

## BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Vibrantly open to the spirit, Bethel Lutheran Church seeks to serve God and its neighbors by joyfully living into the good news of Jesus Christ.*

Sunday, March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday

ELW Setting 10

Rev. Molly Wills, Bethel Pastor

Jan Smith, Accompanist

GivePlus Text 866-298-7547

### GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

Prelude "All Glory Laud and Honor" setting by Paul Manz

Processional Hymn "Pave the Way with Branches" ACS #928

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus. **Amen.**

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

Holy God, **we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.**

Choir and Chimes "Wave the Palms Hosanna!" by Ruth Elaine Schram

Greeting (p. 203)

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

Kyrie (ELW p. 203) **Have mercy on us, Lord...**

Canticle of Praise (ELW p. 204) **Glory be to God in heaven...**

Prayer of the Day

**Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Choir "Hosanna, Rejoice and Sing!" by Jan Holstein

### WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

First Reading Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 31:9-16 (read responsively)

Second Reading Philippians 2:5-11

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation (ELW p. 205)

**We are turning, Lord, to hear you; you are merciful and kind-slow to anger, rich in blessing, and with love to us inclined.**

The Gospel according to John the twelfth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading John 12:9-19 The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day "Surely God Is My Salvation" ACS #926

Apostles Creed (ELW p. 105)

Prayers of Intercession Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Peace The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

### MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

Offertory "There is God's Garden" arr. by Anne Krentz Organ

Terri Helland, Soprano Sax

Offering Prayer

**Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving (ELW p. 206)

Preface for the Day (ELW p. 207) **Holy, holy, holy Lord...**

Lord's Prayer (p. 208)

Communion (p. 208) **O Lamb of God...**

Communion Hymn "Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken" ACS #966

Prayer after Communion

Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

### SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

Blessing

Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

Sending Song "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" ELW #344

Dismissal Go in peace. Share your bread.

**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude "Trumpet Voluntary" by Gordon Young

# WELCOME

## Bethel Lutheran Church—March 24, 2024, Palm Sunday

**OUR MISSION STATEMENT**—Vibrantly open to the Spirit, Bethel Lutheran Church seeks to serve God and its neighbors by joyfully living into the good news of Jesus Christ.

**QUESTIONS OR REQUESTS?** Please contact the church office at 320-395-2125 at [bethellutheranlp@gmail.com](mailto:bethellutheranlp@gmail.com). For emergency pastoral care needs, please contact the church office first, and if nobody answers, call Pastor Molly Wills at 320-339-8169. Bulletin submissions due: Wednesdays at noon.

Newsletter deadline: 25<sup>th</sup> of the month. **GivePlus Text 866-298-7547**

SIMPLY GIVING offers convenience for you and much needed consistency for Bethel! Try it this summer! If you have questions contact Stacy Meyer, Financial Secretary, at [finsec@lpbethel.org](mailto:finsec@lpbethel.org).

### SUNDAY

- Worship: 9:00 am
- Noisy offering: drop your coins [cash or check] in the tin can on your way out of the sanctuary. (Supports Bethel Youth Camperships)
- Sunday school: following worship
- Bethel Breakfast: 10:30 am at Longhorn's

### MONDAY

- No Bible study March 25 or April 1

### TUESDAY

- Quilting: 1:00 pm-4:30 pm

### WEDNESDAY

- Choir practice: 6:30 pm

### MAUNDY THURSDAY

- Agape Meal and foot washing: 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

### GOOD FRIDAY

- Worship: 6:30 pm

### SUNDAY: RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD/EASTER DAY

- Worship: 9:00 am
- Easter Brunch: 10:00 am, Fellowship Hall

**WELCA Lenten Mission Project: Celebration Bank:** Today is the last day to bring your change and drop it in the *Celebration Bank*. Tell us what you are celebrating! It could be a birthday, anniversary, losing a tooth, the “all clear” to start sports again after an injury, or whatever you are celebrating! Our goal is to purchase a goat through the ELCA Good Gifts program.

**A Community Meet & Greet:** Wednesday, April 3, 4:00 pm-6:00 pm, McLeod Food Shelf, 719 13th ST E, Glencoe. Meet the new Executive Director, Carrie Lewis, board members, and dedicated volunteers. Light refreshments will be served. Reminder-the March Campaign will still be going, please consider donating.

**Bethel Youth Bible Camp Fundraiser:** Monday, April 8, 4:00 pm-8:00 pm, Unhinged Pizza, Glencoe. Bring family, friends, neighbors and join us for food, fun, and fellowship while supporting our Bethel Youth! A percentage of all “buffet dinners” and all the tips will go to support the Bethel Youth Campers!

**Thank you** for your generous donations for our Thankoffering, McLeod Em. Food Shelf March Campaign and the Celebration Bank to purchase a goat through ELCA Good Gifts! We thank you for bringing treats for fellowship following our church services and Lenten meals. Lenten meals wouldn't have been successful without all who prepared the meals, brought bars, served, and cleaned up. We give a huge thank you to Thrivent Financial for the action team cards used to cover our expenses. Last but not least, thank you to everyone who attended. We could not have done these projects without your support! *Women of the ELCA*

**Join us for the Mid Minnesota Concert Band Sunday, April 14, at Bethel!** A luncheon served from 11:30 am-12:30 pm. The menu includes barbeques, pulled pork sandwiches, and salads. The concert begins at 1:00 pm, followed by coffee and bars. Note: Bethel member Nicole Weisenburger is part of this band!

**Crow River Conference Women of the ELCA Spring Gathering, Sunday, April 20,** Peace Lutheran Church, Cosmos. The cost is \$10 per person; give your fee to Diane H. or Jill D. to send in before April 20. Registration begins at 8:30 am, followed by music, devotions, a brief business meeting, and a speaker from Terebinth Refuge. Terebinth Refuge is a shelter for hope and healing. They provide a safe home for women victims of sex trafficking and exploitation. They provide short-term emergency shelter, long-term transitional housing and on-site services to help women attain their individual goals toward recovery and independence. The Gathering ends by approximately 11:30 am. (Bethel will host the fall gathering on September 28.)