

Bethel Notes

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Sunday, April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday

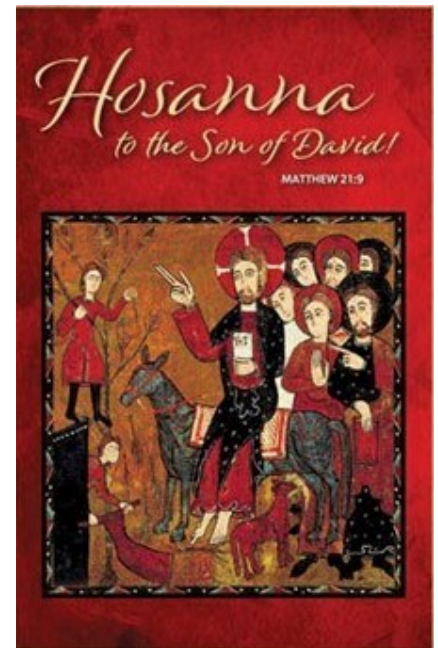
In today's gospel Jesus reveals his power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead. The prophet Ezekiel prophesies God breathing new life into dry bones. To those in exile or living in the shadows of death, these stories proclaim God's promise of resurrection. In baptism we die with Christ that we might also be raised with him to new life. At the Easter Vigil we will welcome the newly baptized as we remember God's unfailing promise in our baptism.

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalms: 31:9-16

Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11



**Join us Sunday 9:30 AM
In-person or live stream
at bethelmt.org**

Serving This Sunday

Musicians:

Connie Titcomb, piano
Rev. Steve Nelson, guitar
Sara Graft, djembe

Lay Assistant:

Addi Carlson, Abbie Virts

Usher:

Tyler Grosenick, Drake Lange

Tech:

Adam Elkin

Children's Church:

Julia Elkin

Counters:

TBD and Sara Sexe

THIS SUNDAY AT BETHEL...

We celebrate Palm Sunday and enter into Holy Week!

We have very special music this Sunday with both the Jubilate Choir led by Jeff Skogley and the Bethel LOGOs Bell Choir led by Sharon Mueller!

This is also our last Family Worship of this LOGOs year. We thank the youth and families for a wonderful year. We have had a lot of fun together and look forward to a wonderful summer and next LOGOs year.

Don't forget to join us before worship starting at 8:00 am or after worship for a Pancake Breakfast. Thank you to the Mission Endowment Committee and Kelsey Johnson for cooking! Free will donation to support VBS this summer!



Requesting Your Prayers

- ✝ Prayers of support for **Don and Kathi Bisgard** as they manage medical care for Don.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Dick Seim** who is at Park Place Health Care Center after a recent hospitalization.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Cindy Doughty**, *Patty Braget's sister*, as she manages ALS.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Pastor Trina Johnsten** who continues treatment as she manages an illness.
- ✝ Prayers of support for **Caleb Pottratz** who is struggling with depression.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Lynn Klaasen**, *sister of Jan Robitaille*, receiving treatment for cancer.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Lindy Coon**, *sister of former Bethel member Laura (Wandke) Overturf*, as she continues to slowly make progress as she recovers at home from a serious injury after a fall.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Colleen Walker-Nelson** as she continues to heal from a broken leg.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Abby Bisgard-Clegg**, *daughter of Don and Kathi Bisgard*, continues to manage health issues, but feeling and doing very well.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Alex Bostic** as he continues to manage his health.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Linda O'Connor**, friend of *LaRae Veitch*, as she undergoes treatment for breast cancer.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Travis Cushman** as he continues treatment for cancer.
- ✝ Prayers of strength in leadership for **Gustavo Driau**, Regional Representative of South America.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Ed Pottratz** as he continues cancer treatment.

Montana Synod LPA Program (Lay Pastoral Associate)

A Lay Pastoral Associate in the Montana Synod is a congregational lay person who has received religious, educational training, through the Montana Synod, in order to provide (in most cases) short term pulpit supply (ie, preaching) when the pastor is away, or if a congregation is without a pastor. Their role is to fill in for the basic pastoral duties such as providing Word and Sacrament, communion, and other roles as approved by the Bishop.

