



Bethlehem Lutheran Church
& Early Childhood Center



Radical **HOPE**

Easter Vigil

April 3rd, 2021

Welcome to Bethlehem!

What should you expect when you come for in-person worship on the lawn? Below are a few guidelines. If you are joining us virtually, please feel free to skip this section. Above all, we ask that you come with an open mind and a gracious heart as we live into this new way of worshipping together.

- If you have a fever, cough, breathing problems, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, vomiting, diarrhea, or loss of taste or smell – please enjoy our virtual worship service from your home.
- If you have traveled outside of California, flown on a plane, or been exposed to someone with the above symptoms, please enjoy our virtual worship service from your home for 14 days.
- Masks will be required at all times, except for children 2 years and under.
- Please maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet from people not in your household.
- Bring any supplies you might need to survive a 45 min outdoor worship service!
 - **Chairs or blankets** (limited handicap seating will be available)
 - Water, hats, sunscreen, umbrellas, and hand sanitizer
 - Your own communion elements
- Please print the bulletin at home or bring it on your phone or tablet.
 - A scannable QR code will be available when you arrive if you forget.
- There will be one entrance point near the olive trees and benches. Exits will be located near the MU building and Dot's Garden.
- Ushers will guide you to your seating area. Once you are seated, please refrain from leaving your seating area. Children must remain with their household at all times. Ushers will come and dismiss you when worship has concluded.
- Please refrain from using the bathroom if possible. The bathroom in the MU building will be available for one person to use at a time if necessary.
 - Please enter through the door closest to the parking lot.
 - And exit through the door that opens onto the grass.

Triduum



During Holy Week, we join with Christians around the world in observing the Three Days, known by their Latin name, the Triduum. They are the pinnacle of the church year, beginning with the evening service on Maundy Thursday, and continuing through the Sunday evening of Easter. We travel with Jesus from last supper, to his betrayal and trial, to the moment of the cross, to his burial, and finally to the joy and promise of the empty tomb. These three days are observed not only in remembrance of Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection, but so that we might be able to enter these experiences ourselves. We remember that through baptism we are joined to Christ's death and resurrection. As we move through these three days, we ponder the depth and the mystery of God's love, we reflect on the meaning of Christ's presence in our lives, and we give thanks for all that God has done. We are again raised with him and, brimming with hope, we are empowered and sent as messengers and servants into the world.





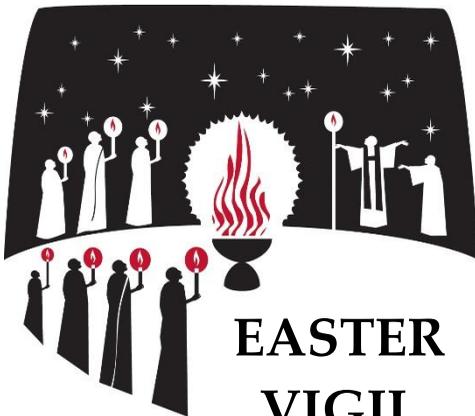
MAUNDY *Thursday*

Maundy Thursday centers on Jesus' commandment to love one another, and is the origin of two of the church's most ancient, and sacred acts. The symbolic act of foot-washing helps to remind us that we are called to a life of service and love. At the Lord's Table we remember Jesus' sacrifice. We receive God's grace, forgiveness, and love through bread and wine; and we are strengthened so that we might offer ourselves in love for the life of the world.

+ *Good* Friday



Good Friday is a somber celebration as we travel with Jesus through the final hours of his life by way of his seven last words, read within the story of the passion. This is intended to be a time of personal meditation and reflection. Good Friday is the day we contemplate the cross, and the lengths to which our God would go to save us all. God's love, grace, and promise all meet in the moment of the cross, and we receive God's promise to show up in all of the crucifixion moments of our own lives.



EASTER VIGIL

The **Easter Vigil** is the earliest service of the church, with portions of the liturgy dating back to the 4th century. The church has always vigiled all Saturday night, "because we do not know at what hour our Lord arose from the tomb." The Vigil is also the traditional time of baptism, with the newly baptized coming immediately into their first service of Holy Communion at Easter dawn. Easter Vigil at Bethlehem is joyous and raucous and full of resurrection hope.

THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

THE NEW FIRE & LIGHTING OF THE EASTER CANDLE

The congregation receives the light of Christ.

L: May the Light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

The candle is raised. All sing refrain and cantor sings verses.

