



5th Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

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

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER • APRIL 21, 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.



Celebrate Creation Creation Care

Today in worship we celebrate Earth Day in addition to the Easter Season. As Christians, we share a deep love for all of God's creation and a profound responsibility for it. Made in the image of God, we are called to continue what God is already doing for the earth, enabling it to flourish. Today our liturgical responses and prayers help remind us of this opportunity and gift.

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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Introduction to the day: The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.

GATHERING

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

OPENING SONG/PRELUDE *Revelation Song* ©Jennie Lee Riddle (sung by Wing & A Prayer only)

WELCOME

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Come let us dwell in God's shelter.
Let us dwell in God's work of art.
Come, because the Earth is the Lord's
And God's Earth is our home.
We live in god's World; we are not alone.
We share this life with the heavens and the earth,
With the waters and the land,
With trees and grasses,
With fish, birds, and animals,
With minerals and creatures of every form,
And with all our family.
God declared God's creation good,
And entrusted us to care for it along with each other.
Today, as we reflect on the marvels and wonders of creation,
Let us renew our commitment as good stewards of the earth.

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

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM (ACS p. 10)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.
Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning, you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden.
In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock.

When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.
 At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side,
 and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water,
 for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere,
 including Folsom Lake, the American and Sacramento Rivers,
 and for our local creeks and streams.

Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love.
 Satisfy all who thirst and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Please turn and face the altar for the Gathering Song.

GATHERING SONG *Come to the Table* ©Ben McDonald, Dave Frey, and Ben Glover

VERSE 1
 ♩ = 81
 A Asus/B D2(no3) Asus/B A Asus/B D2(no3)

1. We all start on the out - side, the out - side look - ing in. This is where grace be - gins.

A Asus/B D2(no3) Asus/B A Asus/B D2(no3)

We were hun - gry, we were thirst - y, with noth - ing left to give. Oh, the shape that we were in.

PRE-CHORUS

F#m D F#m Esus E

Just when all hope seemed lost, Love o - pened the door for us. He said:

CHORUS

A Asus/B D2(no3) E(4) A Asus/B D2(no3) E(4) A Asus/B
 %

Come to the ta - ble. Come join the sin - ners who have been re - deemed. Take your place be - side the Sav

INSTRUMENTAL

D2(no3) E(4) F#m A2/C# D2(no3) A Asus/B D2(no3) A Asus/B
 2nd time to Coda Φ

ior. Sit down and be set free. Come to the ta - ble.

VERSE 2

14 D2(no3) A Asus/B D2(no3) Asus/B

2. Come meet this mot - ley crew of mis - fits, these li - ars and these thieves.

17 A Asus/B D2(no3) A Asus/B

There's no one un - wel - come here. So that sin and shame that you've brought with

30 D2(no3) Asus/B A Asus/B D2(no3) D.S. al Coda

you, you can leave it at the door and let mer - cy draw you near.

TAG

33 D2(no3) A Asus/B

Come to the ta - - - ble.

BRIDGE

35 D2(no3) A Asus/B D2(no3) F#m D

Come to the ta - ble. To the thief and to the doubt - er, to the he - ro and the cow - ard, to the

40 A/E E F#m

pris - 'ner and the sol - dier, to the young and to the old - er. All who hun - ger, all who thirst, all the last

43 D A/E E

and all the first, all the pau - pers and the princ - es, all who've failed, you've been for - giv - en. All who

46 F#m D A

dream and all who suf - fer, all who've loved and lost an - oth - er, all the chained and all the free, all who fol -

49 E F#m D

low, all who lead. An - y - one who's been let down, all the lost, you have been found. All who've been

CHORUS

52 *A* *Esus* *E* *N.C.* *A* *Asus/B* *D2(no3)* *E(4)*
 la - bled right or wrong, to ev - 'ry - one who hears this song. Come to the ta - ble.

57 *A* *Asus/B* *D2(no3)* *E(4)* *A* *Asus/B* *D2(no3)* *E(4)*
 Come join the sin - ners, who have been re - deemed. Take your place be - side the Sav - ior.

