



Join us for  
HOLY WEEK & Easter

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*Easter  
Breakfast*  
Served by Bethel Youth

*Sunday,  
March 31<sup>st</sup>  
7:30-11 am  
Bethel Hall  
All Welcome!*

*Come enjoy egg bake, fruit, pastries, and more  
to help us raise money for Bethel youth events.*



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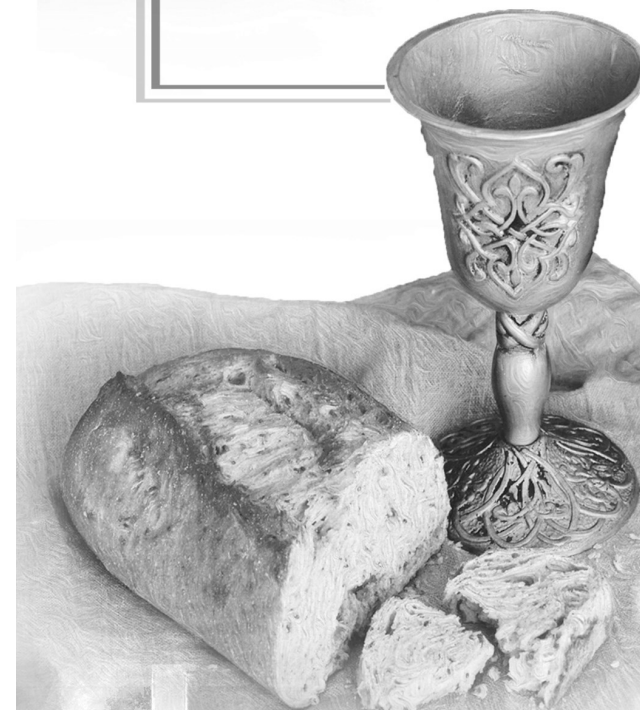
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# MAUNDY THURSDAY

MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2024  
NOON & 6 PM



*Connected  
THROUGH  
SERVICE*



MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP

Tonight we remember Christ's last meal with his disciples, but the central focus is his commandment that we live out the promise embodied in this meal. As Jesus washed his disciples' feet, so we are called to give and receive love in humble service to one another. Formed into a new body in Christ through this holy meal, we are transformed by the mercy we have received and carry it into the world. Departing worship in solemn silence, we anticipate the coming days.



Prelude	"Maundy Thursday Meditations"	Organ
Welcome and Announcements		
Confession and Forgiveness		see screen
Laying On of Hands for Absolution		
Gathering Hymn	"Where Charity and Love Prevail"	ELW 359, vs. 1-4
Greeting		
Prayer of the Day		
First Bible Reading	1 Corinthians 11:23-26	
Musical Offering	Brock Besse (12 pm)	
	"When You Prayed Beneath the Trees"	Chancel Choir (6 pm)
Maundy Thursday Gospel	John 13:1-17, 31b-35	
Children's Word	Helping Hands	
Sermon	Serving	
Faith Story	Kristen Halvorson	
Hymn of the Day	"They Will Know We Are Christians By Our Love"	vs. 1-3
Prayers of Intercession		
Offering		
Offering Prayer		

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Words of Institution		
Lord's Prayer		
Communion Distribution	"Lamb of God"	ELW p. 146
Communion Songs	"Let Us Break Bread Together"	ELW 471, vs. 1-3
	"As the Grains of Wheat"	ELW 465, vs. 1-2
	"We Come to the Hungry Feast"	ELW 479, vs. 1-3
Prayer After Communion		

Stripping of the Altar | Psalm 22 (Gary Thorn)

The chancel area is stripped of all worship vessels, symbolic of the barrenness of this time until the Great Day. There is no benediction. Our worship is not over. We face tomorrow the darkness of death, and then we wait. We wait for a conclusion that begs our praise.

We Leave In Silence

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

**Preaching Pastor:** Rev. Lisa Hawe  
**Worship Leader:** Rev. Anjanette Bandel  
**Organist:** Jim Bahler | **Vocalist:** Gary Thorn  
**Minister of Music & Worship:** Brock Besse  
**Lectors:** 12 pm: Paul Wittmer, Ardell Olson  
6 pm: Jeanne Townsend, Luke Liedl, Joren Solak



HOLY WEEK OFFERINGS

The Social Missions team has allocated this year's Lenten offerings to fight food instability locally and internationally through Food For Kidz and Bread for the World. Food For Kidz uses volunteer labor and bulk purchases to assemble nutritious food for just 17 cents per meal. These meals will be assembled at Bethel on Saturday, Nov. 2nd to be distributed locally and internationally. Bread for the World advocates for policies to alleviate food instability both domestically and internationally. Please consider a Lenten offering. Other ways to donate are:

