



6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 5, 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.



### 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=eTJ6OVIEMVZDcG53OGiKdW5hV2E1dz09>

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### 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.

### Contact Pastor Carolyn

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

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916-781-3333 (office)

**Introduction to the day:** This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

## **GATHERING**

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

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**OPENING SONG/PRELUDE** *Signs* ©Five Man Electrical Band (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.*

### **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.  
**Amen.**

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism,  
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.  
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning  
your voice thundered over the deep  
and water became the essence of life.  
Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.  
The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.  
Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land.  
In a desert pool the Ethiopian official  
entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John  
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.  
By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection  
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,  
freeing us to live as Easter people.  
We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you,  
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

*Please turn and face the altar for the Gathering Song.*

**GATHERING SONG** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* (ELW 631)



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to  
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry  
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy  
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us  
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

**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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*Leader*

In peace, let us pray  
to the Lord

CONGREGATION



Lord have mer cy,



Christ have mer - cy,



Lord have mer - cy.

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*Leader*

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

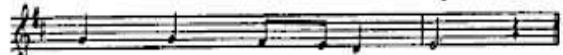
CONGREGATION



Lord have mer- cy,



Christ have mer- cy,



Lord have mer - cy.

*Leader*

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



**HYMN OF PRAISE**

*This Is the Feast*

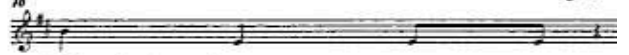
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CONGREGATION



Lord have mer- cy,



Christ have mer - cy,



Lord have mer - cy.

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*Leader*

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

CONGREGATION



Lord have mer cy,



Christ have mer- cy,



Lord have mer - cy.

*Leader*

Help, save, comfort and defend us,  
gracious Lord

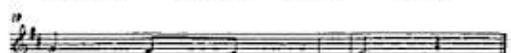
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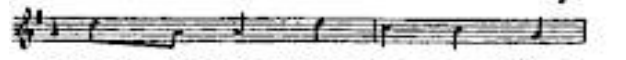


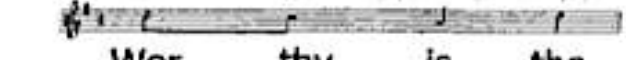

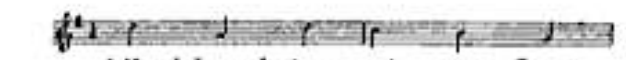

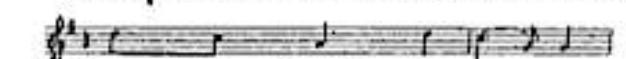
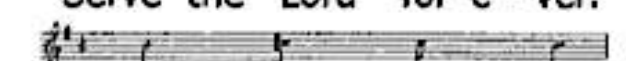
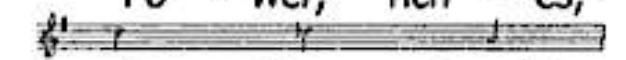

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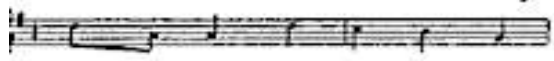
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This is the feast of vic-tor-y  
  
Feast of vic-tory for our God.  
  
This is the feast of vic-tor-y  
  
Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia  
  
Wor-thy is the  
  
Lamb who was slain  
  
His blood to set us free  
  
Peo-ple of God to serve the Lord  
  
Serve the Lord for e-ver.  
  
Po-wer, rich-es,  
  
wis-dom, strength  
  
Hon-or, bless-ing, glo-ry

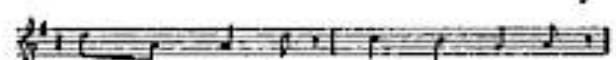
  
All be-long to God on high.


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


  
This is the feast of vic-tor-y

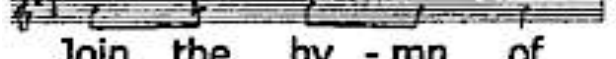
  
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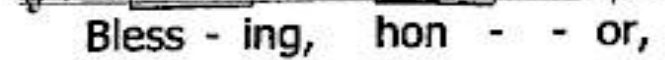
  
Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia


  
Sing with all God's

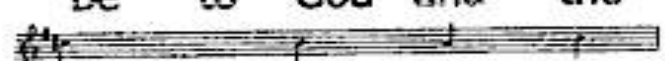
  
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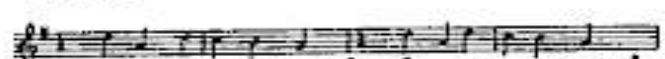
  
Join the hy-mn of

  
all cre-a-tion


  
Bless-ing, hon-or,


  
glo-ry, mi-ght


  
Be to God and the

  
Lamb for-ev-er  
A-men! A-men!

