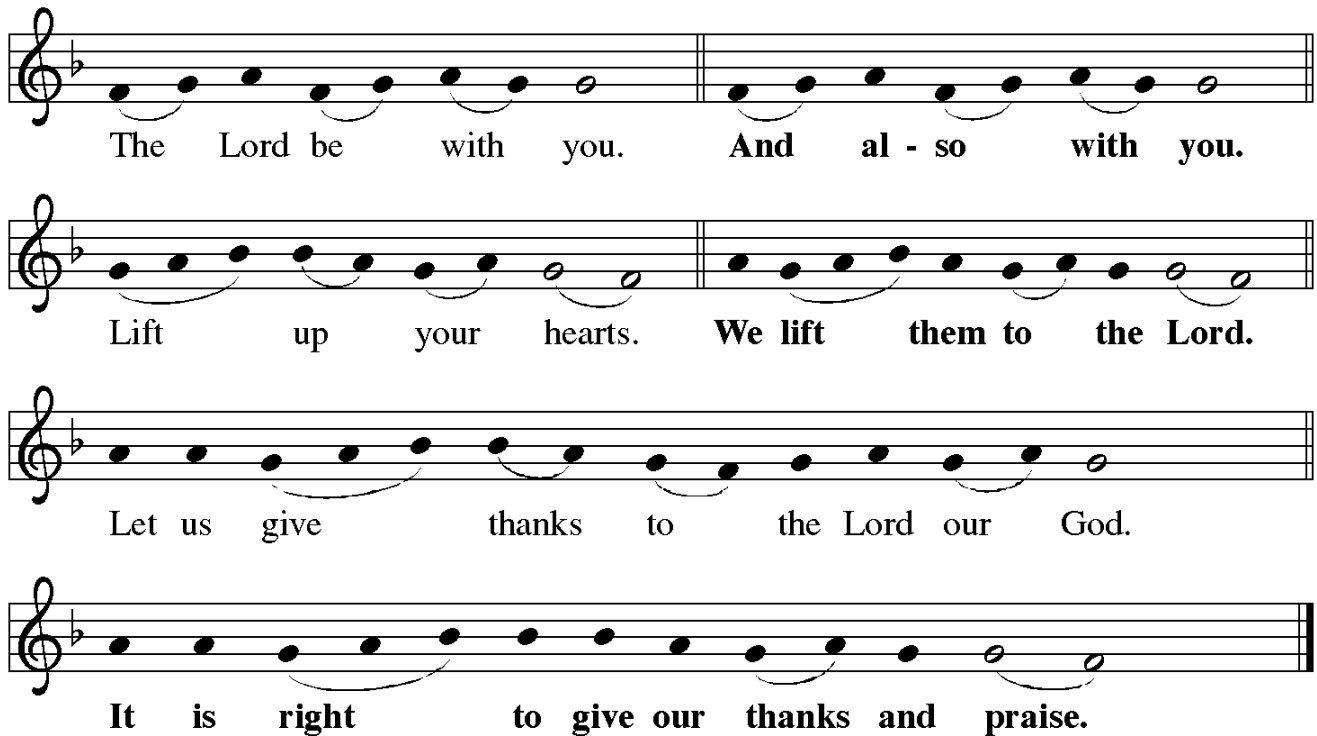
You may use one of our options for giving: Venmo @BethelLutheran-Church phone # digits 6064, Paypal, see our website bethelpdx.org for link, online at: <http://bethelpdx.org/donate> Additionally you may donate by mail or, if worshipping in-person, use the offering plate in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for supporting the many ministries of Bethel!

Offering Prayer

Risen One,
you have gathered us around your table of grace
along with these gifts we bring.
Come among us again,
breathe your life into us,
and enliven us with this meal,
that we may live as your risen body in the world.
Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

Please stand in body or spirit.

