



First Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2024

Welcome to Bethel! We're glad you're here!

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT • FEBRUARY 18, 2024



All Are Welcome!

We mean it when we say “all are welcome” – no matter where you are on your faith journey or how you identify. Your presence is important to us – we are not complete without you. Our Worship & Music team is continually listening and adapting our worship practices to reflect our desire to welcome ALL of GOD’S children.

Hospitality Details

We firmly believe that there is no age limit in GOD’S house. Young or old, you are an essential part of our worship community. Families with young children are encouraged to sit near the front of the sanctuary so children can see what is happening. If a young child gets antsy during long periods of inaction like the sermon, they are welcome to quietly play in front of the sound table near the door.

Those participating in worship who find standing for long periods of time difficult are encouraged to take care of themselves and adapt the “Lutheran Aerobics” of frequent standing and sitting to meet their needs. Traditions of standing at certain times during the liturgy are not meant to cause pain or discomfort. Please sit or stand in ways that make your time with us comfortable.

If you need a restroom, you have options:

In the main building, one is located through the side door near the piano. It can also be accessed by going outside through the main door and re-entering the building using the door located under the bell tower. The restroom is to your left.

A larger, wheelchair accessible restroom with a baby changing table, is located in our back building. Go through the iron gate to the left of the sanctuary. As you enter the back building the restroom is immediately to your left. Feel free to ask the usher for directions as well.

Contact Pastor Carolyn

Contact Pr. Carolyn first to double-check her office hours. She is available Tuesday – Thursday most weeks.

pastor@bethelroseville.org
916-781-3333 (office)



Lenten Mid-Week Worship & Soup

Wednesday, February 21st

Worship @5:30

Soup Supper @6:15ish

(note new time)



Sunday School for All Ages

(following worship)

Lisa KC will have all of the kids in Lentz Hall for Bible Stories and crafts.

Pastor Carolyn will meet with the adults in her office **AND** via Zoom. They are using the book, *The Forty Parables of Jesus*, by Gehard Lohfink.

The Zoom link will be open at 10:25, and the conversation will begin at 10:30.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89637655924?pwd=eTJ6OVIEMVZDcG53OGtKdW5hV2E1dz09>

Meeting ID: 896 3765 5924
Passcode: 295449

Prayer Requests

Yellow paper is available as you enter for you to write prayer requests on. Return the paper to an usher no later than during the Hymn of the Day. The reader will include it during the Prayers of the People.

It is our hope that this will help all those worshipping in the sanctuary and on online to hear the prayers.

Introduction to the day

On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. This year, the Sundays in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism. First Peter connects the way God saved Noah's family in the flood with the way God saves us through the water of baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world.

GATHERING

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

OPENING SONG/PRELUDE

40 Days

(sung by Wing & A Prayer only)

WELCOME

The congregation is invited to rise in body and/or spirit and turn to face the baptismal font.

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 God and of one another.
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.

Here is a flood of grace:
Out of love for the whole world,
God draws near to us,
breaks every snare of sin,
washes away our wrongs,
and restores the promise of life through ✠ Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Please turn and face the altar for the Gathering Song.

GATHERING SONG *Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized* (ELW 304)



1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spir - it on you
2 God called you, "My be - lov - ed Son"; you are God's ser - vant
3 Straight-way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed the
4 Bap - tize us with your Spir - it, Lord; your cross on us be



came, as peace - ful as a dove, and yet as
true, sent to pro - claim the reign of heav'n, God's
call to serve with free and will - ing heart, to
signed, that like - wise in God's ser - vice we may



ur - gent as a flame, as ur - gent as a flame.
ho - ly will to do, God's ho - ly will to do.
give your life for all, to give your life for all.
per - fect free - dom find, may per - fect free - dom find.