  
This is the feast of vic-tor-y

  
Feast of vic-tory for our God.

  
For the Lamb who once was slain

  
Has be-gun his reign forev-er.

  
A - - - - men!

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

Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our 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.*

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### FIRST READING: Acts 10:44-48

(Bruce Seiler & Nancy Garman)

*While Peter shares the good news of Jesus with a Gentile soldier and his family, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Recognizing that the Spirit works inclusively in the lives of both Jews and Gentiles, Peter commands that these Gentiles also be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.*

*A reading from Acts.*

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM: Psalm 98 (Bruce Seiler & Nancy Garman)

<sup>1</sup>Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,  
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

<sup>2</sup>**O LORD, you have made known your victory,  
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

<sup>3</sup>You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

<sup>4</sup>**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

<sup>5</sup>Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

<sup>6</sup>**With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.

<sup>8</sup>**Let the rivers clap their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD will judge the world with righteousness  
and the peoples with equity.

**SECOND READING:** 1 John 5:1-6 (Bruce Seiler & Nancy Garman)

*God's children believe that Jesus is the Messiah and love God by keeping God's commandments. Thus the world is conquered not through military might but through love and faith.*

*A reading from 1 John.*

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**KIDS' MESSAGE** (Lisa Herlocker)

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

**GOSPEL:** John 15:9-17 (Pr. Carolyn Brodt)

*On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.*

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>9</sup>“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

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

No, Not One ©Christie Nockels

## VERSE 1

♩ = 112    G    G2    Gsus    G    C    Cmaj7    C2    C



1. No bet - ter word    than from Your lips.    No per - fect life    than what You lived.


## VERSE 2 & 3

5    Am7    Am9    Am11    Am7    G    G    G2



No great - er gift,    no, not one.    2. No bright - er star  
3. No im - age true

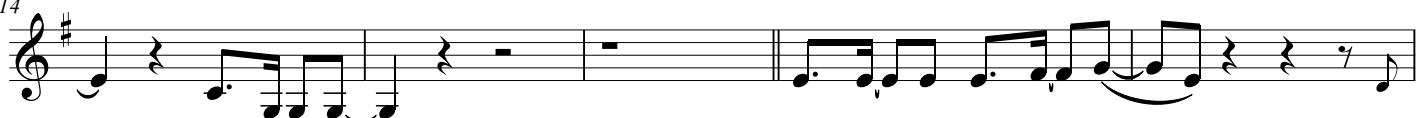
10    Gsus    G    C    Cmaj7    C2    C    Am7    Am9



has ev - er shined.    No bet - ter hope    for all man - kind.    No high - er mind,  
or sweet - er frame.    No sim - ple word    can match Your name.    No great - er fame,

## PRE-CHORUS

14    Am11    Am7    G    C



no, not one.    No one has ev - er known  
no, not one.    No one has ev - er seen    the

## CHORUS

19    Am7    C    G/B



this kind of love You've shown.    There has nev - er been a great - er love    than Your Son.  
depth of Your maj - es - ty.

Cont. next page

23 *Em* *D* *C* *G/B* *D*

No, not one. And there will nev - er be a name a - bove. No, not one.

28 *C* *G/B* *Em*

With His life You have for - giv - en us. Hope has come. Hope has come.

32 *D* *C* *G/B* *D* *Last time to Coda*  $\Phi$

And there will nev - er be a great - er love. No, not one. No.

**BRIDGE**

37 *C* *G/B* *Em* *D/F#*

No great - er call, You gave us all a rea - son to live.

42 *C* *G/B* *Em* *D/F#* *C*

No great - er love, You gave us all a rea - son to give. No great - er

47 *G/B* *Em* *D/F#* *C* *G/B*

life, You gave us all a rea - son to shine. No great - er love, for - ev - er mine!

52 *Em* *D/F#* *D.S. al Coda*

There has \_\_\_\_\_

## **CREED** (ELW p. 104)

Let us join with Christians throughout the world this Easter Season and confess our shared faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.

**We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,**

**God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,**

**of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,**

**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary**

**and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**

**he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,**

**and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

**who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,**

**who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,**

**and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

Your Holy Spirit falls upon all who hear the word. Fill your church with the gifts of your Spirit and give understanding hearts to those who strengthen our commitments with our ecumenical and interreligious partners. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

You speak and the face of the earth is renewed. Revive your creation, that habitats and every kind of living thing might flourish. Protect endangered species and help us to care for all your creatures.