\*Giving online using the QR code or the page  
onrealm.org/bethellutheran/-/form/give/bethel  
\*Texting BETHELGIVES to 73256  
>Be sure to choose the "Food For Kidz" fund



## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

**Preaching Pastor:** Rev. Anjanette Bandel

**Worship Leader:** Rev. Lisa Hawe | **Sign Language Interpreter (6 pm):** Rebecca Wulff

**Organist:** Jim Bahler | **Minister of Music & Worship:** Brock Besse | **Vocalist:** Gary Thorn

**Lectors:** 3 pm: Sue Christian, Paul Christian, and Bill Shea

6 pm: Shirley Jordahl, Kathy Bolin, and Lynn Myhre

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The Social Missions team has allocated this year's Holy Week offerings to fight food instability locally and internationally through **Food for Kidz** and **Bread for the World**. Food for Kidz uses volunteer labor and bulk purchases to assemble nutritious food for just 15 cents per meal. These meals will be assembled at Bethel in the fall and distributed locally and internationally. Bread for the World advocates for policies to alleviate food instability both domestically and internationally.



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### -GREAT NEWS!-

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Celebrate Easter (March 31st) with us and come enjoy egg bake, fruit, pastries, and more at Bethel Hall from 7:30 am to 11 am to raise money for Bethel youth events. See you there!



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# GOOD FRIDAY



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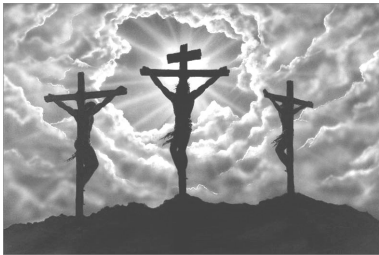
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THROUGH THE  
CROSS

IN HOLY WEEK



GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE

Tonight's service is an adaptation of the ancient office of Tenebrae (a Latin word meaning darkness or shadows.) Tenebrae is intended to impress upon the minds and hearts of believers the tragic consequences of our sins and the greatness of Jesus' sacrifice on Calvary. Traditionally, the ceremony of Tenebrae embodies the extinguishing of candles and other lights in the church, the casting the entire sanctuary into total darkness. This is a reminder of the darkness that fell over the earth as the Son of God was crucified. It is also symbolic of the gradual flight and denial of the disciples and friends of Jesus.



As we see the service unfolding, we are graphically reminded of our own desertion of Jesus and the consequence of separation. The extinguishing of the final candle signifies the death of Jesus. The harsh sound (called the STREPITUS in Latin) is symbolic of the closing of the door to the tomb after the burial of Jesus. It also warns us of the imminent termination of our own life. Amid the darkness of Good Friday there is the promise of resurrection. The single candlestick is called the Christ candle and represents Jesus as the Light of the World. It is restored at the close of the service as a sign that the darkness will not triumph. Christ is victorious.

- We Gather in Silence-

Opening Litany

Pastor: Were you there when they crucified our Lord?  
**Congregation: Yes, we were there.**  
P: Were you there when they nailed him to a tree?  
**C: Yes, we were there.**  
P: Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
**C: Yes, we were there.**



Opening Hymn	"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"	ELW 338
& Receiving of the Offering		
Bible Reading	Isaiah 52:13-53:12	
Children's Song	"Jesus Loves Me"	ELW 595, vs. 2
Children's Word	Poured Out For You	
Hymn of the Day	"O Love How Deep"	ELW 322, vs. 1-3
Sermon	Acquainted with Infirmary	
Hymn Reprise	"O Love How Deep"	ELW 322, vs. 4-5

SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

**The First Word** *"Father Forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."*  
Reading  
The first candle is extinguished.

**The Second Word** *"Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."*  
Reading  
The second candle is extinguished.

**Hymn** "Jesus Remember Me" ELW 616, (sung 3x)

**The Third Word** *"Woman, here is your son. Here is your mother."*  
Reading  
The third candle is extinguished.

**Hymn** "O Sacred Head Now Wounded" ELW 351, vs. 1,4

**The Fourth Word** *"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"*  
Reading  
The fourth candle is extinguished.

