

BETHEL NOTES

Sunday, April 10

Palm Sunday

Today we follow Christ from triumphal entry to the cross, each waypoint of the journey marked by Jesus' compassion for those who would betray, mock, accuse, or do violence to him. Though persecuted and beaten, Jesus the Son of God is not disgraced; instead, he asks forgiveness for those who put him to death. We have walked the Lenten pathway these forty days, each of us invited through baptism to "let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." We enter this holy week accompanying Jesus to the cross with both grief and thanksgiving in our hearts, trusting in God's redeeming love.

Readings

First Readings

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalms

Psalms 34:1-8

Second Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

Gospel

Luke 19:28-40



**World Hunger
Sunday**

**Join us Sundays
9:30 AM in-person or online at bethelmt.org.**

SERVING THIS SERVICE

Accompanist Mary Seim, piano; Steve Nelson, guitar
Connie Titcomb, accompanying the Jubilate Choir

Lay Assistant Walt Nuessle

Usher Sandy Pepos

Tech Kaleb Stringer and Colter McCarty

Counters Pam Dougherty and Kaleb Stringer

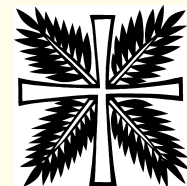
Children's Church Ava Fossen and TBD

Palm Sunday

*"Blessed is
the king
who comes
in the
name of
the Lord!"*

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OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY 9:00 AM TO 4:30 PM CLOSED FRIDAY

OFFICE: (406) 761-1543

WEBSITE: www.bethelmt.org

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Let Us Pray...

- ✝ Prayers of healing and support for **Cindy Doughty**, *Patty Braget's sister*, who has been diagnosed with ALS.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Arlene Sexe** as she is in the hospital.
- ✝ Prayers of healing and speedy response for **Sue Hesse** who is having heart rhythm irregularities.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Christie Dennehy**, *sister of Rev. Steve Nelson*, as she undergoes surgery today.
- ✝ Prayers of support and healing for **Don and Kathi Bisgard** as they work through some medical issues with Don.
- ✝ Prayers of healing and strength for **Rick Robitaille**, *brother of Tom Robitaille*, as he receives treatment for cancer.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Heath Poser**, *nephew of Connie Titcomb*, who has begun treatment for brain tumors and will have surgery once the treatments are concluded.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Mim Mikulecky** as she recovers from knee surgery.
- ✝ Prayers of healing and support for **Karla Wagner**, *Dena Wagner-Fossen's mother*, as she manages health issues.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Abby Bisgard-Clegg**, *daughter of Don and Kathi Bisgard*, as she begins treatment for cancer.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Rev. Inge Williams**, *friend of Pastor Jessie*, as she has surgery preceding cancer treatment.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Eric Peterson** as he ends treatment for cancer and begins immunotherapy.
- ✝ Prayers of strength and healing for **Lisa Leland**, *niece of Sandy Bechard*, as she completed treatment for breast cancer.
- ✝ Prayers of continued healing for **Shirley Cayko**.
- ✝ Prayers of healing and strength for **John Korpela** as he continues chemotherapy treatment.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Sharon Bossie** as she manages a health issue.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Cody Buus**, *Cindy Considine's nephew*, who is undergoing medical treatment.
- ✝ Prayers of strength & leadership for **Gustavo Driau**, Regional Representative of South America
- ✝ Prayers of thanks and continued healing for **Ed Pottratz** as he continues cancer treatment.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Tony Marcson**, *brother-in-law of Jessica Crist*, who is undergoing treatment for lung cancer.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Alex Bostic** as he continues treatment for cancer.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Bob Walker**, *brother of Colleen Walker-Nelson*, who is managing kidney disease.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- ♦ **Palm Sunday, April 10th 9:30 am**, we will begin in the narthex with the blessing of the palms and we will follow a procession into the sanctuary for the remainder of the service.
- ♦ **Maundy Thursday, April 14th 7:00 pm** in the Sanctuary, this will be a communion service with special presentation by the Confirmation Class and music by the Jubilate Choir.
- ♦ **Good Friday, April 15th 7:00 pm** in the Sanctuary, non-communion service led by the Jubilate Choir.
- ♦ **Easter Vigil, April 16th 7:00 pm**, a communion and candlelight service followed by the feast of milk and honey after worship as we enjoy an Ice Cream Social.
- ♦ **Easter Sunday, April 17th** will offer two services 9:00 am and 11:00 am, both in the Sanctuary. Children's Church available during 11:00 am service.

We will be live streaming all worship services for Holy Week.

UPDATED Covid Guidelines for Worship

- Masks are welcome, but not required.
- Our chairs will resume full rows, please continue to physical distance to your comfort level.
- Coffee Hour will resume April 24th.
- If you have a fever or are feeling unwell, please take care of yourself and join us online for worship.

