

BETHEL NOTES

THIS SUNDAY

Readings:

First Reading:
Acts 10:34-43

Psalm:
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Second Reading:
1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel Reading:
Mark 16:1-8



*Alleluia!
Christ is risen!*

Serving Sunday

Accompanist

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Lynn Ryan

Lay Assistant

9:00 AM

Walt Nuessle

11:00 AM

Sandy Pepos

Usher

9:00 AM

Randy, Kyle, Ryan

Gilbertson

11:00 AM

Tammy Good

Earl Terwilliger

Tech

9:00 AM Gabe Smith

Projection

9:00 AM

TBD

11:00 AM

TBD

Children's Church

NO Children's Church

Counters

Pam Dougherty

Tammy Good

This Sunday at Bethel...

we celebrate **Easter Sunday**.

We welcome and thank **Pastor Jessica Crist** for preaching and presiding in worship this morning.

We would like to thank the **musicians** that make our celebration worship services so very special **Bethel Brass Ensemble**: Dave Scholten, Jeff Skogley, Kurt Mueller and Kian Ryan. **The Jubilate Choir** led by Jeff Skogley. **Accompanist** Lynn Ryan and Connie Titcomb.

Take your **family Easter picture** in the Sunshine Room off the Narthex with the beautiful backdrop that Patty Braget assembled for us. Thank you Patty!!

**Join us Easter Sunday 9:00 AM
in person or online at bethelmt.org.**

In person only at 11:00 AM.

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*Lord,
in your mercy
hear our prayers.*

- ✠ Prayers of healing for **Sue Hesse** as she recovers after medical procedure
- ✠ Prayers of healing for **Shelly Murphy** who continues to recover and hoping to be released from the hospital later this week.
- ✠ Prayers of healing for **Kathleen**, *friend of Dena Wagner-Fossen*, as she is in the hospital and awaiting next steps.
- ✠ Prayers of healing for **Broc Cole**, *child of a friend of Ali Morris*, as he battles lymphoma.
- ✠ Prayers of healing for **Cindy Considine** as she recovers in the rehab unit from a car accident.
- ✠ Prayers of healing and health for **Seth Boucher** who has been diagnosed with cancer and preparing for upcoming surgery.
- ✠ Prayers of healing for **Corey Korpela** who is going through treatment for prostate cancer.
- ✠ Prayers of continued healing for **Beverly Finnegan** as she recovers after a recent illness and hospitalization.
- ✠ Prayers of support and fast recovery for **Leona Ost** who will be having a procedure on her eye the end of March.
- ✠ Prayers of positive results for **Tim Olson**, as he has one follow up medical test, post cancer treatment.
- ✠ Prayers of healing for **Shannon Obrecht**, *family friend of Karen Lord*, as she manages a new cancer diagnosis.
- ✠ Prayers of healing for **Sharon Bossie** as she meets with her doctor on a cancer treatment plan.
- ✠ Prayers healing of **Quentin Kubas** as he recovers at home after an auto accident.
- ✠ Prayers of healing for **Kristin**, *Bobbie Bowen's daughter*, as she continues treatment for cancer.
- ✠ Prayers of healing and strength to continue to fight for **Eric Peterson** as he continues cancer treatment.
- ✠ Prayers of strength and support for **Don Bisgard** as he continues to manage his health.
- ✠ Prayers of support and comfort for **Pat Berkeley**.
- ✠ Prayers of healing for **Dick Seim** as he continues regaining his strength.
- ✠ Prayers of healing and answers for **Anna Boucher** as they determine a cause and treatment for seizures.
- ✠ Prayers of healing for **Georgia Miller**, *cousin of Amber Erickson's*, as she has been diagnosed with aggressive breast cancer.
- ✠ Prayers of healing for **Alex Bostic** as he continues to manage his health.
- ✠ Prayers of strength in leadership for **Gustavo Driau**, Regional Representative of South America.
- ✠ Prayers of healing for **Ed Pottratz** as he continues cancer treatment.

**SHAKE
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& ROLL**
Proceeds Benefit
Homeless Families
APRIL 27 - 5:30-10 PM

Family Promise
FP
of Great Falls

**SOC
HOP**

Serving our Community ★ Honoring our Promise

ELKS CLUB
Tickets: \$50
Inquire about table options
1019 Central Ave
10-4 p.m. M-Th; 10-2 p.m. F or online at
www.familypromisegf.org
406-564-5267

DINNER
Classic '50s Fare
By Clark and Lewie's
DJ: Caleb Ford
SILENT AUCTION



BOOK LOVERS BASKET

Bethel is donating a Silent Auction Basket for the Family Promise SOC HOP! This year's theme is BOOK LOVERS BASKET. If you would like to pick up an item or two to include in the basket we would love to include your donation in the basket.

Items such as:

- Books
- Book Lights
- Reading Socks
- Candles
- Tea
- Mugs
- Candy
- Journal with Pen
- Gift card to book seller
- Any other creative idea you can think of!!!