**Musical Offering** Brock Besse (3 pm)  
"The Holy Heart" Chancel Choir (6 pm)

**The Fifth Word** *"I am thirsty."*  
Reading  
The fifth candle is extinguished.

**Prayer:**  
P: O Lord our Savior,  
**Congregation: you have endured the cross for our sake and through great suffering of body and soul accomplished all things for our salvation. Help us to recognize in the words, "I thirst" the depth of your love for us and your fervent desire to have all people love you. Make our hearts constantly thirst for your love. Lead us to do those things which will cause others to come to you to drink the water of life which satisfies forever. Amen.**

**The Sixth Word** *"It is finished."*  
Reading  
The sixth candle is extinguished.

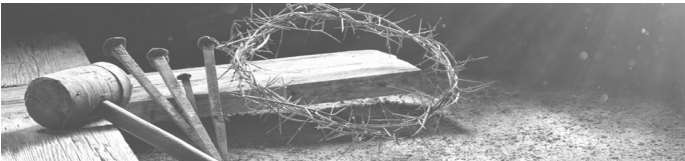
**Hymn** "Ah Holy Jesus" ELW 349, vs. 4-5

**The Seventh Word** *"Father, into your hands I commend my Spirit."*  
Reading  
The seventh candle is extinguished.

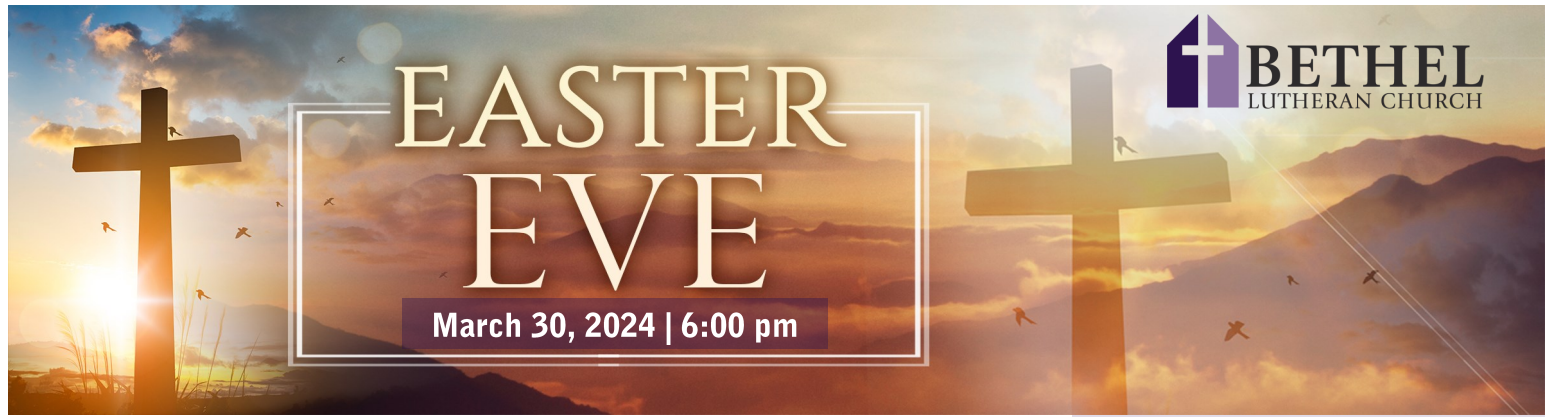
**The Strepitus**

**The Restoration of the Christ Candle**

→ The Congregation Departs in Silence







## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### GATHERING

Prelude	"Awake My Heart With Gladness"	Organ
Call to Worship	"Easter Fantasy"	Piano/Organ
	Brock Besse/Clayton Reedstrom	
Greeting		
Opening Hymn	"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"	ELW 365
Prayer of the Day		

### WORD

Psalm	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	
Second Reading	Acts 10:34-43	
Children's Word	Empty	
Gospel	Mark 16:1-8	
Sermon	Already Done	
Hymn of the Day	"Thine Is the Glory"	ELW 376
Affirmation of Faith		
Prayers of the People		
Gathering of Gifts		
Offering Prayer		

### MEAL— Sacrament of Holy Communion

Words of Institution
Lord's Prayer
Distribution
Post-Communion Prayer

### SENDING

Blessing		
Sending Hymn	"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!"	ELW 369
Dismissal		
Postlude	"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"	Organ

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# EASTER SUNRISE

March 31, 2024 | 6:30 am

 **BETHEL**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Call to Worship	"Easter Fantasy"	Piano/Organ
	Brock Besse/Clayton Reedstrom	
Greeting		
Opening Hymn	"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"	ELW 365
Prayer of the Day		

### WORD

Musical Offering	"Lift High the Cross"	Bethel Ringers
Psalm	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	
Second Reading	Acts 10:34-43	
Children's Word	Empty	
Gospel Acclamation	"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"	ELW 172
Gospel	Mark 16:1-8	
Sermon	Already Done	
Hymn of the Day	"Thine Is the Glory"	ELW 376
Affirmation of Faith		
Prayers of the People		
Gathering of Gifts		
Offering Prayer		

### MEAL — Sacrament of Holy Communion

Words of Institution		
Lord's Prayer		
Distribution	"Lamb of God"	ELW p. 154
Communion Hymns		
	"Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing"	ELW 389
	"The Strife is O'er"	ELW 366
Post-Communion Prayer		

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## Welcome to Our Contemporary Service!