ENDING

61 *F#m* *A2/C#* *D2(no3)* *F#m* *A2/C#* *D2(no3)*
 Sit down and be set free. Woah, sit down and be set free. Come to the ta -

65 *A* *Asus/B* *D2(no3)* *E(4)* *A* *Asus/B* *D2(no3)* *E(4)* *A* *Asus/B* *D2(no3)* *E(4)*
 ble. Come to the ta - ble. Just sit down and rest a - while. Just sit down

71 *A* *Asus/B* *D2(no3)* *E(4)* *A*
 and rest a - while. Come to the ta - ble. _____

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

©Kent Alleluia Liturgy

Words and music on following page

Leader

In peace, let us pray
to the Lord

CONGREGATION

Lord have mer cy,
Christ have mer - cy,
Lord have mer - cy.

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



CONGREGATION

Lord have mer-cy,
Christ have mer - cy,
Lord have mer - cy.

Leader

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

CONGREGATION

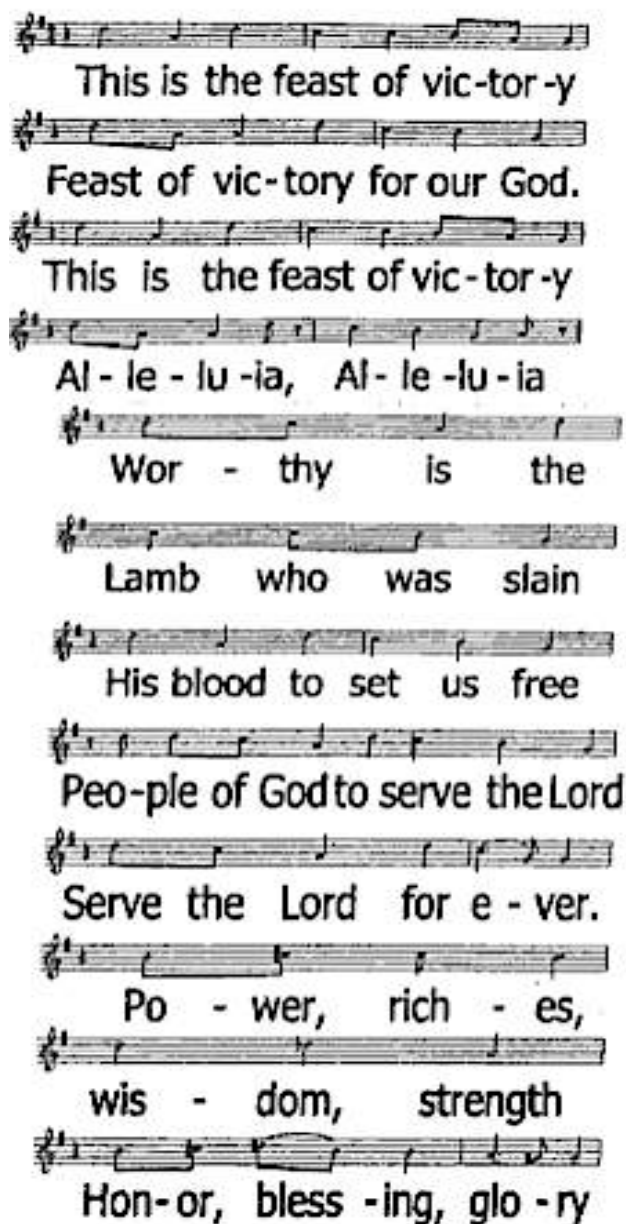
Lord have mer cy,
Christ have mer - cy,
Lord have mer - cy.