REETING (ELW p. 138)

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

Kyrie

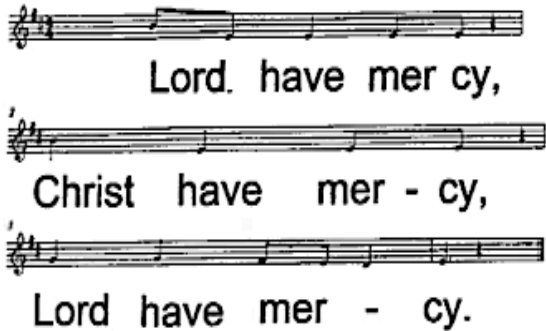
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Words and music on following page

Leader

In peace, let us pray
to the Lord

CONGREGATION



Leader

For the peace from above,
and for our salvation, let us pray
to the Lord

CONGREGATION

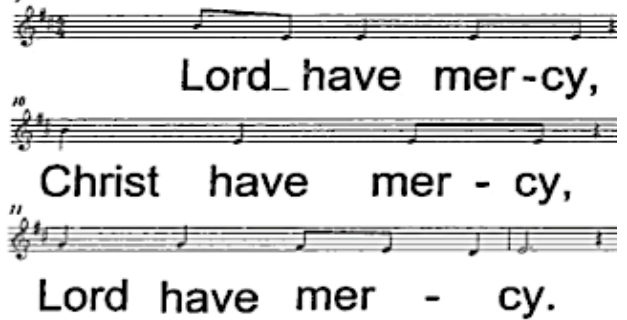


Leader

For peace in the world,
for the health of God's church,
and for all unity, let us pray
to the Lord



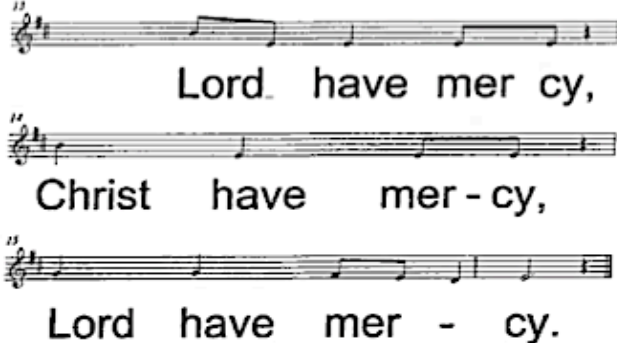
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Leader

For this holy house,
and we who offer praise, let us pray
to the Lord

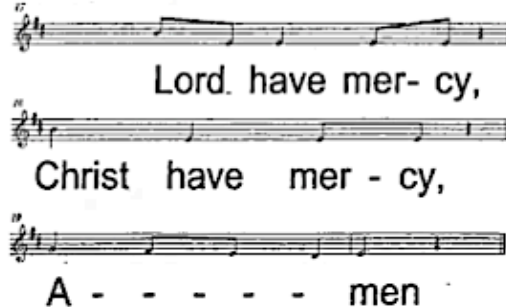
CONGREGATION



Leader

Help, save, comfort and defend us,
gracious Lord

CONGREGATION



PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 142)

Let us pray.

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, 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

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

FIRST READING: Genesis 9:8-17 (Bruce Seiler/Nancy Garman)

Today's reading is the conclusion to the flood story. Because of human sin, God destroys the earth by flood, saving only Noah, his family, and the animals on the ark. Yet divine destruction gives way to divine commitment. As in the first creation, God blesses humanity and establishes a covenant with all creatures.

A reading from Genesis.

⁸God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹"As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." ¹²God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." ¹⁷God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 25:1-10 (Bruce Seiler/Nancy Garman)

¹To you, O LORD,
I lift up my soul.

²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴**Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.**

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

⁸**You are gracious and upright, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

⁹You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.

¹⁰**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:18-22 (Bruce Seiler/Nancy Garman)

As God acted through Christ's suffering and death to bring us to God, so God acts through baptism to save us from a sinful existence. This spiritual cleansing marks our new life in Christ.

A reading from 1 Peter.

