

# BETHEL NOTES

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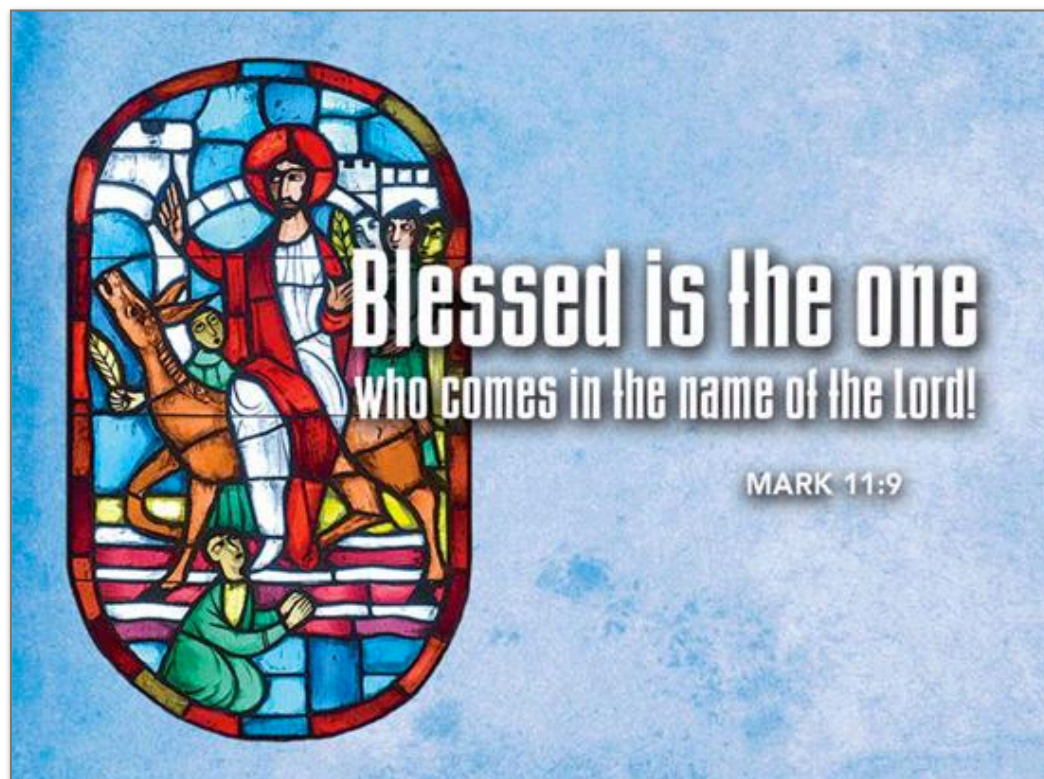
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*Sunday, March 28th*

**Palm Sunday**

JOHN 12:12-16

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

MARK 11:1-11

LUKE 22:1-6

Today we begin Holy Week, where we retrace the events that lead to Jesus' crucifixion. This Sunday has come to be known as Palm/Passion Sunday, and often congregations begin with a short lesson on Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, but the bulk of the service is spent hearing the passion story. This year we let the story unfold over the course of the week, so this morning we will hear the Palm Sunday lessons and focus on what it means that we have a king who rides a donkey. Join us Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday as we contemplate the astonishing work that God accomplishes in Jesus. All of these services will be available on the Bethel website if you aren't able to join us live.