Leader

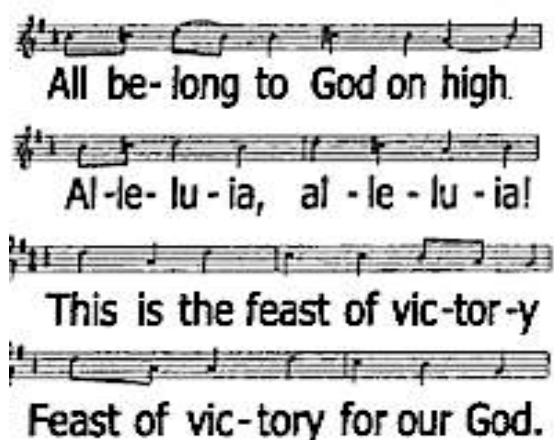
Help, save, comfort and defend us,
gracious Lord

CONGREGATION

Lord have mer- cy,
Christ have mer - cy,
A - - - - men



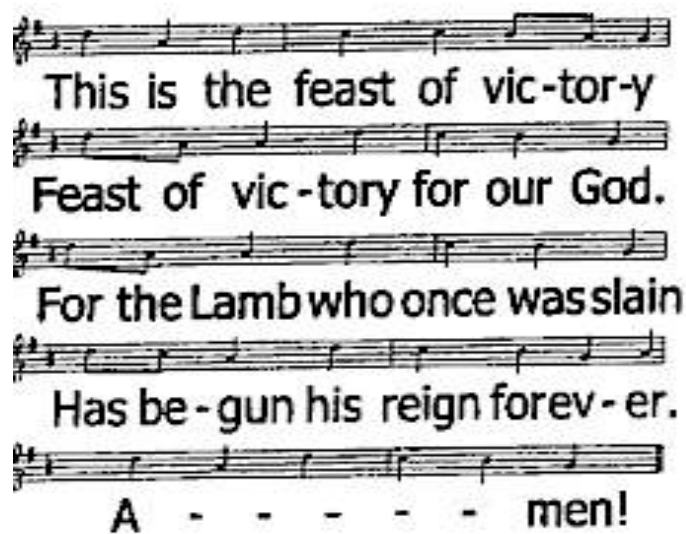
This is the feast of vic-tor-y
Feast of vic-tory for our God.
This is the feast of vic-tor-y
Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia
Wor-thy is the
Lamb who was slain
His blood to set us free
Peo-ple of God to serve the Lord
Serve the Lord for e-ver.
Po-wer, rich-es,
wis-dom, strength
Hon-or, bless-ing, glo-ry



All be-long to God on high.
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!
This is the feast of vic-tor-y
Feast of vic-tory for our God.



This is the feast of vic-tor-y
Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia
Sing with all God's
ho-ly peo-ple
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

We gather to rejoice in the creation of the world. God in his infinite compassion has lovingly formed our planet and all that live within it. You are the living God who sustains all life in continually unfolding. And now may we open our ears to your continually unfolding Word as you speak to us in new and vital and imperative ways.

Amen.

Please be seated

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Acts 4:5-12 (Jan Gillespie)

Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he can proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.

A reading from Acts.

⁵The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is

“the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.”

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 23 (Jan Gillespie)

¹The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24 (Jan Gillespie)

Jesus' death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God's commandments.

A reading from 1 John.

¹⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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 10:11-18 (Pr. Carolyn Brodt)

In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

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 *Psalm 23 (My Shepherd is Lord)* ©John Glynn

Refrain:

My shepherd is the Lord; he is everything, everything.
My shepherd is the Lord; he is everything, everything to me.

1. I can rest in your pasture, the pasture of your arms.

Living water refresh me, your Spirit revives me. *refrain*

2. When the darkness afflicts me, your hand is there to hold.

You defend and protect me, a feast lay before me. *refrain*

3. You remain ever faithful each moment of the day.

May your word be my home, Lord, forever and ever. *refrain*

CREED

Let us join with Christians throughout the world in this Season of Easter 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.

