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# BETHEL NOTES

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## The Resurrection of our Lord

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With nightfall our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. At the heart of the Maundy Thursday liturgy is Jesus' commandment to love one another. As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, we are called to follow his example as we humbly care for one another, especially the poor and the unloved. At the Lord's table we remember Jesus' sacrifice of his life, even as we are called to offer ourselves in love for the life of the world.

Source: Sunday's and Seasons, Augsburg Fortress, 2017 Year A

## Serving Thursday

April 12, 2017

**Accompanist:** Connie Titcomb

**Lay Readers:** Jubilate Choir

**Usher(s):** Don and Kathi Bisgard

**Projectionist:** Dave Scholten



# HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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## Serving Friday

**Accompanist:** Connie Titcomb

**Lay Readers:** Jubilate Choir

**Usher(s):** The Terwilligers

**Projectionist:** Tim Lightbourne

## Serving Saturday

**Accompanist:** Mary Seim

**Lay Assistant:** Sue Hesse

**Usher(s):** Kaye Van Gilder

**Projectionist:** Dave Scholten

## Serving Sunday

**Accompanist:** Mary Seim

**Lay Assistant:** Walt Nuessle

**Usher(s):** Jon and JoAnn Dullum & Duane and Lois Docktor

**Projectionist:** Dina Davis

**Counters:** Patty Braget and JoAnn Dullum

**Maunday Thursday Service, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**

**\*\*Holy Communion; Jubilate Choir**

**Good Friday Service, April 14<sup>th</sup> sponsored by the Great Falls Ministerial Association, First Congregational, UCC at noon.**

**Good Friday Service, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**

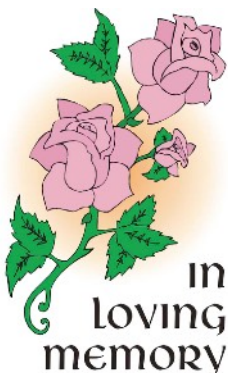
**\*\*Jubilate Choir, with music and scripture will proclaim the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Easter Vigil Service, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**

**\*\*Service of Light, Remembrance of Baptism, Holy Communion & Feast of Milk & Honey (Ice cream sundaes)**

**Easter Sunday Worship, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am**

**\*\*Holy Communion; Jubilate Choir; Handbells, Brass**



## Funeral Service for Joy D. Tyler

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will be held at Bethel on Thursday morning at 11:00am. Joy was a charter member of Bethel Lutheran Church. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers as they grieve her death.

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## Pastor Steve's Easter Reflection

### Resurrection Life: "Going On Ahead of You."



[The angel said to the women]” Go quickly and tell his disciples, He has been raised from the dead, and **indeed he is going ahead of you** to Galilee; there you will see him. This is my message for you.” **Matthew 28: 7**

What does resurrection life look like ? If you want to see for yourself, you have to catch up to him...for he is already going on ahead of you. This is the gospel writer's unique description of resurrection life. It would have seemed a much shorter distance for the resurrected Jesus to have returned, first, to Jerusalem and maybe even to have recreated another triumphal entry. But the angel tells the women to go and let the others know that if you want to see the risen Jesus you have to head north and to catch up to him in Galilee.

Galilee, the dusty out of the way place where their lives first intersected, calls were extended, and life transforming ministry happened. Galilee, the place where Jesus' ministry began and now it appears will begin again. Matthew's take on the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, is that it is something that happens on ahead of us. No longer bound to one specific place and time but on the move and on the loose. It is a power that meets us in the places where we live and work...in the ordinary places of our on the move and everyday lives. Not contained in the church but in the world. The power of God's life which connects with our life. Which brings newness to our lives each and everyday.

The Easter message is that the Risen Jesus is still on the loose, and his power to bring newness is at work in you and on ahead of you, in the world making all things new.

On behalf of myself and the entire Bethel Staff and Council leadership, I wish you and your family a blessed Holy Week.

Christ is Risen ! He is risen indeed !

Pastor Steve



## Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp Sunday: April 23

Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp is our Bible Camp on the North Western shores of Flathead Lake, just South of Lakeside, MT. In an effort to help encourage attendance at the camp, we will have Executive Director, Margie Fiedler, here at Bethel to preach and answer questions on Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Bethel's Camp representatives are Dan & Steph Richardson and they can be reached at 406-579-8897.

There are still scholarships available to attend FLBC, and they are given out on a first come, first served basis. Please contact Pastor Steve if you desire a scholarship from the church. 761-1543.

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## Pacific Lutheran University Choir

The Pacific Lutheran University Choir will be performing a free concert on Friday, April 28th at 7:30pm at Holy Family Catholic Parish located at 2800 Central Ave next to Holy Spirit Catholic School. Bethel will host a potluck supper for the choir at 5pm. We are looking for people to volunteer to bring food for the potluck and if you would like to house one of the choir members, please contact Patrick Ryan at (406) 249-7583. All are welcome to attend.

## Mission Freedom

Keep an eye on the Notes and our webpages - more information about the Mission Freedom Campaign will be coming soon! You'll be getting a letter in the mail outlining many of the details, and a member of our committee will probably be giving you a call shortly after you get your letter. After Holy Week we will begin holding some informational meetings here at church. Here are the dates: **Lunch meeting on 4/20, noon Evening meeting 4/27, 7:00 PM After church 4/23, about 10:45 After church 4/30, about 10:45 or so Breakfast meeting 4/26, 7:00 AM**