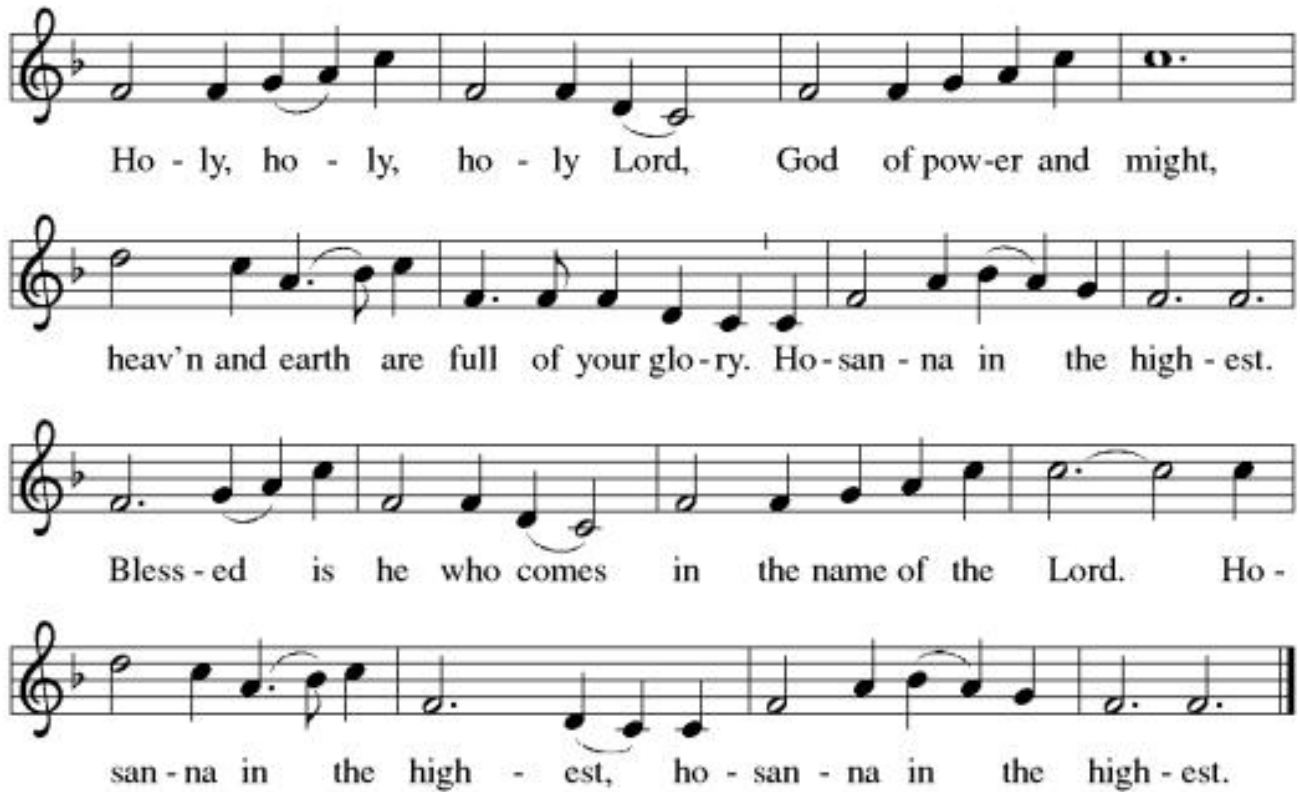


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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.



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 Thanksgiving continues with the preface for the season.

*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

There is a Redeemer
By Melody Green

SENDING

Announcements

Blessing

The triune God,
who was, who is, and who is to come,
Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit,
light your way with resurrection dawn,
now and always.

Amen.

Sending Song

Oh Happy Day

By Edwin Hawkings

The Sending.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!



Stewardship of Service	This week – Apr. 20, 2025	Next week – Apr. 27, 2025
Ministers	All Baptized Members of Bethel	All Baptized Members of Bethel
Pastor	Pastor Leon LaCross	Pastor Leon LaCross
Music Director	Shlomo Farber	Shlomo Farber
Zoom Host	Joann Noll	Volunteer needed!

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Pray for:

Pray for the people in Israel, Palestine, all of the Middle East, Ukraine, Georgia, and Yemen as they suffer war, violence, terror, and retribution. Show the world a path to peace and justice.

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

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, Admin Assistant Kerry Czuba, the 2025 Church Council members, and for all the members and friends of Bethel Lutheran Church.

Pray for the Bethel Youth Drop-In Center Board in thanksgiving for Elizabeth DeLozier as she begins as director of the Summer Youth Program and that we receive excellent applicants for our other positions.

