



Palm Sunday

SUNDAY
MARCH 29, 2026
10:00AM

BETHEL
LUTHERAN
CHURCH

Celebrating Jesus

IN-PERSON AND ONLINE
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In gratitude, Bethel Lutheran Church amplifies God's grace, nourishes all creation, reaches out, and builds community.

- We are a Reconciling in Christ Congregation.
- Why a Public Church? To impact and enhance the community so that everyone feels a sense of love and belonging.

PALM SUNDAY

March 29, 2026, 10:00AM

We welcome to the Lord's Table all people, without exception, who desire to receive the blessings of Christ's body and blood in this sacramental meal of bread and wine. If you are online, please prepare your own table with bread, wine, and/or a treat for anyone not receiving communion.

Boldface font indicates congregational response.

Worship leaders will indicate when to stand and sit, as you are able.

GATHERING

Gathering Music

"O Sacred Head Surrounded" by Paul Tate

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song



O ser - vants of God, let us sing our praise.



We bless your ho - ly name, O God.

Assisting Minister

A musical staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4.

From the ris - ing of the sun to its set - ting,

All

A musical staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4.

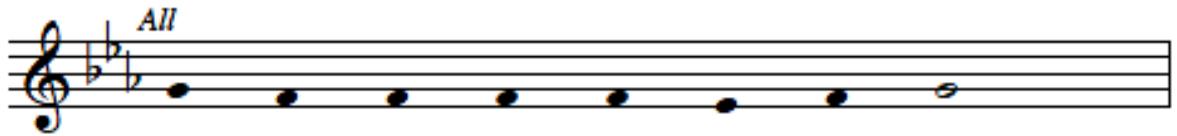
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You lift up the weak and hun - gry.

All

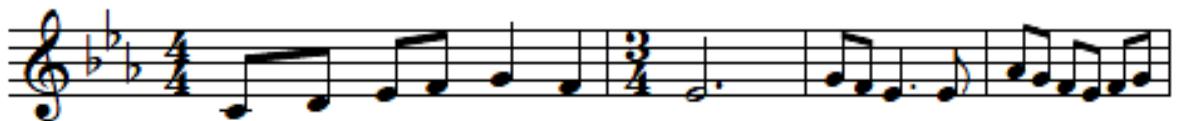
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Assisting Minister *All*

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And your glo - ry shines a - bove the heav - ens We

A musical staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4.

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Greeting

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, we believe that God meets us here. We gather in the name of the Creator, and of the Savior, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

WORD

Lesson

Luke 19:36-40 *Inclusive*

Then the disciples led the animal to Jesus and, laying their cloaks on it, helped Jesus mount. People spread their cloaks on the roadway as Jesus rode along. As they reached the descent from the Mount of Olives, the entire crowd of disciples joined them and began to rejoice and praise God loudly for the display of power they had seen, saying, "**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of our God! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest!**" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" Jesus replied, "**I tell you, if they were to keep silent, the very stones would cry out!**"

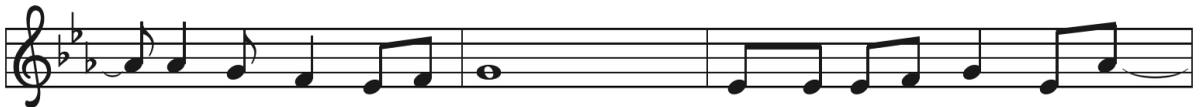
Word of God. **Word of life.**

Opening Hymn and Palm Procession ACS 929

"Blessed Is the One"



Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name, who comes



in the name of the Lord. Bless-ed is the one who comes



in the name, who comes in the name of the Lord.

Text: Psalm 118:26

Music: BLESSED IS THE ONE, Nathan Houge, b. 1977

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Holy God, **you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with confess Jesus as Lord and praise him as the Savior of all. Amen.**

Lesson

Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he existed in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God

as something to be grasped,

but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,

assuming human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a human,

he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross.

Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name

that is above every other name,

so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

Word of God. **Word of life.**

Children's Message, then Sunday School

Children and the young at heart are invited to the front of the sanctuary.