PRAYER OF CHRIST'S LIGHT

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN "Everybody Has a Light to Shine" – World Music Ensemble

Ev'rybody has a light to shine; ev'rybody has a light to shine.

Ev'ry has a light to shine. Ev'rybody has a light to shine.

Do your very best and God will do the rest.

Ev'rybody has a light to shine; ev'rybody has a light to shine. Repeat

Shine your light. Shine your light.

Shine your light; ev'rybody has a light to shine

THE SERVICE OF THE READINGS

THE STORY OF SALVATION

WORD OF COURAGE

Daniel 3

SONG

"Cool Under Fire" – World Music Ensemble

And they were cool under fire.

Believin' in the Lord and His way.

Cool under fire, never stopped rejoicin'

Singin' God's praise.

WORD OF TRUST

Exodus 1:22 – 2:10

EASTER NOISE

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD FOR EASTER

GOSPEL FOR THE FESTIVAL OF THE RESURRECTION

John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher).

Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

R: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

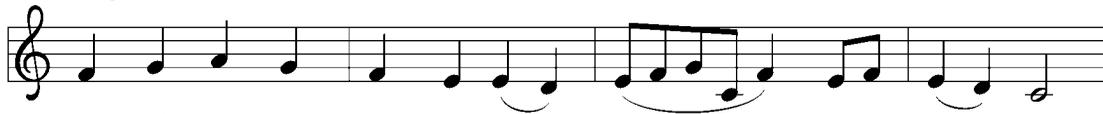
Pastor Laura Ziehl

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus Christ is Risen Today – ELW 365



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

L: Joined to Christ, and joined to one another through the waters of baptism, we are drenched in God's mercy and forgiveness.

C: Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

L: From the water and the dust, from what appeared as nothing, you created everything, filling your creatures with your own breath.

C: By your Word, you called out order from the chaos.

L: When waters overwhelmed the earth, and both your heart and creation were flooded with grief, you delivered Noah and his family in the ark and set your bow in the sky as a promise.

C: "Never again," you said.

L: When your people were trapped between a threatening Egyptian army and an impassable sea, you made a way out of no way, and led Israel to safety.

C: For the water that connects us to you, we give you thanks.

L: When your disciples were tossed about by a storm on the sea, you spoke to the waves and their hearts, saying "Peace, be still."

C: For the water that connects us to healing and salvation, we give you thanks.

L: As we remember the stories of creation, salvation and healing that come through water, we remember also our own stories of baptism, through which you have promised new life, and an eternal identity as your beloved children.

C: Shower us now with your Spirit. Sustain us daily with your promise, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace and love. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Come to the Water” - World Music Ensemble

During the special music you are invited to prepare your communion elements.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you always, C: **And also with you!**

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you, C: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts, C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ELW pg. 112

Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
 and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

If you have prepared communion elements, you are invited to commune during the hymn saying: “The body of Christ, given for you.” & “The blood of Christ, shed for you.”

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Let Us Go Now to the Banquet – ELW 523

Refrain / Estribillo



Va - mos to - dos al ban - que - te, a la
Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the



me - sa de la crea - ción; ca - da cual con su ta - bu -
feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is



re - te tie - ne un pues - to y u - na mi - sión.
wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.



I I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -



mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for me. With a spring in my step I'm

Refrain / Estribillo



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BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

“Somos Uno” – World Music Ensemble

Somos uno, everyone. Somos uno, we are one.
Somos uno, everyone. So-mos uno, we are one.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

For in-person worshippers – during the postlude, please pack up your belongings and wait for the ushers to come and dismiss you. We hope to see you again soon!

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All Are Welcome!

We live in a diverse world. We are hurting, broken and heavy hearted. We are loving, celebrating, and above all — we are welcoming. Regardless of the color of your skin or the color of your hair, regardless of your gender identity, sexual orientation, relationship status, or political affiliation — you are welcome here.

If you are a believer, a doubter or a seeker after Christ — you have a place here.

If you own, rent, or have nothing at all — you are welcome here.

If you are fully abled, disabled, or a person of differing abilities, if you have regrets, fears, addictions, or afflictions — you have a place here.

All who are wise and all who are confused, all who have found love and all who have lost it, all who celebrate this welcome statement and all who fear it — are welcome here.

For these are all of the things that make you who you are: the person God loves. Come as you are and be celebrated for who you are. The time is now. Your place is here. Bethlehem Lutheran Church is an all-inclusive church.

**The Mission of Bethlehem Lutheran Church is
to announce boldly the love of God through Christ.**



Reconciling in Christ



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