Shepherding God, gather your church whenever we wander from you and one another. Empower our church in ministries that place us within your creation to fulfill your commandment for us to care for it. Your works declare glory and strength, and you call us to praise and reverence. Where we have degraded or destroyed earth's bounty, forgive us. Where we have taken beauty and majesty for granted, have mercy upon us. Where we have become estranged from the creatures with whom we share this planet, grant us your peace. Reconcile us to your creation and return us to loving stewardship. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Nurturing God, preserve the health of biomes and ecosystems. Inspire scientists, researchers, conservation organizations, and policy leaders to seek a more thorough understanding of natural systems. Provide needed resources to people entrusted with the task of caring for creation, that we may leave for our great grandchildren a healthier, sustainable planet. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, you formed us into families, communities, and nations. Today we live in a profoundly interconnected world. But not all peoples have had equal power and opportunity to grow and develop. Where Indigenous voices and life experiences have been forced out, reopen our ears to listen and engage. Where Indigenous practices are more wholesome for the good of Creation, make space for collaboration and partnership. Lead nations and communities to find common ground, share resources, and cooperate in solving conflicts. Help all those with power to share it and to use such power for good. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, protect the very young, the very old, and the exploited. Let us hear the voices of those living without housing, victims of domestic abuse, all who live with chronic illness or compromised immune systems. Let us hear those whose voices are silenced by systemic sidelining based in race, gender, ability, or economic opportunity. Guide communities to actively care for all their peoples without sacrificing the natural world around us. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, help this and all communities of faith to listen for your voice. Call us away from things that distract us from following you. Invite us to more deeply love and serve people who are lonely, isolated, and on the margins and our planet Earth. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

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

Let us pray responsively this final intercession:

God of the sun and the moon of the mountains, deserts and plains.

God of the mighty oceans, of rivers, lakes and streams.

God of all creatures that live in the seas and fly in the air.

God of every living thing that grows and moves on this sacred Earth,

We are formed by Christ into your people, called to bring the world into your marvelous light.

As the Body of Christ, we are entrusted with caring for this Earth which you have created. Filled with the Spirit, we are empowered to speak up for the wholeness and health of Creation.

Help us to love and respect the Earth, to repair what we have damaged, and to care for what you have made good and holy.

Give us the wisdom and the passion to change our minds, our hearts, and our ways of living.

Let us be the change we pray for, bringing about ecological conversion which grows and spreads to every corner of the Earth, for our sake now and for every generation which is to come. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

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.

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

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

God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.

Amen

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

O God triune, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

Over the eons your merciful might evolved our home, a fragile tree of life.

Here by your wisdom are both life and death, growth and decay,
the nest and the hunt, sunshine and storm, darkness and light.

Sustained by these wonders, we creatures of dust join in the ancient song:

The earth is full of your glory.

The earth is full of your glory.

O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer.

In Christ you bring life from death;

we remember his cross,

we laud his resurrection.

Broken like bread, he enlivens our body.

Outpoured like wine, he fills the earth with goodness.

Receiving this mystery, we mortals sing our song:

The earth is full of your glory.

The earth is full of your glory.

We praise you for the heart of Jesus, so filled with your love for this earth.

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.

Gathered around this table, we your children unite in this song:

The earth is full of your glory.

The earth is full of your glory.

O God triune, you create the worlds,

you uphold the living, you embrace the dead.

Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Strengthen us for our journey with this meal, the body and blood of Christ.

Give us a future that trusts in you and cares for your earth.

Empowered by your promises, we rise from our deaths to praise you again:

The earth is full of your glory.

The earth is full of your glory.

Amen, and amen.

Amen, and 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

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

Now may God Creator bless you and keep you, may God's face shine on you and be gracious to you, and may God look up on you with favor and give you the peace of Creation. In the name of the Creator, ✠ Redeemer, and Sanctifier.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

This is Our God

©Phil Wickham

Verse 1

Remember those walls that we called sin and shame
They were like prisons that we couldn't escape
But He came and He died and He rose
Those walls are rubble now
Remember those giants we called death and grave
They were like mountains that stood in our way
But He came and He died and He rose
Those giants are dead now

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Chorus

This is our God this is who He is
He loves us
This is our God this is what He does
He saves us
He bore the cross beat the grave
Let heaven and earth proclaim
This is our God King Jesus

