

# Third Sunday in Lent March 3, 2024

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

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# 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.

#### 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.



#### Lenten Mid-Week Worship & Soup

Wednesdays during Lent Feb. 21, 28, Mar. 6, 13, & 20

Worship @5:30 Soup Supper @6:15ish

Soup Supper sign-up sheet is on the rack near the main sanctuary door if you'd like to donate some food one evening.



### Sunday School for All Ages

(following worship)

Our two "Lisas" will have the kids in Lentz Hall for Bible Stories and crafts.

Pastor Carolyn will meet with the adults in her office AND via Zoom. They will be 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=eTJ6OVIEMVZDc <u>G53OG1KdW5hV2E1dz09</u>

> Meeting ID: 896 3765 5924 Passcode: 295449

**Introduction to the day**: The third covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the central one of Israel's history: the gift of the law to those God freed from slavery. The commandments begin with the statement that because God alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place in our lives. When Jesus throws the merchants out of the temple, he is defending the worship of God alone and rejecting the ways commerce and profit-making can become our gods. The Ten Commandments are essential to our baptismal call: centered first in God's liberating love, we strive to live out justice and mercy in our communities and the world.

# GATHERING

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

#### **OPENING SONG/PRELUDE**

(sung by Wing & A Prayer only)

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#### 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.

#### GATHERING SONG When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (ELW 803)



#### GREETING (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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#### PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 142)

Let us pray.

Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

# WORD

#### FIRST READING: Exodus 20:1-17 (Linda Dunn)

After escaping from slavery, the Israelites come to Mount Sinai, where God teaches them how to live in community. The Ten Commandments proclaim that God alone is worthy of worship. Flowing from God, the life of the community flourishes when based on honesty, trust, fidelity, and respect for life, family, and property.

#### A reading from Exodus.

<sup>1</sup>God spoke all these words:

<sup>2</sup>I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>3</sup>you shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup>You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup>You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

<sup>8</sup>Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>10</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

<sup>12</sup>Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup>You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup>You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup>You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup>You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM: Psalm 19

<sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

<sup>2</sup>One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.

<sup>3</sup>Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,

<sup>4</sup>their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world, where God has pitched a tent for the sun.

<sup>5</sup>It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

<sup>6</sup>It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

<sup>7</sup>The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;

the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

<sup>®</sup>The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;

#### the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.

<sup>°</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;

the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

- <sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
- sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

<sup>11</sup>By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

<sup>12</sup>Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.

<sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

# <sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

#### SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 (Linda Dunn)

The word of the cross is pure foolishness and nonsense to the world because it claims that God is mostly revealed in weakness, humiliation, and death. But through such divine foolishness and weakness, God is working to save us. The center of Paul's preaching is Christ crucified.

#### A reading from 1 Corinthians.

<sup>18</sup>The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,

and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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

KIDS' MESSAGE (Pr. Allen Dunn)

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

#### GOSPEL: John 2:13-22 (Pr. Carolyn Brodt)

Jesus attacks the commercialization of religion by driving merchants out of the temple. When challenged, he responds mysteriously, with the first prediction of his own death and resurrection. In the midst of a seemingly stable religious center, Jesus suggests that the center itself has changed.

The holy gospel according to John.

#### Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup>Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured

out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." <sup>18</sup>The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

#### 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 Canticle of The Turning (ELW 723)

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Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a-bout to turn.

#### 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 (Linda Dunn)

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.

You alone are God. We thank you for the gift of sabbath rest. Awaken the church to the mystery of your presence and give us glad hearts as we receive the good news of your deliverance. Hear us, O God.

#### Your mercy is great.

You renew creation. Drive out those who would make the earth a marketplace. Protect rainforests, mountaintops, oceans, and wilderness areas from commercial exploitation. Unite nations, policymakers, and businesses in efforts to reduce carbon emissions. Hear us, O God.