The LPA program is a 3 year journey of theological education with a cohort of other Lutherans from around Montana and Northern Wyoming in a retreat-type format. A new cohort is beginning in the coming months! If you have any interest in becoming an LPA or simply participating in the LPA training program, please let Pastor Jessie know in the coming weeks.

Soup Supper Discussion Prompt

Have a hot bowl of soup and warm conversation!

THIS WEEK, March 30th

This week our focus is on reconciliation. When you hear the word reconciliation, who or what do you think about?

What do you think is necessary to move from forgiveness to reconciliation?

In light of all of our conversations throughout this Lenten season, what do you think the connection is between reconciliation and righteousness?

What have you learned, or maybe unlearned, about righteous as we have journeyed through this Lenten season together?

2023 Mid - Week Lenten Schedule

March 30th – Supper Host: Hope Circle Cantors: Pastor Jessie and Colter McCarty

Holy Week Schedule

April 2nd – Palm Sunday, Pancake Breakfast before and after worship, free will donation to benefit VBS

April 6th - Maundy Thursday 7:00 PM

April 7th - Good Friday 7:00 PM - performed by the Jubilate Choir

April 9th - Easter Sunday 9:00 am and 11:00 am in the sanctuary

APRIL 22 – 5:30 PM

Benefit for Family Promise GF

SOC HOP

Serving our Community
Honoring our Promise

Family Promise
of Great Falls

Black Eagle
Community
Center

ON SALE MARCH 1

TICKETS
\$40
from Kaufman's or
1019 Central Ave
\$42
Online at
Familypromisegf.org

SILENT AUCTION

DINNER
Brian's Top Notch
Burgers, Dogs, Fixings

“Camp” Basket Donation for the SOC HOP

To help purchase the firepit or other items like flashlight, bundle of wood, camp chairs, smore's fixin's, roasting sticks, etc. Drop items off at the Bethel Office or donate online or through our weekly offering by noting Camp Basket in the memo line. If you have any questions email Judy Statham at ewe2me2001@yahoo.com

Logos End of Year Carnival Thanks For A Great Year!!!



GOSPEL MESSAGE

April 2, 2023, Palm Sunday

Parades and Long Walks

The stories we hear for Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday are marked by a series of parades. The crowd shouts “Hosanna” as Jesus processes into Jerusalem. After his arrest, he is paraded to the home of Caiaphas to be confronted by the scribes and elders. They bind him and parade him to Pilate. The soldiers lead him to the governor’s headquarters before he is paraded to Golgotha to be crucified.

These were not celebratory parades. For Jesus, each of these journeys was another step on his long walk toward death. We may not know what it is to be paraded about before crowds of people as Jesus was, but we can understand the long walk toward death.

Perhaps you have taken the long walk from a hospital parking lot to the information desk, from the desk around the corner to the visitors’ elevators, and from the elevator through the maze of hallways to the bedside of a loved one to sit vigil as they breathe their last. Maybe you have made the long walk between cubicles to your boss’s office during a time of layoffs, knowing what news is coming. The walk from a classroom to the principal’s office is long and scary, for both the student and the parent who was called in to school from work.

Life has plenty of long and painful walks we would just as soon avoid. Jesus’ prayer at Gethsemane tells us he did not want to take his walk either. And yet he did take that walk. In so doing, he joins us in all of our long and weary wanderings that end in the things of death. Jesus is with us in our deepest pain. But the story does not end there. The journey continues as the women walk to the empty tomb, as Jesus walks with disciples to Emmaus, and as he continues to walk us to places of new life.

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1. Go to smithsfoodanddrug.com/inspire
2. Sign into your digital account or choose “create an account” and fill in the information.
3. Link your Rewards Card to Bethel using code LC427 or type in Bethel Lutheran Church.
4. Choose Save.

A colorful poster for two community band concerts. The poster has a green background with a border of various colorful flowers and a pink butterfly in the top left corner. The text is centered and uses different fonts and colors to distinguish between the two bands. The first band is the Community Concert Band, and the second is the Community Jazz Band. Both are presented by The Great Falls Municipal Band Association. The poster also includes the location and admission information for both concerts.

The Great Falls
Municipal Band Association presents ...

COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND
*under the direction
of DENNIS GRANLIE*
Spring Concert
Sunday, April 2, 2023
2:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY JAZZ BAND
*under the direction
of JOHN GEMBERLING*
Spring Concert
Saturday, April 22, 2023
at 7:00 p.m.