Last Lenten Soup Supper and Holden Evening Prayer Worship for this year

Mid-Week Lenten Soup Suppers (6:15pm) & Worship (7:00pm) Holden Evening Prayer will begin next Thursday evening, March 10th and will be held in the Gathering Place and Sanctuary. All are welcome.



2022 Mid - Week Lenten Schedule

April 7 – Pastor Jessie

Thank you to all who have provided soups, breads, desserts, and served during our Lenten Soup Suppers. Also, a big thank you to all who led our Holden Evening Worship and speaker who shared this special time with us.



FLATHEAD LUTHERAN BIBLE CAMP IS HIRING SUMMER STAFF!!

If you are or know someone who is 16 years and older and would love to spend the summer or part of the summer with amazing youth on gorgeous Flathead Lake, then FLBC wants to talk to YOU!!

They are hiring summer staff and can talk to you about working the whole summer or only part of the summer, but you are guaranteed to have a life changing experience.

Contact Carlee Wood, Development Coordinator 406-752-6602 or email carlee@flbc.net

FLBC Staff will be at Bethel Sunday, April 24th FLBC Sunday! This would be a great opportunity to visit with them and get any questions you may have answered.



Easter Sunrise Service
April 17th, 2022 - at the lake,
6AM at FLBC

**Adult Education/
Spirituality Retreat with
Dr. Andrew Root**

*May 1-3, 2022 \$225/person
Monday only: \$175*

Join us for this special retreat with the professor of youth and family ministry at Luther Seminary. Expect insightful sessions such as "Living after a pandemic...why are we exhausted?" and time for fun and relaxation at camp, too - quiet time, reading time, worship, hikes, pottery, and great food. This retreat is for all adults. Pastors, LPA's, Lay people, youth workers.

Memorial Day Work Retreat

*May 27-30, 2022 FREE
(registration required!)*

Enjoy all of the fun activities camp has to offer, and help FLBC prepare for summer camp with some work projects!



PO Box 455
Great Falls, MT 59403
406.564.5267
www.familypromisegf.org

April 1st, 2022

Bethel Lutheran Church
1009 18th Ave SW
Great Falls, MT 59404

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous gift of hygiene kits and toiletries to support in helping us assist homeless children and their families. Your donations will help Family Promise of Great Falls continue our mission of providing many essential needs for homeless children and their families. Our program is only successful with the help of churches and church members like yours who clearly believe in our work.

So that you stay up to date on what we're doing, we just completed our 2021 Annual Report which I have enclosed. In a few days, we will open Promise Place shelter that will provide a place for two families to stay until they are able to find permanent housing. We are actively seeking volunteers willing to be at the Day Center from 10 AM to 4 PM during the weekdays to drive the shuttle van, supervise families doing their laundry and taking showers, and to help parents navigate on-line applications for housing, jobs, daycare, and social services. Also, we need volunteers who would be willing to provide meals to the families staying at Promise Place Shelter.

Family Promise has always been a community response to family homelessness involving a partnership of board, staff, and volunteers from the faith community. Again, thank you for caring about your community and the children in it. Please contact me at cariy@familypromisegf.org or 406-564-5267 to volunteer or for any questions you might have. Also, please let me know if you would like me to come speak at one of your upcoming meetings. We will have more strategic growth news to share after the first of the year!

Sincerely,

Greg Grosenick

Greg Grosenick, Executive Director

Every child deserves a home. Every family has promise.
Family Promise is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Tax ID # 46-2655042.



*There will also be a registration table set up in Belt Park at 9:00 AM during the egg hunt.

Registration Fee: **\$25 Pre-registration** (postmarked by April 11th);
\$30 same day registration

*Shirts, sunglasses, and color packet to all prepaid registrants; on site registrants as supplies last

Mail Registration Forms and Payment to:

Belt Close Up 2023
% Andrea Visocan
PO Box 197
Belt, MT 59412

Make Checks Payable to: **Belt Close Up 2023**

*For more information, contact Andrea Visocan

avisocan@beltschool.net or Katie Hoffmann

khoffmann@beltschool.net at Belt School (406) 227-3351

A Holy Week Song, 1918

Now when Christ died for man
his sake
A myriad men must die;
His Via Crucis they must take
And share His Calvary.
God keep ye, gallant gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay,
Who share Lord Jesus Christ
His pain
Upon this Good Friday!

Now some shall turn and meet
His gaze
And say, 'Remember me
When Thou art come to Thine
own place
Where ransomed sinners be!'
God rest ye, gallant gentlemen,
For ye are bought with price,
This day there wends
a shining train
The way to Paradise.