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, **"This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."**

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ELW 893

"Before You, Lord, We Bow



1 Be - fore you, Lord, we bow, our God who reigns a - bove and
2 May ev - 'ry moun - tain height, each vale and for - est green, shine
3 Earth, hear your mak - er's voice; your great re - deem - er own; be -
4 And when in pow'r he comes, oh, may then ev - 'ry land from



rules the world be - low with bound - less pow'r and love. Our thanks we
forth in wis - dom's light, and its rich fruits be seen! May ev - 'ry
lieve, o - bey, re - joice, and wor - ship God a - lone. Cast down your
all its rend - ing tombs send forth a glo - rious band, a count - less



bring in joy and praise, our hearts we raise, to you we sing!
tongue be tuned to praise and join to raise a grate - ful song.
pride, your sin de - plore, and bow be - fore the Cru - ci - fied.
throng, with joy to sing to heav'n's high king sal - va - tion's song!

Text: Francis Scott Key, 1779–1843, alt.

Music: DARWALL'S 148TH, John Darwall, 1731–1789

Prayer Updates

Prayers of the People

In this moment, we open the doors of our lives to the call of our Creator, the God of all people, who invites us to become more than we can ask or imagine.

A brief silence.

Each petition ends with a response:

Lord, receive our prayer, **and in your love, answer.**

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident that you will turn to us and be gracious to us and all people, without exception. **Amen.**

Peace

The peace of Jesus is with you always. **And also with you.**

Offering

For checks and cash offerings, please place them in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary. For members, if you are making a cash donation, place it in an envelope with your name on it. For online giving through PayPal scan the QR code.

*Online worshipers, please send checks directly to:
Bethel Lutheran 4120 17th Ave S, Mpls, MN 55407
Thank you for your generosity!*



Bethel Bell Choir

“Praise to the Lord, The Almighty” by Bill Ingram

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. O God, **maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

MEAL

The Great Thanksgiving

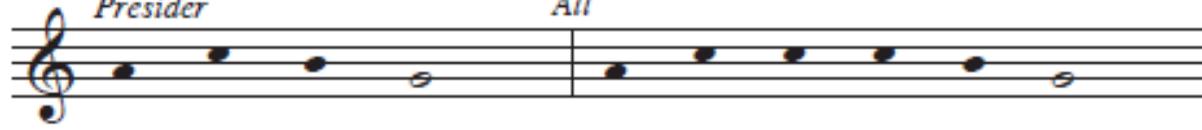
Presider *All*



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Detailed description: A single staff of music in treble clef. The first part, labeled 'Presider', contains a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a half note C5, and a quarter rest. The second part, labeled 'All', contains a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a half note C5, and a quarter rest.

Presider *All*



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Detailed description: A single staff of music in treble clef. The first part, labeled 'Presider', contains a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a half note C5. The second part, labeled 'All', contains a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a half note C5, and a quarter rest.

Presider



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Detailed description: A single staff of music in treble clef containing a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a half note C5, a quarter note D5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note F5, a quarter note G5, and a quarter rest.

All



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Detailed description: A single staff of music in treble clef containing a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a half note C5, a quarter note D5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note F5, a quarter note G5, and a quarter rest.

Holy, Holy, Holy

All



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

Detailed description: A single staff of music in treble clef with a 6/8 time signature. It contains a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note D5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note F5, a quarter note G5, and a quarter rest. A double bar line is placed after the first four notes. The label 'All' is positioned above the staff.

God of pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is the One who comes, who
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name,
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

For as often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the mystery of faith, that **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us

our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Lamb of God

All

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

1., 2.

world; have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us.

3.

world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymn ELW 496

“One Bread, One Body”

Refrain

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of

bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y

through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
 2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
 3 Grain for the fields, scat - tered and grown,

wom - an or man, no more.
 one in the Lord of all.
 gath - ered to one for all.

Refrain

Text: John Foley, st. b. 1939
 Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, St
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Bethel Choir

“Prayer of St. Francis” by Todd Price

Post Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthens you in faith, holds you in God’s grace, forgives your sins, and empowers you to love all others.

Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray. God of our salvation, **we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Help us become Christ’s body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation. Amen.**

SENDING

Benediction

God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, blesses you now and always.

Amen.