¹⁸Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

KIDS' MESSAGE (Jeri Wartena)

The congregation is invited to rise in body and/or spirit to welcome the Gospel

GOSPEL: Mark 1:9-15 (Pr. Carolyn Brodt)

The Spirit that comes upon Jesus at his baptism sustains him when he is tested by Satan so that he might proclaim the good news of God's reign.

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

SERMON (Pr. Carolyn Brodt)

The congregation is invited to rise in body and/or spirit for the Hymn of the Day.

HYMN OF THE DAY *Come to The Water*

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VERSE

♩ = 112 E C#m A B Bsus E C#m A

1. You said You'd come and share all my sor - rows. You said You'd be there for all my to -
 (2.) good ness so great I can't un - der - stand, and dear Lord, I know that all this was
 3. Je sus, I give You my heart and my soul, I know that with - out God I'd nev - er be

8 B E B A B A/B E C#m

mor - rows. I came so close to send - ing You a - way. But just like You prom - ised, You
 planned. I know You're here now and al - ways will be, Your love loosed my chains and
 whole. Sav - ior, You o - pened all the right doors and I thank You and praise You from

CHORUS

15 A B A/B B E E7 A

came here to stay, I just had to pray. And Je - sus said, "Come to the
 in You I'm free, but Je - sus why me? _____
 earth's hum - ble shores, Take me, I'm Yours. _____

23 E B E E7

wa - ter, stand by My side; I know you are thirs - ty, you won't be de - nied. I

31 A E B

felt ev - 'ry tear - drop when in dark - ness you cried and I strove to re - mind

39 1, 2 3 E F#m/E E E F#m/E

you that for those tears I died." 2. Your died." _____

CREED

Let us join with Christians throughout the world in this Lenten season and confess our shared faith using the words of the Apostles' 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.

Please be seated

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(Bruce Seiler/Nancy Garman)

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

God our truth, the ark of your church has room for many expressions of faith. We give thanks for voices that challenge and awaken your people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our maker, you remember your covenant with the earth and its inhabitants. Rescue communities and creatures hurting from natural disasters. Preserve species and habitats endangered by human carelessness and disregard. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our light, you know our weakness. Free all who govern from the temptations of power. Bring an end to warfare in Gaza, Ukraine, and Sudan. Sustain all who work for human rights in every nation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our help, you care for your beloved children. Comfort all who are grieving, ill, afraid, in pain, or in despair. Feed hungry people living in food deserts. Protect any at risk from exploitation and abuse. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our home, you gather your people. Grant us health and safety as we assemble. Keep us mindful of any who are homebound, hospitalized, convalescing, or traveling. Today we especially hold Robert Edmonds and his family in our hearts. Bring peace and healing to all. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our hope, you promise eternal life to your beloved children. We remember with gratitude those who have lived and died in faith. Grant that we may also dwell with you in everlasting peace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Additional prayer requests provided by congregation members to be added here by reader.

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE (ELW p. 143)

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

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

We acknowledge that all we have is a gift from God
and in gratefulness we return to God a portion of
the time, finances, and gifts that God has given us.

