

BETHEL NOTES

Sunday, May 8th

Fourth Sunday of Easter

The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those "who have come out of the great ordeal" in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Readings

First Readings

Acts 9:36-43

Psalms

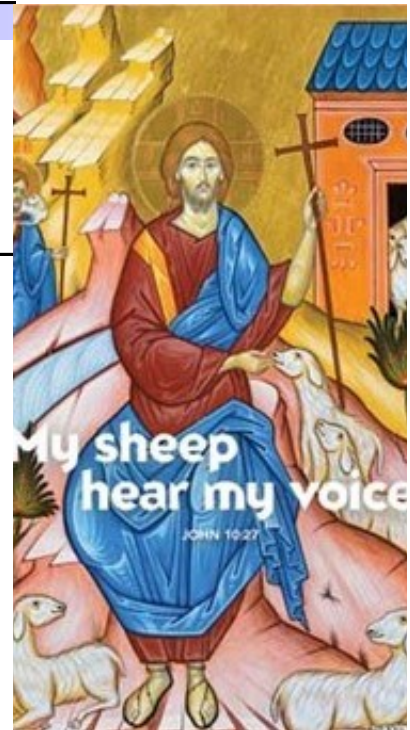
Psalms 23

Second Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

Gospel

John 10:1-10



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



SERVING THIS SERVICE

Accompanist	Mary Siem, piano; Rev. Steve Nelson, guitar
Lay Assistant	Ainsley Kubas
Ushers	Mike and Heather Kubas
Tech	Adam Elkin
Children's Church	Allison Marr and TBD
Counters	Stephanie Cummings and Warren Johnson
Hospitality	AnneRose Rogers



OFFICE HOURS

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

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Let Us Pray...

- ✝ Prayers of comfort for **Kimberly Cross and her family**, *niece of Thelma Seyfert*, as they mourn the loss of her daughter Hailee Cross.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Arlene Sexe** as she recovers at home from a recent hospitalization.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Alex Bostic** as he concluded chemotherapy and radiation and begins immunotherapy.
- ✝ Prayers of healing and preparation for **Gordon Lord** who will be having an additional surgery in May.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Donna Fugle**, *Joni Collins' mother*, who is recovering at Eastview Nursing Home following a fall and hospitalization.
- ✝ Prayers of healing and support for **Cindy Doughty**, *Patty Braget's sister*, who has been diagnosed with ALS.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Christie Dennehy**, *sister of Rev. Steve Nelson*, as she recovers from surgery.
- ✝ 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 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 healing and strength for **John Korpela** as he continues chemotherapy treatment.
- ✝ 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 **Bob Walker**, *brother of Colleen Walker-Nelson*, who is managing kidney disease.

A Prayer for Mother's Day

I want you to know I'm praying for you if you are like Tamar, struggling with infertility, or a miscarriage.

I want you to know that I'm praying for you if you are like Rachel, counting the women among your family and friends who year by year and month by month get pregnant, while you wait.

I want you to know I'm praying for you if you are like Naomi, and have known the bitter sting of a child's death.

I want you to know I am praying for you if you are like Joseph and Benjamin, and your Mom has died.

I want you to know that I am praying for you if your relationship with your Mom was marked by trauma, abuse, or abandonment, or she just couldn't parent you the way you needed.

I want you to know I am praying for you if you've been like Moses' mother and put a child up for adoption, trusting another family to love your child into adulthood.

I want you to know I am praying for you if you've been like Pharaoh's daughter, called to love children who are not yours by birth (and thus the mother who brought that child into your life, even if it is complicated).

I want you to know I am praying for you if you, like many, are watching (or have watched) your mother age, and disappear into the long goodbye of dementia.

I want you to know that I am praying for you if you, like Mary, are pregnant for the very first time and waiting breathlessly for the miracle of your first child.

I want you to know that I am praying for you if your children have turned away from you, painfully closing the door on relationship, leaving you holding your broken heart in your hands. And like Hagar, now you are mothering alone.

I want you to know that I am praying for you if motherhood is your greatest joy and toughest struggle all rolled into one.

I want you to know that I am praying for you if you are watching your child battle substance abuse, a public legal situation, mental illness, or another situation which you can merely watch unfold.

I want you to know that I am praying for you if you like so many women before you do not wish to be a mother, are not married, or in so many other ways do not fit into societal norms.

I want you to know that I am praying for you if you see yourself reflected in all, or none of these stories. This mother's day, wherever and whoever you are, we walk with you. You are loved. You are seen. You are worthy.

And may you know the deep love without end of our big, wild, beautiful God who is the very best example of a parent that we know. Amen.

A prayer for Mother's Day, originally written by Amy Young, adapted by Heidi Carrington Heath

Coffee Hour After Worship Is BACK!

We are once again offering some refreshments (coffee, tea, hot coco, cookies, fruit and other treats) after our Sunday worship services.

We need bakers and other treat makers (givers) for this ministry. We would like to put Hospitality Teams together and on a monthly rotation. When it is your team's month, your team captain will schedule what Sunday works for each team member to bring treats. They can be baked goods homemade, or store bought, fresh fruit or any other treat you would like to provide. With a guideline of 2 dozen items per person on a Sunday – usually have two people bring for a total of about 4 dozen “or so.” If you have time on your Sunday to stay and clean up after coffee hour, great...if not, it is not a problem, we always have help to do the clean up. If you would like to be on this ministry group, call the Bethel Office 406-761-1543 or email bethelgf.church@gmail.com and leave your name, phone number and email.