**Accompanist**

**Lay Assistant**

**Usher**

**Tech**

**Counters**

## SERVING THIS SERVICE

Mary Seim, piano; Pastor Steve Nelson, guitar

Tamy Scholten

Walt Nuessle

Colter McCarty

Pam Dougherty and Greg Grosenick

**Join us Sunday at  
9:30 in-person or  
online [bethelmt.org](http://bethelmt.org)**

## OFFICE HOURS:

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

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- ✦ Prayers for **Faith Crouch**, *granddaughter of Bernice Johnson*, continuing to regain strength from double lung transplant.
- ✦ Prayers of thanks for **Ed Pottratz** as he continues with treatment for cancer.
- ✦ Prayers of healing for **Lee Klette**, son of *Russ & Cheryl*.
- ✦ Prayers for healing and strength for **Katie Madsen**, *niece of Doug Sexe and granddaughter of Arlene Sexe* as she continues treatment for breast cancer and is responding well.
- ✦ Prayers for healing for **Steve Young**, *brother of Sue Hesse* as he continues with back issues.
- ✦ Prayers of support and healing **James Trunkle**, *friend of Dena Wagner-Fossen*, as he continues to manage health issues. .
- ✦ Prayers of healing for **Pam Hanson Alfred** *friend of Kris Voorhees* as she continues treatment for cancer.
- ✦ Prayers of healing and support for **Bob Vander Aarde** as he undergoes cancer treatment.
- ✦ Prayers of continued healing for **Marsha Johnson**, *employee and friend of Beth Olson* as she is doing much better and is anxious to come back to work.
- ✦ Prayers of support and healing for **Trudy and Earl Terwilliger** as they are managing with progression and changing of Trudy's cognitive health.
- ✦ Prayers of healing for **Arlene Sexe** as she undergoes treatment for cancer.
- ✦ Prayers of healing and support for **Sharon Bossie** as she undergoes medical care.
- ✦ Prayers of healing for **LaRae Veitch** as she recovers from an ankle injury.
- ✦ Prayers of support for **Kent Kupfner** as he prepares for an upcoming surgery.
- ✦ Prayers healing for **Bob Bundi**, *Laura Kupfner's father*, as he is managing multiple health issues. As well as his wife **Linda** for support during this time.
- ✦ Prayers of healing for **Jeremy Marn**, *friend of Greg Grosenick*, who is being treated for a medical issue.

## Holy Week Schedule

### Sunday, March 28 Palm Sunday

9:30 AM worship in-person and live stream

### Thursday, April 1 Maundy Thursday

7:00 PM worship in-person and live stream

### Friday, April 2 Good Friday

7:00 PM worship live stream only

### Saturday, April 3 Easter Vigil

7:00 PM worship in-person and live stream

### Sunday, April 4th Easter Sunday

9:30 AM Online worship only, pre-recorded service

*There will be no High School Logos during Holy Week.*

# DEVOTION FOR PALM SUNDAY

TAKEN FROM A STORY TO TELL DEVOTIONS FOR LENT 2021

## MARK 14:32, 44-46

[Jesus and the disciples] went to a place called Gethsemane....Now the betrayer had given the authorities a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard." So when Jesus came, Judas went up to him at once and said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him.

## TO PONDER

Those hands...have protected me in times of danger and console me in times of grief. They have waved good-bye and always welcomed me back. Those hands are God's hands. They are also the hands of my parents, teachers, friends, healers, and all those whom God has given me to remind me how safely I am held. — Henri J. M. Nouwen, *The Return of the Prodigal Son*

## THOSE HANDS

I remember Grant Ronnerud's hands, sun-bleached, fingers thick as a half dollar, chapped by sun and wind, strong from carrying calves and making hay, yet gentle when he welcomed us to Sunday school and turned the pages of his Bible.

I imagine your hands a little like his, Jesus — hands with nicks and scars suggesting someone who grew up doing manual labor. Hands that speak of life and love. Your hands lift our faces to see the birds, that we might know the grace of God's boundless love. They bless children and heal broken bodies. Your hands reach out to touch the wounded places we hide from the world.

Every scar, line, and crease wears the love you have poured out on human frailty and aching need. So it pains the heart to see your hands in shackles. *Let him go*, the heart cries. *We need those handsets. We crave their touch.* But no, those hands go, shackled to do one last deed of mercy, one final act of healing love for every wound ever suffered.



## PRAYER

Touch every suffering soul and troubled place, Lord Jesus, with the hands of your healing love. Amen.

## MID - WEEK LENTEN SERVICE

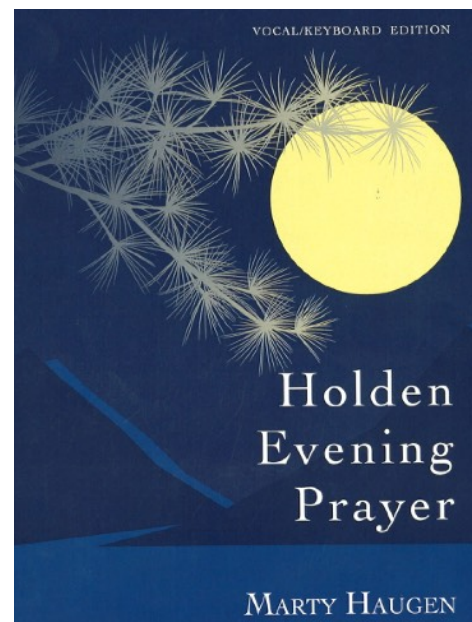
### HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER LIVE STREAM

### THURSDAY EVENINGS 7:00 PM

Thursday evenings we continue to live stream the Holden Evening Prayer Service with Lenten reading by Pastor Trina Johnsten at 7:00 pm.

This week's recipe was shared by Laurie Turner.