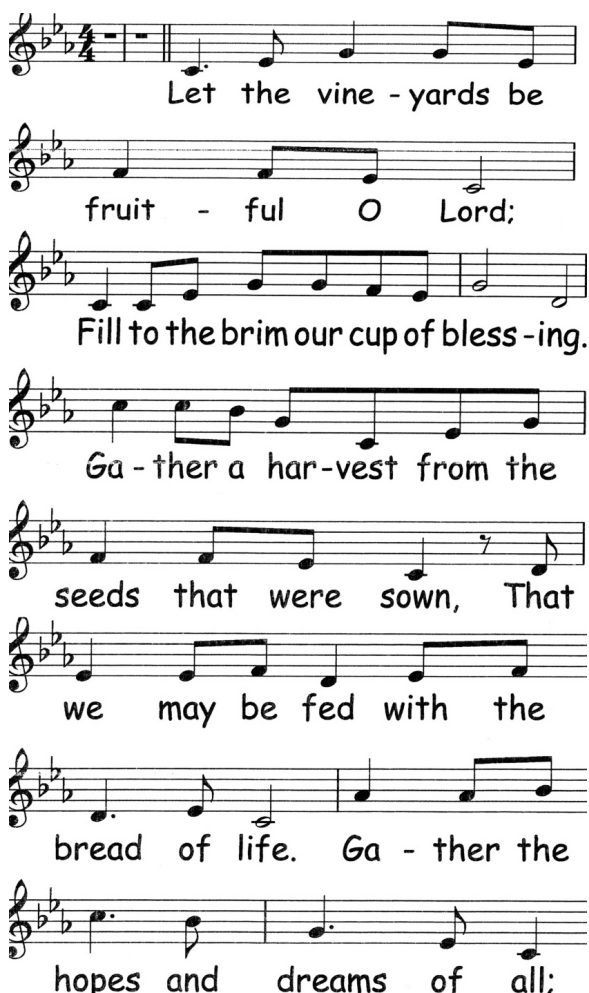
Thank you so much for your continued support.

As offerings are brought to altar, the congregation is invited to rise in body and/or spirit for the song

OFFERING SONG

Let the Vineyards be Fruitful

(ELW 184)



Let the vine - yards be
fruit - ful O Lord;
Fill to the brim our cup of bless - ing.
Ga - ther a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, That
we may be fed with the
bread of life. Ga - ther the
hopes and dreams of all;



U - nite them with the prayers we
off - er. Grace our ta - ble
with your pre - sence O Lord
And give us a taste of the
feast to come.

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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God,
 our living Water and our merciful Guide,
 together with rivers and seas, wells and springs
 we bless and magnify you.
You led your people Israel through the desert,
 and provided them water from the rock.
We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water,
 who joined us in our desert, pouring out his life for the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,
 his life, death, and resurrection,
 we await your salvation for all this thirsty world.
Pour out your Spirit on this holy food
 and on all the baptized gathered for this feast:
 wash away our sin, that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ.
Through him all glory and honor is yours,
 Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
 in your holy Church, both now and forever.
Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us using the language of our hearts.
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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Bread for the journey.
A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

*All are welcome to join in our communion celebration.
Please have a seat and follow the directions of Pastor Carolyn and the usher.*

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.
Amen.

SENDING

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

Please rise in body and/or spirit for the Blessing.

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

Peace Like a River ©Bryce Inman, Word Music Group

*I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river in my soul
I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river in my soul
I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean
I've got love like an ocean in my soul
I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean
I've got love like an ocean in my soul
I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul
I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul*

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*After **brief announcements** related to the ministry of Bethel are shared from the podium **microphone**, the congregation is invited to stand and face the font.*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share your bread.
Thanks be to God and we will.



Finance Update

To meet our 2024 Operating Expenses each month, Bethel needs **\$9995**

Giving in February

2/4 = \$1775.04

2/11 = \$3275.06

2/18 = \$

2/25 = \$

Total for Month = \$5050.10

TOTAL for January = \$6293.12

Thanks for your ongoing support of
Bethel's Ministries!



Consider Online Giving

Sign up for Online Giving at our website, bethelroseville.org

If you prefer to give by traditional check, please mail it into the church office at 1050 Douglas Blvd., Roseville CA 95678 or drop it into the basket during worship.