Sending Hymn ACS 930

“Three Holy Days Enfold Us Now”



1 Three ho - ly days en - fold us now in wash - ing
2 The mys - t'ry hid from a - ges past is here re -
3 Christ, lift - ed high up - on the tree, be - fore you



feet and break - ing bread, in cross and font and
vealed in word and sign, for Je - sus' sto - ry
ev - 'ry knee shall bend and ev - 'ry tongue in



life re - newed: in Christ, God's first - born from the dead.
is our own: new life through death is God's de - sign.
praise pro - claim: “You are the Lord of all. A - men.”

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: ROCKINGHAM OLD, Edward Miller, 1731–1807, adapt.

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Dismissal

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sending Music

“Schmücke dich, o liebe Selle” by Johannes Brahms

Ministers:	All Believers	Musicians:	Anne Phillips, Vocal and Bell Choirs
Presiding Minister:	Rev. Brenda Froisland	Sacristy:	Marilyn Newborg
Assisting Minister:	Anna Olsen	Ushers:	Don Olson and Darlene Olson
Lector:	Anna Wohnoutka	Live Streaming:	Gene Rodi and Ted Allison
Cantor:	Kristin Cleary	Hospitality:	The Wohnoutka Family
Music Director:	Bernie Asher	Altar Guild:	Sharon Rodi and Grace Simons

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Easter

AT BETHEL

EASTER BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 5 at 9am

Please RSVP to reserve your spot:

bethel@bethel-mpls.org

(612) 724-3693

or complete

the form here:



EASTER SERVICE

Sunday, April 5 at 10am

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 4 at 10am

Join us at Bethel for an Easter Egg Hunt!

Kids up to 5th grade are welcome to join.

Lent

WITH BETHEL

Joint services with St. Peder's and BOLD

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, February 18 at 7pm

At Bethel

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, March 29 at 10am at Bethel

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday, April 2 at 7:00pm

We will worship at St. Peder's

4600 E 42nd Street, Minneapolis.

SOUP AND WORSHIP

WEDNESDAYS

February 25 and March 4, 11, 18, 25

5:30pm Soup | 6:15pm Worship

At Bethel

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 3 at 7:00pm

We will have a Service of Darkness at Bethel.

PRAYER

list...

PRAY FOR BETHEL MEMBERS

Meredith LaCount	Karen McBride
Anna Olsen	Laurel Jorgensen
Dave and Libby Krogh	Gloria Condon
Barb Saunders	Hundt Family
Hoover Family	Puckett Family
Leonard Phillips	Darrell Dahl
David and Sue	Walker Family
Dorumsgaard Ayers	Cannon Family
Joyce Hughes	Warwick Family
Gert Carlson	Pikkarainen Family

MORE PEOPLE OF GOD

- People struggling with mental illness and their loved ones
- Victims of natural and human disasters
- People of Ukraine, Israeli Citizens, Iranian Citizens, and Palestinians in Gaza
- All of us regarding COVID, RSV, Flu, Mpox
- Black, Brown, Indigenous, and Asian Lives
- People without homes
- Refugees, Migrants and Asylum Seekers
- People affected by gun violence

PRAY FOR OUR RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Sonia (Gene Rodi's sister)
Beth (Dan Hauge's sister)
Vince and Carrie (Kelly Chilvers' friends)
Andrea and Sage (Candy Hickenbotham's family)
Ethylmae Ross (Gloria Condon's aunt)
Ian (Pr B's friend)
Eric (Pr B's and Mary's family friend)
Julian (Jan Walker's friend)
Kevin Johnson and family (Les' brother)
Kristian (Pr B's friend)
Steve (Pr B's brother)
Michael (Marilyn Newborg's brother)
Donovan (Angel Cannon's father)
Rita (Sharon Phillips' friend)
Calvin (Angel Cannon's godfather)
Wayne (Karen Warwick's dad)
Trent and Michelle (Norma's family)
Darlene (Jeff Alberts' mom)
Susan (Mike Condon's sister)
John (Kathy Hundt's brother-in-law)
Andrea (Mona Falk's daughter)

MEMBERS, RELATIVES AND FRIENDS IN THE SERVICE

Katrel Bishop (Pr B's nephew)
Adam Froisland (Pr B's nephew)
Evan Harrison (Pr B's great nephew)

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