Leading the Holden Evening Prayer for Thursday, March 25th are Colter McCarty and Morgan Dunn.



## Italian Bean and Sausage Soup

- 1 pound hot or sweet Italian sausage
- 2 15.5 ounce cans Great Northern Beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 16 oz package coleslaw mix
- 1 24 oz jar garlic herb spaghetti sauce
- 3 cups water



Cook 1lb hot or sweet Italian sausage in a pot or Dutch oven until no longer pink, drain.

Stir in:

- Two 15 1/2 oz cans great northern beans (rinsed and drained),
- One 16 oz package coleslaw mix
- One 24 oz jar garlic and herb spaghetti sauce ( I prefer Prego) and
- Three cups of water

Simmer, uncovered, for 20 minutes or until flavors are blended.

Grated Parmesan is optional

*Laurie Turner*

*let my prayer rise up like incense before you... the lifting up of my hands as an offering to you.*



# Palm Sunday Prayer:

Everlasting God, like your Son and Servant, Jesus Christ, riding into Jerusalem, help us to go where you've called us boldly and confidently. Prepare us for what lies before us, however difficult the journey may be. Amen.

EQUIPPING...  
FOR THE WORK OF MINISTRY



EASTER SEASON DEVOTIONS  
WRITTEN BY LEADERS IN  
THE MONTANA SYNOD

**EASTER DEVOTIONAL FROM THE MONTANA SYNOD, [CLICK HERE](#) TO ACCESS ONLINE OR PICK UP A COPY IN THE NARTHEX.**



Early Risers is a non-denominational annual gathering to glorify God, inspire Christian fellowship and bring awareness to a non-profit charity.

**"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you."  
John 14:27**

**Hosted at the New City Church Youth Facility, 4114 N. Park Trail  
Great Falls, MT 59405**

**STARTS  
at 7 AM!**



**2021 Service Project**

## Thursday, May 6, 2021

### PRAYER

**Jim McCormick**, Director, GFRM  
Church of the Nazarene

### SERVICE PROJECT—PEACE PLACE

**Louisa Libertelli-Dunn**  
Director of Operations

### MUSICIANS

**Rebecca and Isabel Swanson**, Vocalists  
New City Church

### SPEAKER

**Shane Etzwiler**, President, GFCC  
Faith Bible Church, Fairfield

## Thursday, May 13, 2021

### PRAYER

**Pastor Lee Barrows**  
New City Church

### SERVICE PROJECT—PEACE PLACE

**Kitty Cornwell**, Board Chairman

### MUSICIANS

**Pastor Randy Ludeman**, Pianist  
Geraldine Community Church  
**Kathryn Kenney Rude**, Violinist, Hobson

### SPEAKER

**Pastor Randy Ludeman**

## Thursday, May 20, 2021

### PRAYER

**Pastor Steve Mix**  
Fairview Baptist Church

### SERVICE PROJECT—PEACE PLACE

**Kaycee Beall**, Parent & Board Member

### MUSICIANS

**Pastors Gary & Pam Hart**  
Victory Church

### SPEAKER

**Kristen Juras**, Montana Lieutenant Governor  
Crossroads Memorial Church

## Thursday, May 27, 2021

### PRAYER

**Tom Moore**, Superintendent, GFPS  
Faith Center

### SERVICE PROJECT—PEACE PLACE

**Louisa Libertelli-Dunn**  
Director of Operations

### MUSICIAN

**Alex Rosenleaf**, Vocalist  
First Presbyterian Church

### SPEAKER

**Pastor Anna Marritt**  
Our Savior's Lutheran Church

**\$5/session or \$20 for the series. Send Check to First Presbyterian Church:**

**1315 Central Avenue ♦ Great Falls, MT 59401**

**Please Write Early Risers on Memo Line**

## What if You Woke Up Tomorrow With Only the Things You Thanked God for Yesterday?

Good Morning everyone,  
Hope all is well. Looks like Spring is going to leave us this week, and joyfully return the week after. Not going to complain about a little extra moisture and it is still March, so have to expect little snow in our lives.

I was reminded of a church sign today that read - "What if you woke up tomorrow with only the things you thanked God for yesterday?" And wondered did I remember to thank our Lord for living in this beautiful state of Montana. For being mostly healthy. For having a roof over my head, food on the table, clothes on my back, being vaccinated against COVID, and the list goes on and on.

So even though we may not be having the best day or a loved one is hurting for some reason, let us remember all the "good" in our lives and most important thank our God for all that we have. Because everything is God's, he is just letting us borrow it.

In the meantime, let's pray for all the things we are thankful for. Enjoy Palm Sunday, Holy week and Easter. With vaccinations maybe some of you can gather with family. Thanks be to God.