"For bells are the voice of the church; They have tones that touch and search The hearts of young and old."

- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Calling All Bell Ringers!

The Bethel Bell Choir will be playing Sunday, May 22nd.

Rehearsal will be Saturday, May 21st from 10 am to Noon.

If you would like to play in the Bell Choir that Sunday, email Sharon Mueller at oboecclar@gmail.com by May 16th.

Joke of the week...

When does a joke become a Dad Joke?



When it becomes apparent!

*May all the love you give,
come back to you a hundredfold.
Happy Mother's Day*

Lawn Mower Mechanic Needed

Two lawn mowers have been donated to Family Promise of Great Falls. However, they are in need of a little TLC and repair before they can be used.

We are looking for one or two mechanically inclined people who would be willing to take a look at the lawn mowers and diagnose/fix them and get them ready for summer. They will be used for lawn care at the Promise Place Shelter.



Please contact, Greg Grosenick, Family Promise Executive Director at 406-564-5267.



Close Knit Crafters Resumes in May!

Hey all you crafty people, Close Knit Crafters is starting back up and ready to get creative!

This group gets together to crochet, knit, do crafts of all kinds, teach you how to knit or crochet or just visit! Close Knit ministry began approximately 12 years ago to make **Prayer Shawls**, and have made over 100. Now they have expanded to doing any crafts. They meet on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month from 9:00 AM - Noon and we are a fun group! If you would like to join in this crafty crew, they meet in the Fellowship Hall at Bethel and will start back May 14th.

If you would like more information about this group talk with our leaders Sue Hesse, Shelly Murphy or Leone Nuessle.

All are welcome!



Mother's Day Brunch

May 8th - 3 Seatings
available: 9:30am, 11am, 12:30pm

\$25/ages 12+ | \$18/ages 5-11 | Free/3 & under
Celebrate Mother's Day with a brunch buffet by the lake!

<https://flbc.net/mothersdaybrunch/>

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!

FLBC is hiring for 2022 Summer Staff!

We are putting together an awesome team of staff to help us make Summer 2022 amazing! We are looking for faith-filled, hard-working, and kind-hearted individuals to join our team. Visit <https://flbc.net/employment/> to learn more and to apply! People ages 16+ are invited to apply for a variety of positions such as camp counselors, support staff, and more!

Attention High School and College Graduates

Bethel Lutheran Church has dedicated Sunday, May 22nd as Graduate Sunday and would like to invite you to worship and for a special blessing.

If you are a high school or college graduate and would like to worship with us on this special Sunday. Contact Tami at the Bethel office to RSVP.



406-761-1543 or email

bethelgf.church@gmail.com

Congratulations on this wonderful achievement!

Job Opening in the Montana Synod Office

We are sad to announce that Candi Standall will be resigning to move to Memphis, Tennessee to be closer to family at the end of June.

Therefore we are opening up applications for our Office Administrator position! If interested, please download the full application below and mail to the synod office or email:

cstandall@montanasynod.org

Open Position: OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

Full-time, hourly + benefits

Interviewing is expected to begin May 2, 2022.

Start date: June 13, 2022 (at the earliest)

Accepting Applications until the position is filled.

[Click here for Full
Job Description and
benefits.](#)

Position Description:

The Office Administrator for the Montana Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) is an integral part of the synod staff team whose primary responsibilities involve the day-to-day activities within an office environment including answering phone calls and email, maintaining paper and on-line filing systems, organizing synod events, maintaining a contacts database and a variety of front office reception tasks.

Just for YOUTH

The good shepherd

John 10:22-30

Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice. I know them and they follow me. No one will steal my sheep away from me. I give them everlasting life and they will be with me forever."

Help this shepherd find three missing sheep.



this week

A good shepherd calls sheep by name. Find out how your name was chosen and what it means.

Vacation Bible School

July 18th—22nd

9:00 am to 1:30 pm

It's time to register for Vacation Bible School for grades (entering) Kindergarten to 6th. Junior Counselors (entering) 7th grade and up. More information and online registration at <https://www.bethelmt.org/vbs.html> - this camp is FREE for all participants.

If you are interested in attending Flat-head Lutheran Bible Camp at Lakeside this year, Bethel offers scholarships to campers on a first come first serve basis. Simply send a copy of your invoice from FLBC (they send you once you register and pay your deposit) to Bethel and we will pay \$100 directly to FLBC.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday 5/10

- Electric City Bible Study, Zoom meeting 7:00 am
- Men's Breakfast Zoom & in the Fellowship Hall 7:00 am
- Council Meeting in the Fellowship Hall 6:30 pm

Wednesday 5/11

- Bible Study with Pastor Jessie on Zoom 10:00 am

Friday 5/13

- Bethel office is closed.

Saturday 5/14

- Close Knit Crafters meet in the Fellowship Hall 9:00 am

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 5/15

- Confirmation Sunday Worship led by Pastor Jessie, in-person and live stream 9:30 am.
- Reception for Confirmands following our service.

Tuesday 5/17

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

Wednesday 5/18

- Bible Study with Pastor Jessie on Zoom 10:00 am

Friday 5/20

- 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 loli51gus@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 loli51gus@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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