The day our Lord Christ lay
in grave
The dead are piled so high
The field slow-moving like a wave
Sends up a mortal cry.
God love ye, gallant gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay,
For life is born and Death is slain
Upon the Easter Day.

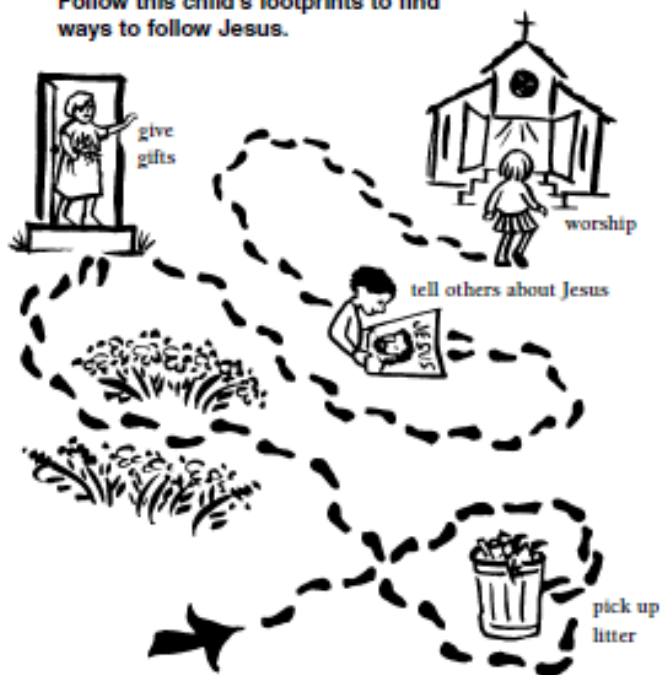
Katharine Tynan

Just for YOUTH

Following Jesus

People long ago waved palm branches to praise and welcome Jesus. Palm Sunday parades remind us to follow Jesus.

Follow this child's footprints to find ways to follow Jesus.



this week

Have a parade in your home or neighborhood.



Words of praise

Use the code below to find some of the words we use to praise Jesus and say that we love him. We have put away the last word until Easter. Look forward to saying and singing that praise word on Easter Sunday.



A =	+	H =	☀	N =	🌸	S =	☆
E =	♥	I =	△	O =	💧	U =	□
G =	🌿	L =	👑	R =	🌙	Y =	🌿

What are your favorite words to use to praise Jesus?



I can praise you, too, Jesus, with my hosannas. Amen

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday 4/12

- Electric City Bible Study, Zoom meeting 7:00 am
- Men's Breakfast Zoom & in the Fellowship Hall 7:00 am
- Bethel Office closing early at 11:00 am

Wednesday 4/13

- Choir Retreat for Holy Week 6:30 pm

Thursday 4/14

- Maundy Thursday worship led by Pastor Jessie with special presentation by Confirmation class 7:00 pm

Friday 4/15

- Bethel office is closed.
- Good Friday worship led by the Jubilate Choir 7:00 pm

Saturday 4/16

- Easter Vigil worship led by Pastor Jessie 7:00 pm
- Feast of Milk and Honey following worship

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 4/17

- Easter Sunday Worship First Service led by Pastor Jessie 9:00 am
- Easter Sunday Worship Second Service led by Pastor Jessie 11:00 am – Children's Church available during this service

Monday 4/18

- Easter Monday, Bethel Office is closed.

Tuesday 4/19

- Pastor Jessie out of office to Pastor's retreat for week
- Electric City Bible Study, Zoom meeting 7:00 am
- Men's Breakfast Zoom & in the Fellowship Hall 7:00 am

Wednesday 4/20

- Bible Study Self led on Zoom 10:00 am
- Logos End of Year Party for Pre-K through 8th

Friday 4/22

- Bethel office is closed.

Online Ministries

Electric City Bible Study

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 both in person and via Zoom, Tuesday mornings at 7:00 am. Contact Dave Scholten at dscholten@dlsconsulting.net for a link to join the meeting or for more information.

Hope Circle

This group meets once a month usually on Thursday evenings. Bible study and fellowship are celebrated with this group of ladies. Contact Laurie Turner at lolli51gus@icloud.com for a link to join the meeting and Terry Korpela to be on the group! email for meetings and prayer requests terry.korpela@gmail.com.

Weekly Text Study with Pastor Jessie

Wednesdays, 10:00 am via Zoom, Pastor Jessie will be leading discussion on the text readings for the upcoming Sunday. Dig deeper in the interpretation of the readings and discuss ways they give us guidance in our daily lives. If you would like to join this meeting, email bethelgf.pastor@gmail.com to be added to the mailing list.

Pastor Jessie Obrecht

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