God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Your world is divided and the nations rage. Grant wisdom and vision to world leaders, that they may seek justice, peace, and the good of all. Strengthen international partnerships and cooperation. Grant peace in Gaza, Ukraine, Sudan, and all the nations at war. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Your children are in need. Comfort all those who suffer, especially those afflicted by anxiety, depression, and mental illness. Help us to be conduits of your love in our care for one another. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Your work is done in this place with our hands. Bless the ministries of this congregation, that we may embody your love for the world. Inspire those who plan and lead worship, council members, committee members, and volunteers. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Your blessed saints now rest in you. Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us. At the last, bring us all together around your heavenly banquet table. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

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

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.  
**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.*

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## **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*

*Music & lyrics on following page*

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

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit.  
May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love.  
Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.  
**Amen.**

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, living, and loving God,  
we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood,  
for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery,  
and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.  
We give you thanks for Jesus  
who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry,  
and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

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-giving death and glorious resurrection,  
we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup:  
carry us in your arms from death to life,  
that we may live as your chosen ones,  
clothed in the righteousness 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** (ELW p. 145)

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 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**

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.  
Come and eat at God's table.

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

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Shepherding God,  
you have prepared a table before us  
and nourished us with your love.  
Send us forth from this banquet  
to proclaim your goodness  
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,  
our redeemer  
and friend.  
**Amen.**

## SENDING

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

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

## BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**  
The God of resurrection power,  
the Christ of unending joy,  
and the Spirit of Easter hope  
✠ bless you now and always.  
**Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

*Forever*

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1. Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King, His love en - dures for - ev -



er. For He is good, He is a - bove all things, His love en - dures for - ev -



er. Sing praise, sing praise. 2. With a might - y hand and

14 D

out - stretched arm, His love en - dures for - ev - er. For the life that's

**PRE-CHORUS**

18 A E D2/F#

been re - born, His love en - dures for - ev - er. Sing praise, sing praise.

**CHORUS**

24 1, 3 | 2, 4 A F#m7

Sing For - ev - er God is faith - ful, for - ev - er God is strong,

29 E D

for - ev - er God is with us, for - ev - er, for - ev -

34 A Fine A

er, 3. From the ris - ing to the set - ting sun, His love en - dures for - ev -

39 D A D.S. al Fine

er. By the grace of God we will car - ry on, His love en - dures for - ev - er. Sing

*Please be seated.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS (ELW p. 146)

After **brief** announcements related to the ministry of Bethel are shared from the podium microphone, the congregation is invited to rise in body and/or spirit and turn to face the font.

## DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**





To meet our 2024 Operating Expenses each month, Bethel needs **\$9995**. Your generosity helps us to meet our ministry goals.

### Giving in April

4/7	=	\$3986.06
4/14	=	\$1,810.06
4/21	=	\$1529.00
4/28	=	\$989.06
Total for Month	=	\$8,314.18
<b>TOTAL for March = \$9413.30</b>		

Thanks for your ongoing support of Bethel's Ministries!



### Consider Online Giving

Sign up for Online Giving at our website, [bethelroseville.org](http://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

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

- Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
- Psalm 1
- I John 5:9-13
- John 17:6-19

## Today's Worship Team

**Usher:** Kelly Mendonsa  
**Reader:** Bruce Seiler & Nancy Garman  
**Sound:** Rick Mendonsa  
**Zoom:** Jeff Dodge/Scott Larson  
**Altar Guild:** Loraine Anderson  
**Kids Message:** Lisa Herlocker  
**Musician:** Wing and a Prayer

## Next Week's Worship Team

**Usher:** Susan Woods  
**Reader:** Allen Dunn  
**Sound:** Rick Mendonsa  
**Zoom:** Jeff Dodge/Scott Larson  
**Altar Guild:** Loraine Anderson  
**Kids Message:** Jeri Wartena  
**Musician:** Audrey Woods

## "Noisy Offering!"

Please consider dropping a little spare change into the basket when it comes your way as a "noisy offering." Encouraging the participation of our youngest members in worship is important to us. When they help collect the offering each week, they may be confused when folks don't drop something in the basket. We keep the loose change offering separate and donate it to a local charity every few months. **We collected \$146.50 from January through April.**



- May 11 - Tom Selke
- May 24 - Cindi Roxworthy
- May 26 - Colton Peckham
- May 26 - Eileen Huhtala
- May 26 - Natalie Back

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

## 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*.



After voting to become a Reconciling in Christ congregation (a deliberately welcoming congregation) in 2018, Bethel's Leadership Team has been working hard to find ways to live out our Welcome Statement.