Use the QR code below to access e-giving from your phone



Upcoming Scripture Readings

Next Sunday, February 25th

Second Sunday in Lent

- Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
- Psalm 22:23-31
- Romans 4:13-25
- Mark 8:31-38

Today's Worship Teams

Usher: Kelly Mendonsa

Reader: Bruce Seiler/Nancy Garman

Sound: Rick Mendonsa

Zoom: Jeff Dodge/Scott Larson

Altar Guild: Loraine Anderson

Kids Message: Jeri Wartena

Musician: Wing and a Prayer

Next Week's Worship Team

Usher: Terri Larson

Reader: Barbara Morris

Sound: Rick Mendonsa

Zoom: Jeff Dodge/Scott Larson

Altar Guild: Loraine Anderson

Kids Message: Pr. Carolyn Brodt

Musician: Audrey Gale

Blessed to be a Blessing

Be sure to read the materials you recently received along with your 2023 giving statement and prayerfully and consider how you can share your blessings with Bethel as we continue our ministries within and outside of our walls.

Please keep in mind that a pledge is a goal for you and a planning guide for our finance team. It is not an obligation. We don't want anyone to feel pressured to give beyond their means.

You're asked to return pledge cards to the church office no later than February 25th when we will have an offering of them during worship.



February 5 - Rikelle Mendonsa

February 18 - Barb Morris

February 22 - Jack Bradbury

February 27 - Emily Roxworthy

February 29 - Diane Swanson

Blessings to all of our February Birthdays, please let us know if we accidentally left you off this list!



Looking for a little end of the week fun? Want to try something new in 2024?

Join Bethel friends **Friday, March 1st and/or March 15th at 6:30pm** in Lentz Hall for games and fellowship.

Bring your own food and drinks – and board games you'd like to play with the group. This is a low-key activity for all ages and skills.

Bring a friend and join the fun!

Called to Work for Justice

Through Baptism, we are called to be agents of peace and justice in this world. The work of the ELCA in our time includes that of being a Publicly Engaged Church.

In California, this is done through involvement with the **Lutheran Office of Public Policy (LOPP-CA)** which hosts live advocacy briefings on **Wednesdays** at noon. During the half-hour Zoom meeting, listeners get an update on state and federal legislative priorities and direct a quick advocacy activity. Follow this link:

<https://lutheranpublicpolicyca.org/advocacy-info-questions> to check out *Advocacy, Info, and Questions*.

Little Lutherans Roller Skating Event

Either Saturday, March 2 or March 9
Roller King Skating Rink, Roseville

Group Lesson at 9:30am
Open Skate Session at 10:00am

Let Lisa Herlocker know which date you prefer and let's have some fun!



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If you are a Thrivent Member you may be eligible to make a **donation of your Choice Dollars** – and we hope that you choose Bethel as your favorite non-profit ☺ **Direct your dollars by March 31** or miss out on this easy opportunity to help out our congregation. Check your online portal or contact your agent to learn more.



Thank you so much for your generosity last week! Our Little Lutherans collected \$474 in their soup pots – surpassing their goal of topping last year's number. Your donations will remain in Roseville to support the feeding program of St. Vincent de Paul.

New Member Sunday March 10th

If you are interested in making it official – talk with Pastor Carolyn about becoming a member during our worship gathering on March 10th. We'd love to welcome you as part of our congregation. Your presence makes us complete!



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Questions?

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Welcome to Bethel Lutheran Church

We have entered the season of the church year known as Lent. During the 40 days of Lent, we journey with Jesus into the wilderness. It is a journey that begins with Ash Wednesday and the facing of our mortality and ends with the joy of Easter morning. As we journey to the cross with Jesus, we are given a chance to let go of our excuses and failings and to embrace the undeserved grace of God's forgiveness and love.

No matter where you are on your faith journey, we invite you to explore a life of faith with us. You are invited to come as you are to worship a God who meets us where we are and journeys with us in love and grace. We have committed to creating a safe and welcoming place for all people no matter how they identify as individuals and are continually working to live out that commitment in worship, fellowship, and service to our siblings locally and throughout the world. We welcome all because GOD welcomes all, knowing that GOD's love is all-inclusive and stronger than any pressure to conform to the labels this world gives us.

Worship Gathering at 9:00am each Sunday
Sunday School for All Ages at 10:15am (Sept - May)



Bethel
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Bethel is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Nisenan people, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.