Both at the New Hope Lutheran Church
3125 Fifth Ave. S., Great Falls

Admission by free-will offering to benefit New Hope Lutheran Church

What's Happening at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp!!!

Summer is coming...



JESUS IS RISEN! *Easter Sunrise Service* AT FLATHEAD LUTHERAN BIBLE CAMP

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Sunrise worship at the lakefront
(about 1/8 mile walk from the parking lot to the worship area)

April 9th, 2023 @ 7:00 AM

550 Lutheran Camp Rd, Lakeside MT 59922

(3 miles south of Lakeside)

Coffee & snacks will be available. Dress warm!



Contact 406-752-6602 or office@flbc.net if you have any questions!



Memorial Day Work Weekend

May 26-29, 2023 (Fri - Mon)

Cost: By donation, registration required ☺

Register by May 12th!

You are invited to help transform camp for the summer season. All ages are welcome for this FREE retreat which includes Fun, Fires (campfires, that is), great Food, and Fellowship, and bible study and worship. This retreat is a great way to experience camp for the first time!

Consider applying for your own Thrivent Action Team grant and join us! Contact the FLBC office for project ideas.



Retreat begins with dinner at 6:15pm on Friday (check-in is from 5-6pm) and ends with a sack lunch on Monday

2023 REGISTRATION

Memorial Day Work Weekend // May 26-29, 2023

Mother's Day Brunch

Sunday, May 14th, 2023

Celebrate Mother's Day on the lake at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp!
550 Lutheran Camp Rd., Lakeside MT 59922
Three seatings available: 9:30 AM, 11:00, and 12:30
~ Buffet Style Service! ~

\$30 per person ages 12+ | \$18/ages 4-11 | Free/3 & under
Please call 406-752-6602 or send in the registration form to reserve your spot by May 8th!

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Mother's Day Brunch // May 14th, 2023

SPEND YOUR SUMMER WORKING AT Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp!

Scan to go straight to the online application!

Find more information & apply at
<https://flbc.net/work-at-camp/>

- We're hiring Cabin Leaders, Lifeguards, Wilderness Guides, Support Staff, Leadership Staff, and much more!
- June 4th-August 4th (or 18th)
- Pay starting at \$400/week plus room + board, & opportunities for bonuses!
- Paid staff training
- Ages 18+

Questions? Contact Karen@flbc.net

Develop skills and make connections that will help you in college, in your career, and beyond: leadership, public speaking, problem-solving, customer service, project management, collaboration, & so much more!

Need an internship? We can work with you to meet requirements for any major!

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Just for *YOUTH*

Welcome to worship. Today is Palm Sunday, the first day of Holy Week.



this week

Find a Bible storybook to read or tell the passion story at home, one section each day until Easter Sunday.

Circle the palm branches in the picture. Draw more branches in people's hands and on the road.

What's next?

Holy Week is the time we remember Jesus being welcomed into Jerusalem like a king, then hung on the cross. What comes next? On Easter Jesus is the Christ, the king again, who has risen from the dead.



Dear Lord,
During this Holy Week help
us remember your gift of
eternal life. Amen



Draw what comes next in each line.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday 4/3

- Bethel Office closed
- Financial Peace University in the Fellowship Hall 6:00 pm

Tuesday 4/4

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

Wednesday 4/5

- Choir Retreat for Holy Week 6:30 pm

Thursday 4/6

- Maundy Thursday worship led by Pastor Jessie 7:00 pm

Friday 4/7

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 4/9

- Easter Sunday Worship First Service led by Pastor Jessie 9:00 am featuring the Jubilate Choir
- Easter Sunday Worship Second Service led by Pastor Jessie 11:00 am featuring the Bethel Bell Choir and Bethel Brass Ensemble— Children's Church available during this service

Monday 4/10

- Easter Monday, Bethel Office is closed.

Tuesday 4/11

- 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 4/12

- No Text Study

Friday 4/14

- Bethel office is closed.
- High School LOGOs lock-in 7:00 pm to Saturday 9:00 am

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 Meets in-person

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 Thursday evenings. 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.

Next meeting: April

Weekly Text Study with Pastor Jessie-online

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.