#### Your mercy is great.

You judge the nations. We pray for an end to war and strife in every land, including the Holy Land, Ukraine, Sudan, and Central America. Strengthen international efforts to negotiate peace and provide humanitarian aid to people fleeing from conflict. Hear us, O God.

#### Your mercy is great.

You bring healing and hope. We give thanks for physicians, nurses, researchers, therapists, and public health workers who prevent and treat illness. We pray for any who are sick. Bring peace and healing to Robert Edmonds and his family as they navigate his continued health care challenges. Hear us, O God.

#### Your mercy is great.

You abide with your people. Sustain any in this community undergoing life transitions: marriage, divorce, childbirth, adoption, moving, graduation, employment change, or a death in the family. We pray for those preparing for baptism. Hear us, O God.

#### Your mercy is great.

You bring life from death. We remember our loved ones who have died, confident that they have new life in you. May we trust that nothing can separate us from your love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** 

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.



God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

ta-ble

Lord

come.

## **OFFERING**

MEAL

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 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, saving: 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** 

How Great Is Our God ©

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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.

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

#### Giving in February

2/4	=	\$1775.04
2/11	=	\$3275.06
2/18	=	\$909.06
2/25	=	\$760.06
Total for Month	=	\$6719.22
		¢4000.10

#### TOTAL for January = \$6293.12

Thanks for your ongoing support of Bethel's Ministries!



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, March 10<sup>th</sup> Fourth Sunday in Lent

- Numbers 21:4-9
- Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
- Ephesians 2:1-10
- John 3:14-21

# Today's Worship Team

Usher: Susan Woods Reader: Linda Dunn Sound: Rick Mendonsa Zoom: Jeff Dodge/Scott Larson Altar Guild: Loraine Anderson Kids Message: Pr. Allen Dunn Musician: Wing and a Prayer

### Next Week's Worship Team

Usher: Jeri Wartena Reader: Jeri Wartena Sound: Rick Mendonsa Zoom: Jeff Dodge/Scott Larson Altar Guild: Loraine Anderson Kids Message: Jeri Wartena Musician: Audrey Gale



As you may have heard, this year we will NOT be collecting items for Easter baskets for the children staying at the St. John's Program for Real Change Shelter. Instead, we will be creating bags of candy for the women staying there.

Please bring bags of individually wrapped candies and drop them in the basket at the back of the sanctuary. Cindi Roxworthy & Cheryle Sorensen will be organizing the candy bags and Cindi & Emily will deliver them on Good Friday.

### 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)



Looking for a little end of the week fun? Want to try something new in 2024? Join Bethel friends **Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> 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!* 



March 3 – Dani Pfennig March 5 – Trevor Linn March 8 – Paul Larson March 10 – John Morris

March 18 - Jeri Wartena

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

# New Member Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup>

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



#### **REGISTRATION NOW OPEN**

Attend camp this summer! A variety of options for all ages! Financial flexibility and assistance available.

"I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well." Psalm 139:14 (NRSV)

The Summer 2024 theme is: Created to Be!

Each day campers explore more deeply the authentic selves God has created them to be. They will learn what it means to be siblings in Christ—humans who are brave enough to encourage and stand up for each other, sharing burdens as well as joys. Daily themes include: Created to be Free, Created to be Authentic, Created to be Brave, Created to be Disciples, Created to be Disrupted.

Parents, chat about options and send Bethel kids all in the same week. OR Family Camp!?!

Questions? Talk with Lisa Herlocker or check out <u>www.mtcross.org</u>



#### Are you on Social Media? Have you "liked" and "followed" Bethel on Facebook and Instagram?

This is the best way to get reminders of upcoming events and to see photos of recent activities. Just search for Bethel Roseville CA on either platform to connect with us.

We also have a website – www.bethelroseville.org – this is the best place to find archived bulletins (posted under the "news" tab) and basic information about Bethel and how we are organized as a congregation.

# 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)



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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.