Pray for Shlomo Farber, that his family and friends in Israel may be safe.

Pray for Julia Rankin as she continues her education at seminary.

Pray for Sean Fitzgerald (Nikki Bucholz), Kim Bucholz's son-in-law who has been deployed to the Middle East.

Pray for our children, as spring arrives, that they blossom where ever they find themselves planted.

Pray for the teachers, school staff, parents, guardians, and grandparents who teach our children and keep them safe.

Pray for the following:

- **Mark Sjostrom**, Svea's uncle, as he recovers from cancer treatments and health complications
- **Faith Moser** (mother of Joann Noll) and her daughters as Faith's health diminishes.
- **David Giles** as he discontinues treatment for lung cancer.
- **Leo Lawrence** for recovery from neuropathy surgery.
- **Laura Day**, mother of Natalie Peterson, in her diagnosis and treatment of cancer.
- **Glenn Chase**, in thanks for his continued good health.
- **Jackie Calder**, in thanks for healing and health that allows her to travel and to accomplish loving volunteer work.
- **Lorraine Griffey** for health, stamina, and joy.
- **Rick Van Dyke**, brother to Jim Van Dyke, as Rick lives with the uncertainty of his illness and works with his medical team to prepare for treatment.
- **Darin Schmidt**, a former Bethelite, and his wife Jessica, as they navigate a diagnosis of liver cancer.
- **Bob Enke**, cousin of JulieAnn Edman, for healing from a fall and for getting the care he needs.
- **Miles Bard** for health and stamina.
- **Pam Coffman** as she navigates treatment for lung cancer.
- **Karen Anderson** for continued healing of her knee.
- **Marlo Edman** who is recovering after surgery.
- **JulieAnn Edman** for useful MRI results.
- **Dean Peterson** for conditions related to cerebral amyloid angiopathy.
- **Nash Ababu**, to get better soon.

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

Especially for Scott Burris and family as they mourn the passing of their stepmom, **Mae Burris**, who died on April 14th after being in hospice.

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

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

Pray for Bethel Lutheran Church.

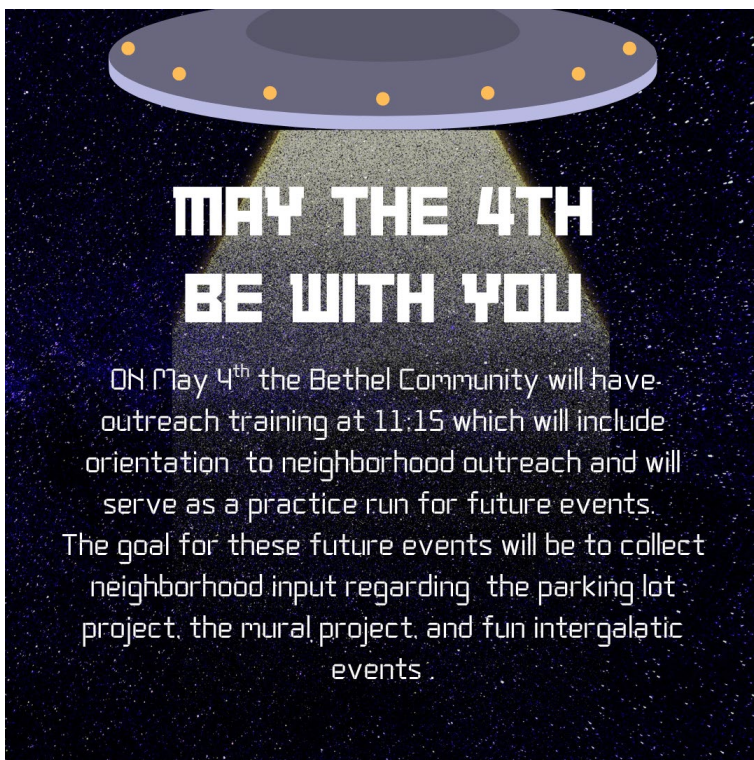
Mark Your Calendars:

04/20 9:00 AM Sunday Coffee Hour on Zoom
04/20 10:00 AM Sunday Worship: in person or on Zoom
04/20 11:15 AM Hot Cross Buns after Service*
04/21 – 04/26 Pr. Leon is out of the office.
04/23 Office is closed until 4:00 PM – Kerry's returning from trip
04/23 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM Girl Scouts meet in Hall
04/23 6:30 PM New Horizons Band Practice
04/24 2:00 PM Bethel Bees Prep & Serve for Renaissance Commons
04/24 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM Bethel Happy Hour
04/27 9:00 AM Sunday Coffee Hour on Zoom
04/27 10:00 AM Sunday Worship: in person or on Zoom
04/27 4:00 PM Jazz@Bethel

***Please Join us for Hot Cross Buns today after service**

Registration is open for the Summer Program!