This year, we will have tables at the **2024 Placer Pride event at Royer Park on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**.

This event is for everyone with entertainment, games, crafts, and information about various supportive organizations in the area.

A team of Bethel volunteers has been working hard to create ways for us to support our LGBTQ+ siblings in Christ and share with Roseville what Bethel is all about.

For more information, contact Kary Pfennig, Chiara Bellisario, or Barbara Morris.

**Volunteer to help out on May 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**Sign-up sheet available in the back of the sanctuary or contact Kary.**

### Bethel Mugs!!!

#### Show your Bethel pride!

\*We have new Visitor Mugs with our new brightly colored logo. If you'd like to purchase one – or more – for your own use, we're asking for **\$10 donation** to help defray the purchase price of the mugs. To buy yours, see Lisa Herlocker or Terri Larson.

↓↓ *Last day to sign up is Tuesday!* ↓↓

# Lutheran Lobby Day

**Registration now open!**

**Sign-up by Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Wednesday**

**May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**8:30 am - 4 pm**

**Sacramento, CA**

And what does the Lord  
require of you but to **do  
justice** and to **love kindness**  
and to **walk humbly** with your  
God?

-Micah 6:8

[lutheranpublicpolicyca.org](http://lutheranpublicpolicyca.org)

**Questions? Email [sjorgensen.loppca@gmail.com](mailto:sjorgensen.loppca@gmail.com)**

# Upcoming Ways to Serve

## Bethel Work Day

Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:00am  
Help keep the buildings and grounds of Bethel in tip top shape!

## Cook/Serve Lunch at St. Vincent's

Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>

Be a part of this longtime effort of Bethel to ensure a hot meal for local folks in need.

## Worship Leadership

Volunteer to usher, read, or set up the sanctuary for worship. Talk with Barbara Morris or Loraine Anderson for details.



## Undergarment Drive

Throughout the month of May, we will be collecting new bras and panties for the women living at the St. John's Program for Real Change Shelter in Sacramento.

It's suggested that we focus on "unstructured" bras like sports bras and that for all items we lean toward larger sizes.

Just bring donates to our collection basket in the back of the sanctuary. Thanks!



## Looking for a little end of the week fun?

Join Bethel friends

**Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</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!*



**Let's shop for a rainy day.**  
Shop online. Ship to New Orleans.  
Help New Orleanians prepare for their next disaster.



## 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering Special In-Kind Offering

You are invited to help create 3,000 Disaster Relief Kits filled with the items New Orleanians need to get through the days immediately following a natural disaster. In the aftermath of a storm residents regularly find themselves without electricity. This quickly becomes a health crisis as people try to manage life in the hot, humid Gulf Coast summers.

Gathering participants will build and distribute relief kits across the city, focusing on the areas with limited resources with our partners at the Louisiana Just Recovery Network.

*Region 2 – that's us – is asked to purchase Personal Fans (AA Battery powered, but not the actual batteries) using this Amazon Wishlist link:*  
[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/ZF2T76OOFHIN?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/ZF2T76OOFHIN?ref_=wl_share)

# Welcome to Bethel Lutheran Church

*Following the example set by Jesus Christ and being mindful of our Lutheran heritage of acceptance through God's grace, we welcome all to God's table. We invite all who are seeking God's love and grace to join us in worship and fellowship. 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.*

*We commit to providing a safe and welcoming place for people of any age, ethnic or national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or relationship status. We welcome and love all no matter their socio-economic circumstances, outward appearance, immigration status, political affiliation, or anything that could seemingly divide us. The nature and extent of one's addictions, physical and mental health, or criminal history have no bearing on our commitment to welcome all.*

*We affirm today, tomorrow, and for all of our days, that we will intentionally strive to live as people of faith, people of compassion, people of love, and people of grace.  
We invite you to come as you are to Meet, Pray, & Love together.*

In this joyful Easter Season, we celebrate the risen Christ, gather in Christ's name and gain strength to go forth in our daily lives, proclaiming with our words and deeds that we have seen the Lord.

The Lord is risen! Let us rejoice and be glad!

No matter where you are on your faith journey, we invite you to explore with us.  
Welcome.

**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 Maidu & 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.*