Verse 2

Remember that fear that took our breath away
Faith so weak that we could barely pray
But He heard every word every whisper
Now those altars in the wilderness
Tell the story of His faithfulness
Never once did He fail and He never will

Bridge

Who pulled me out of that pit
He did He did
Who paid for all of our sin
Nobody but Jesus

Bridge

Who rescued me from that grave
Yahweh Yahweh
Who gets the glory and praise
Nobody but Jesus (Him)

Ending

He bore the cross beat the grave
Let heaven and earth proclaim
This is our God King Jesus

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	=	\$
4/28	=	\$

Total for Month = **\$5,796.12**

TOTAL for March = \$9413.30

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Upcoming Scripture Readings

5th Sunday of Easter

- Acts 8:26-40
- Psalm 22:25-31
- I John 4:7-21
- John 15:1-8

Today's Worship Team

Usher: Jan & Gary Gillespie
Reader: Jan Gillespie
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: Mike & Loraine Anderson
Reader: Loraine Anderson
Sound: Rick Mendonsa
Zoom: Jeff Dodge/Scott Larson
Altar Guild: Loraine Anderson
Kids Message: Pr. Carolyn Brodt
Musician: Jeff Dodge

"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. Watch for our latest total at the end of April!



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=eTJ6OVIEMVZDcG53OG1KdW5hV2E1dz09>

Meeting ID: 896 3765 5924
 Passcode: 295449

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*.

Lutheran Lobby Day

Registration now open!

Sign-up by Tuesday, May 7th

Wednesday

May 15th, 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

Questions? Email sjorgensen.loppca@gmail.com

The Power of Connection: Fulfilling the Promise of God's Care and Concern for Creation and Those who would Protect It

Sunday, April 28, guest speaker Prairie Rose Seminole will host a workshop at St. John's Lutheran Church, in Sacramento. This workshop will begin at 12:45pm with a catered lunch, before delving into the topic at hand.

From an Indigenous Lutheran perspective, this workshop will focus on understanding the impact of colonization and current issues facing Native populations and how healing empathy in our work to understanding people dispossessed of their land can deepen the gratitude for our shared responsibility in care for the environment. We will briefly explore how connection to one another, and our environment strengthens how we live our faith in action while protecting the resources around us.

Prairie Rose Seminole - Northern Cheyenne, Arikara and Dakota – is an educator, culture bearer and storyteller. She is the Co-Director of the short documentary film, [We Ride For Her](#). Seminole is the former ELCA Director of American Indian Alaska Native Ministries serving from 2015 - 2020. She continues to serve on the [ELCA Social Statement on Civic Life and Faith](#) committee and Church in various ways.

To attend, please RSVP by April 26th.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd9dqBGwxUswdH8tNeTtZxVfsYDwoAhKpS6R_8B-XJ4qZO49g/viewform



April 2 – Maggie (Herlocker) Vergara

April 4 – Iver Villanueva

April 5 – Matt Herlocker

April 10 – Peter Seiler-Garman

April 15 – Madelynn McBain

April 16 – Alta Winters

April 19 – Olivia D'Antonio

April 22 – Wendy Gale

April 30 – Bruce Seiler

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

The Worship & Music Team wants to hear from you!

We tried some new things during Lent & Easter – what did you think?

Did you visit somewhere and experience something at worship you think Bethel might try? Do you have thoughts about our Sunday morning worship gatherings that you'd like to share?

Let Pr. Carolyn, Susan Woods, Barbara Morris, Audrey Gale, Loraine Anderson, or Lisa Herlocker know. The Team meets tomorrow night, and we'd love to discuss your input!

Upcoming Ways to Serve

Undergarment Drive

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

Bethel Work Day

Saturday, May 11th 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 19th
Be a part of this longtime effort of Bethel and 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.



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 have secured two tables at the
2024 Placer Pride event at Royer Park on Saturday, May 18th.

This event is for everyone with entertainment, games, and crafts, as well as 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.

Sign-up sheet available in the back of the sanctuary 😊

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.

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.