Baskets are due to Family Promise by April 8th, so donations can be brought to Bethel by Sunday, April 7th.

Thank you for your help with this project and LETS GO TO THE HOP!!!!!!

Holy Week Schedule

Thursday, March 28th

7:00 PM -

Maundy Thursday,
worship led by
Pastor Jessica Crist

Friday, March 29th - 7:00 PM

Good Friday, worship led by
The Jubilate Choir

**Sunday, March 31st -
Easter Sunday**

9:00 am and 11:00 am,
both services led by
Pastor Jessica Crist





The Pastoral Call Committee needs **YOUR** input. They are diligently working on completing the steps in the Call process for our new pastor.

They have put together a simple, yet very important survey, about what you think is truly important and vital to see in our next Bethel pastor.

You may fill out this survey in a hardcopy form or online. Hardcopies of the survey can be turned in on the Call Committee table in the Narthex at Bethel or mailed to the Bethel Office at 1009 18th Ave SW, Great Falls 59404. Put on the envelope: Attn: Call Committee. The online version has been emailed earlier this week, but can be accessed by clicking the link below.

In an effort to keep this call process moving forward, they are asking that all surveys be completed and turned in by **April 7th**.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact any member of the Call Committee, listed below.

Dan Morris: co-chair - danmorris6726@gmail.com

Jenny Will: co-chair - will_jenny@hotmail.com

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[Online Call Committee Survey](#)

Mark your calendar for Sunday, April 21st Pastor Brenda Frelsi, Associate to the Bishop will be preaching and presiding at Bethel. Pastor Brenda is walking with us through this call process and after worship that Sunday, she will be holding an Adult Forum talking about the call process and answering any questions you may have.

Join us, all are welcome!!



The First Monday Night Quilters will meet 6-8 p.m., April 1 at New Hope Lutheran Church, 3125 5th Avenue So, please use alley door. Thanks to all who have been doing some part of making the quilts at home. We still have a lot of fabric to cut, make into kits and sew into tops; If you want an easy project to work on at home come Monday, April 1.

Questions? Call 799-0100.

Easter Message

from Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

“So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone for they were afraid.” That's where the Gospel of Mark originally ended. And it just seems so odd to me. It's so abrupt. I mean, the women had seen the angel. He'd announced that Jesus was raised from the dead, and then he tells them all this good news and wants them to go on their way. And they just are not going to say a single word.

There are three words in that passage that really stand out for me, especially in the Greek. One is fear — phobos. We get phobia from that. The other one is amazement — ekstasis. We get ecstasy from that. And the other one has to do with being seized. It actually means “being possessed.” So we take a look at these women, and they've had this miraculous appearance by an angel. They've heard the good news that Jesus has raised from the dead, and they're too afraid to do anything about it, and they just are going to be silent. It seems that nothing changed. They came to take care of Jesus' dead body because on the Sabbath they could not work. But on the first day of the week, they were there. They have this announcement, and then it's all the same.

Sometimes I think we feel like nothing's changed. Sometimes I think that the events in our country, in our church, around the world are just so terrifying and so overwhelming that it seems like the resurrection really didn't make a difference. But these three words really say something about the women, and I think about us and, most especially, about Easter. When they said that they were filled with amazement — this is this ecstasy, ekstasis — they were really standing. It means literally standing in a different place. So though they were still in the tomb and they hadn't reacted yet, nevertheless, everything had changed. And because of the resurrection, we, all of us, are standing in a different place. The whole of creation is standing in a different place. And the word for fear, phobos, phobia we get from that. But it's really a sense of trembling in the presence of God, of awe that they were actually filled with awe — not paralyzed by fear but filled with awe. And I hope this Eastertide and all year round, we have a sense of the presence of God that fills us with awe.

And it also says that they were seized with fear. Well, the word means “possessed.” And yes, we believe that in baptism because of the resurrection, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit and we now are all Spirit-possessed.

When things seem to be staying the same, when things seem to be happening and coming at us so quickly, I think it's very important to take time to be a little amazed, to be standing in a different place, to have a sense of this awe and trembling before the Lord, and to allow ourselves to be possessed by the Spirit, who will give us power and courage in these times.

My favorite hymn is “Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song.” It's ELW 808. And the last verse goes like this: “I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey; but courage will come with the sound of his steps by my side. And with all of the family Jesus saved by his love, we'll sing to his dawn at the end of our journey.”

Be well, dear church. Happy Easter.



GOSPEL MESSAGE

It's Not Over Yet

When you think back over your favorite books, do you remember the endings? If the story leads to a satisfying conclusion, even if the plot twists and turns, the writer keeps our attention. When we commit to a book, we put a lot of faith in the author to tell a good story and to wrap up their tale in a way that makes sense. When the ending is unclear or unbelievable, we wish we hadn't invested so much time in their book.

When Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome brought spices to Jesus' tomb, they thought they knew the ending of his story. Jesus' death on the cross brought his ministry to an abrupt conclusion. There was nothing left to do but show their devotion by anointing him with spices. How surprised the women must have been to hear that Jesus' story hadn't ended after all! He had been raised. He was going ahead of his followers to Galilee. They would see him again!

To us, this story of Jesus' resurrection is familiar, so we hear it as good news. For the women, though, it was terrifying. This wasn't how they expected Jesus' story to turn out. They had seen him die on the cross, and now they were being told he was alive? They didn't know what to make of this twist in Jesus' story. They were so afraid that they fled.

The women ran away because they were shocked when the story didn't turn out the way they expected. But soon they would learn that this was a *happy* ending: Where they had seen death, God made a way for new life! What seemed like the conclusion was actually a beginning. It was the dawn of a new day, a resurrection day. As followers of Jesus, we don't know what our future holds or how our stories will end, but we can trust that Jesus is alive. He goes ahead of us, leading us into a future full of God's love and grace.

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Celebration of Life for Karen Kubas

Saturday
April 6, 2024
11:00 am

Reception to follow
in the Gathering Place.

New Office Hours

Beginning April 1, 2024

BETHEL OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY	10:00 AM - 3:30 PM
TUESDAY	10:00 AM - 3:30 PM
WEDNESDAY	10:00 AM - 3:30 PM
THURSDAY	10:00 AM - 3:30 PM
FRIDAY	CLOSED

JUST 4 YOUTH

Welcome to worship. Today is Easter Day, the happiest day of the year for Christians like you, because Jesus is alive! Alleluia!



What do you see decorating your worship space?
 What color is on the altar? What kind of music do you hear?

Imagine that you were Mary Magdalene, the first person to see Jesus after his resurrection. What would you say to Jesus? Who would you tell?

Jesus is risen!

John 20:1-18

Read today's gospel story by filling in the words for the pictures.

On morning was the first person at the where they had buried . She noticed that the was empty and tearfully ran to tell two of the that the body of was missing. All of them raced back to the empty , and the went inside, only to find the that had wrapped the body of lying in a pile. The didn't know what to do, so they went . stayed at the empty crying, and then she peeked inside and saw two sitting where the body of had been! As she was talking with the about where the body had been taken, she heard a man calling her name. It was ! was the first person to see alive again, and she was so excited that she ran to the and announced, "I have seen the Lord."

CODE: = Mary Magdalene = Jesus = linen cloths = disciples
 = Easter = three = tomb = home = angels

Color all the squares with butterflies in them, and discover some Easter words.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday 4/1

- Easter Monday, Bethel Office is closed.

Tuesday 4/2

- Electric City Bible Study, Zoom meeting 7:00 am
- Men's Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall 7:00 am

Wednesday 4/3

- LOGOs Youth Ministry 5:30 pm; HS LOGOs 6:30 pm Service Project and Pajama Night

Thursday 4/4

- Electric City Chorale rehearsal 7:00 pm

Friday 4/5

- Bethel office is closed.
- Aitz Chaim Friday worship 6:00 pm

Saturday 4/6

- Celebration of Life for Karen Kubas 11:00 am with luncheon in the Gathering Place to follow.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 4/7

- LOGOs Family Worship and FLBC Sunday led by LOGOs Youth and FLBC staff in-person and live stream 9:30 am.
- FLBC Staff available after worship for questions about camp.

Tuesday 4/9

- Electric City Bible Study, Zoom meeting 7:00 am
- Men's Breakfast Zoom & in the Fellowship Hall 7:00 am

Wednesday 4/10

- LOGOs End of Year Carnival all ages 5:30 pm

Thursday 4/11

- Electric City Chorale rehearsal 7:00 pm

Friday 4/12

- Bethel office is closed.

Fellowship Ministries

Electric City Bible Study—online

What a great way to connect with one another! Join our bible study via Zoom, Tuesday mornings at 7:00 am. Contact Laurie Turner at lolli51gus@icloud.com for a link to join the meeting.

Men's Breakfast

Join us for a fun and engaging conversation, and insightful discussion of each week's lectionary texts as we meet in the Fellowship Hall Tuesday mornings at 7:00 am. Contact Dave Scholten at dscholten@dlsconsulting.net for more information.

Hope Circle—in person

This group meets once a month usually on Tuesday or Thursday afternoons. Bible study and fellowship are celebrated with this group of ladies. Contact Terry Korpela to be on the group email for meetings and prayer requests terry.korpela@gmail.com.

Thursday 4/18, 2:00 pm

at Marilyn Carlson's.

Preaching And Presiding at Bethel

March 28th	Pastor Jessica Crist
March 29th	Jubilate Choir
March 31st	Pastor Jessica Crist
April 7th	FLBC
April 14th	Pastor Steve Nelson
April 21st	Pastor Brenda Frelsi, Associate to the Bishop
April 28th	Pastor Sara MacGilvra Branom