God Bless each and everyone of you. And yes I am thankful that you all are part of my life/my family.

Terry Korpela



**THANK YOU TO JEANNE RANKIN  
FOR SHARING**

### 1st Monday Night Quilters

1st Monday Night Quilters will meet Monday, April 5, 2021, 6-8 p.m. at New Hope Lutheran; please use the alley door. Again, we will tie the quilts before the last step of binding them is done. Thank you to Leanna for doing the binding, Peggy and Carol for sewing tops, and Joanne for cutting squares this past month, all helping from home. Reminder – please wear a mask. Questions, call Trudi, 799-0100.



## Tax Assistance

For those who may have a need for some assistance with taxes, help is available at the following places and times. It is set-up first come first serve so no appointments will be accepted.

**Great Falls Public Library** Tuesdays from 1:00 to 5:00 pm

**Senior Center**, Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm





**EASTER**  
 HE IS RISEN

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**THE ROAD TO EASTER**  
 WHAT HAPPENED  
 DURING HOLY WEEK?

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Starting with Palm Sunday, put the events  
 in the order in which they happened.

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PALM  
  
 SUNDAY

SundaySchoolKids.com

## Upcoming At FLBC

Visit <https://flbc.net/annual-programming/> to learn more about our year-round programming and to find additional COVID-19 related information.

Keep your eyes open for more information coming to you soon about FLBC's backpacking trip with Bishop Jungling, taking place August 22-26, 2021!

### Spring Environmental Education Field Day

Saturday, April 10th, 2021 10am - 4pm  
 \$25 / student / \$12/adult chaperone - includes lunch!

Join us for a day of fun and learning at FLBC! Learn more about the world around you and enjoy the fun activities camp offers at our Environmental Education Field Day. Visit <https://flbc.net/field-trip/> to learn more and register.

### Memorial Day Family Retreat & Work Weekend

May 28-31, 2021  
 FREE! Registration still required :-)  
 Come have a fun weekend and help FLBC get ready for summer!

 Jesus is put on the cross	Jesus Prays in Gethsemane	Jesus is wrapped in linen cloth	Jesus is questioned by Pilate
 Jesus and the disciples eat together	Judas kisses Jesus	Jesus cleans up the temple	There is darkness at noon
 Jesus gets a crown of thorns	Jesus is Arrested	 Peter denies knowing Jesus	

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Either cut out these squares and glue them on the road in the correct order in which they happened OR instead write the event in the correct square in the road BUT WRITE SMALL!

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 12TH TO 16TH

## MINISTRIES MEETING ONLINE

### 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](mailto: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 this week's Lectionary tests as we meet via Zoom, Tuesday mornings at 7:00 am. Contact Dave Scholten at [dscholten@dlsconsulting.net](mailto:dscholten@dlsconsulting.net) for a link to join the meeting.

### WEEKLY TEXT BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR TRINA

This bible study is offered on Wednesdays at 10:00 am and Thursdays at 7:00 pm is on hold during Lent due to Holden Evening Service. This group studies the lessons for the upcoming Sunday together. Each week stands alone, you can join anytime! No experience necessary! Contact the Bethel office [bethegf.church@gmail.com](mailto:bethegf.church@gmail.com) for a link.

**Bible Study will take a break and return the week of April 12th.**

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:terry.korpela@gmail.com).

**Next Hope Circle  
Thursday, April 15th 7:00 PM**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Tuesday 3/30

- Electric City Bible Study, Zoom meeting 7:00 am
- Men's Breakfast, via Zoom 7:00 am.

### Wednesday 3/31

- No Bible Study with Pastor Trina
- No HS Logos

### Thursday 4/1

- No Bible Study with Pastor Trina
- Maundy Thursday *in-person and live stream worship* 7:00 pm

### Friday 4/2

- Bethel office is closed.
- Good Friday **live stream only** Worship 7:00 pm

### Saturday 4/3

- Close Knit meets in the Fellowship Hall 9:00 am
- Easter Vigil *in-person and live stream* Worship 7:00 pm

## Upcoming Events

### Sunday 4/4

- Easter Sunday Worship **online only** worship 9:30 am

### Tuesday 4/6

- Electric City Bible Study, Zoom meeting 7:00 am
- Men's Breakfast, via Zoom 7:00 am.

### Wednesday 4/7

- No Bible Study with Pastor Trina
- HS Logos in the Fellowship Hall 6:30 to 8:00 pm

### Thursday 4/8

- No Bible Study with Pastor Trina

### Friday 4/9

- Bethel office is closed.

## Interim Pastor Trina Johnsten

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