Gate of Life is a service that will impact you musically, visually, and with the power of God's Word and Jesus' salvation as its backbone. **The name "Gate of Life" comes from the scripture John 10:9-10**, where Jesus says: *"I am the gate ... I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."* Expect worship to be highly engaging through the use of images, music that moves the body and soul, a message that encourages all to participate, and a community focused atmosphere with Christ at the center.

the  
**gate**  
of Life



**SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024**  
**EASTER DAY!**

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## WORSHIP INFORMATION

Bible Reading	Acts 10:34-43
Children's Sermon	Alleluia!
Gospel	Mark 16:1-8
Sermon Title	The Stone is Rolled Away!

### Worship Participants:

**Preacher:** Rev. Anjanette Bandel

**The Gate of Life Worship Leader:** Michele Nyman

**Do you enjoy The Gate of Life?**

**WE INVITE YOU TO VOLUNTEER!**

If you would like to **be a part of the Gate of Life service** in a musical way, helping with visuals, or behind the scenes work, please contact Michele Nyman at [nyman@bethellutheran.com](mailto:nyman@bethellutheran.com).

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### GATHERING

Prelude	"Easter Hymn Variations"	Organ
	"My Spirit Be Joyful"	Bethel Brass (11 am)
Call To Worship	"The Stone is Rolled Away"	Chancel Choir
Greeting		
Opening Hymn	"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"	ELW 369
	(Led by Choir)	
Prayer of the Day		

### WORD

Musical Offering	"Resurrection Hymn"	Chancel Choir & Bethel Brass
Psalm	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-17, 19-24	(read responsively)
Bible Reading	Acts 10:34-43	
Children's Word	Alleluia!	
Gospel Acclamation		ELW 383, Refrain only
Gospel	Mark 16:1-8	
Sermon	The Stone is Rolled Away!	
Hymn of the Day	"Good Christian Friends,	ELW 385, vs. 1, 2, 4
	Rejoice and Sing!"	
Prayers of Intercession		
Gathering of Gifts	"To God Be the Glory"	Piano/Organ
	Brock Besse/Clayton Reedstrom	

### MEAL— Sacrament of Holy Communion

Words of Institution		
Lord's Prayer		
Communion Distribution		
Distribution Music		
	"My Spirit Be Joyful"	Bethel Brass (8/9:30 am)
	"Jesus Christ is Ris'n Today, Alleluia!"	ELW 365
	"Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing"	ELW 389
Post-Communion Blessing		

### SENDING

Blessing		
Sending Hymn	"The Strife is O'er"	ELW 366, vs. 1, 3, 5
Dismissal		
Postlude	"Christ Is Alive"	Organ

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11 am: Ryland Eichhorst

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## INFORMATION

### ARE YOU NEW AT BETHEL?

**We're glad you're here!** Please stop by the Welcome Desk for more information about our church family. We are a vibrant place to worship and a caring institution that stands as a Christian Leader in the community.

If you are looking for a church home, we gladly offer a New Member Orientation 101 class for those interested in membership and those seeking more information about our mission and dynamic ministries. For more details, **visit [bethellutheran.com/join](http://bethellutheran.com/join) or contact Sheri Kallembach**, Member Coordinator at 507-288-6430 or [kallembach@bethellutheran.com](mailto:kallembach@bethellutheran.com).

### SPECIAL NEEDS ACCOMMODATIONS

- A looping system is installed for those with compatible hearing aides.
- Assisted listening devices are available, please ask one of the ushers.
- Parenting room available on the back left of the sanctuary. Our nursery is offered during Sunday services.

### HOLY COMMUNION

All the baptized believing that Jesus is truly present in the bread & wine are welcome to take communion (including visitors). Holy Communion is offered during our Saturday worship at 6 pm and Gate of Life Contemporary service on Sunday at 10:10 am each week. Our 9 am & 10:30 am Sunday services offer Holy Communion on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month.

### WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- **Saturdays:** 6 pm (In-person worship)
- **Sundays:** 9\* am & 10:30 am (Traditional Liturgy)  
10:10 am Gate of Life (Contemporary Service with Holy Communion)  
\*9 am in-person worship offers a sign language interpreter and is Live-streamed through our YouTube channel
- **Videos of our services** are posted on our website and YouTube channel to be viewed at any time: [www.bethellutheran.com/worshiponline](http://www.bethellutheran.com/worshiponline)



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## PRAYERS

**Synod Joined in Prayer:**  
**March 30 & 31, 2024**

Easter: Peace and justice  
in all places

## CHILDREN'S NOISY OFFERING

Our children offerings will be directed to support  
Good Earth Village


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