Need a flyer? Download from the website or call the office and we will happily print some up for you!



**MAY THE 4TH
BE WITH YOU**

ON May 4th the Bethel Community will have outreach training at 11:15 which will include orientation to neighborhood outreach and will serve as a practice run for future events. The goal for these future events will be to collect neighborhood input regarding the parking lot project, the mural project, and fun intergalactic events.



**2025 Summer Day Camp Program
@ Bethel Youth Drop-In Center**

Program Dates/Times: June 30 through August 8
MTWThF, 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM

Ages: entering 1st through 6th in Fall 2025

Register at www.bethelpdx.org/summer-program

Email: ydic@bethelpdx.org
Phone: 503-285-4919

Address: 5658 N. Denver Ave
Portland, OR 97217





As we are blessed this Easter, we give thanks and remembrance.
The flowers decorating the Sanctuary have been donated by and in recognition of:

For All the Saints
Karen Anderson

In honor of the Bethel Community
Ronda Bard

Happy Easter
Holly Redfern

For Jim Beck, Gretchen Kasch and for Marjorie Strieff
Marjorie Strieff

For Inez & Frank Steiner, and John & Dorothy Vandenberg
Jamie Vandenberg

Thank you to Pr. Leon for donating toward the Pascal Candle.





**APRIL 27,
2025
4:00 PM**

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**Donations
accepted**



**Bethel Lutheran's
Special Congregational Meeting**

June 8th at 11:15 AM



This upcoming meeting is for the Bethel Congregation to vote on the constitution. Please plan on attending.

Send

Fifty days of Easter

Did you know that the church season of Easter lasts 50 days? Here are three ways you can celebrate. Finish each picture.



Go on an egg hunt.
Hide eggs in the picture.



Bring treats to your neighbors.
Draw treats on the empty plate.

Say "Alleluia! Christ is risen!" each morning when you wake up.

Write these Easter words in the balloon.



Jump for joy! Shout, "Hooray!" Jesus Christ is risen today! Amen

This week

Notice times when you "see Jesus" in your everyday experiences.

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Kids Celebrate

Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Day



gather

Welcome to worship. Today is Easter! For Christians, Easter is the most joyful celebration of the year. This is the day Jesus rose from death to a new life. What changes do you see in your worship space? What color is the cloth on God's table (the altar)? What kinds of flowers do you see? During the 40 days of Lent we didn't sing or say "Alleluia." Today, listen for all of the times you say or sing "Alleluia!"



hear & celebrate

Jesus Christ is risen!

John 20:1-18

Early in the morning, Mary Magdalene came to Jesus' tomb. She saw that the big stone was rolled away from the door. Jesus' body was gone!

Mary cried as she looked in the tomb. She saw two angels dressed in white. They said to her, "Why are you weeping?"

Mary said, "Jesus is gone." Then Mary turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know it was Jesus.

Jesus said, "Mary!" When Mary heard her name, she recognized Jesus. Jesus told Mary the good news—he had risen from the dead! Mary ran to the disciples. She said, "I have seen the Lord!"



When you hear someone say, "Christ is risen!" respond this way: "Christ is risen indeed!" Practice with a family member or a friend.

Easter eggs

Our celebration of Easter is filled with eggs. Jelly beans look like tiny, colorful eggs. We eat chocolate eggs and chew bubblegum eggs. We turn ordinary eggs into beautiful pieces of art. Eggs are a powerful symbol of Easter. The eggshell is like Jesus' tomb. It carries new life inside of it. When the chick hatches out of the egg, it reminds us of Jesus' new life at Easter.



Can you help these children find 10 eggs?