



Bethlehem Lutheran Church & Early Childhood Center



Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025

Worship Services

9:00 am | 10:30 am

Welcome to Bethlehem!

We hope you feel a warm welcome here at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Please visit our website at www.blcenc.org for more information about the congregation. If you are visiting with us, please fill out an information card and place it in the offering basket so we can stay connected.

CHILDREN

All children are welcome in the sanctuary for worship at Bethlehem. If you prefer, there is a comfort room at the back of the sanctuary. Busy bags are available in the narthex. After Children's Time at our 10:30 AM service children ages 3 years – 6th grade may either attend our Learning Circle program or remain with you.

COMMUNION

We practice **open communion**, meaning all are welcome to participate. We commune by intinction where the pastor dips the bread into a divided chalice with white wine or red grape juice. There is a gluten-free station on the left side of the sanctuary. We are happy to bring communion to individuals with limited mobility.

PARTICIPATION & ACCESSIBILITY

The different movements that happen during worship (sitting, standing, making the sign of the cross) are all optional; please engage as you are comfortable or able. Hearing assistance devices are located at the back of the sanctuary and large-print bulletins are available in the narthex. If you, or someone you know, identify as neurodivergent and have questions about how to participate in worship or in one of our church ministries, please feel free to ask either the pastors or the church office for help.

PRAYER

In addition to the pastors, our Stephen Ministers are always available to pray with you about whatever is on your heart this day. Please look for the folks wearing a blue name tag with the Stephen Ministry logo. Healing prayer stations are available during communion on the second Sunday of each month.



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GATHERING

WELCOME

L: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna in the highest!

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

Luke 19:28-40

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. Now as he was approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

BLESSING OF PALMS

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna in the highest!

L: Blessed is the One who comes to us by the way of love poured out with abandon.

C: Hosanna in the highest!

L: Blessed is the One who walks toward us by the way of grace that holds us fast.

C: Hosanna in the highest!

L: Blessed is the One who calls us to follow in the way of blessing, in the path of joy.

C: Hosanna in the highest!

L: We praise and thank you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: We ask that you bless these branches and we your disciples, and grant that we may ever hail Jesus as our Lord and King and follow him in the way of truth, mercy, and love. Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN

"Lord, What a Parade" by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

To the tune of You Servants of God – ELW 825



1. Lord what a pa – rade! The crowd quick-ly grew; what noise they all
2. They wel – comed you in, a con – quer – ing king, yet what kind of
3. Did those in that crowd ex – pect some-thing more than one who reached
4. Lord Je – sus it's true, we give you glad praise, yet liv – ing for



Made in wel – com – ing you. "Ho – san – na!" they shout-ed. "It's
Reign would you re – ally bring? It was – n't a war horse you
Out in love to the poor? Did they think a sav – ior with
You will chall-enge our ways. So may we be op – en and



Da – vid's own son! Ho – san – na come save us God's reign has be – gun!"
Rode on that day; a crea – ture of peace car-ried you on your way
Arm – ies was best, or did they re-mem-ber the peace-ful are blessed?
Wel-come your reign. Ho – san – na come save us! Re – new us a – gain!

GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray ...

C: Amen.

WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 2:5-11

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Who Is This King?

Music by Lloyd Larson and Joseph M. Martin

Orchestration by Brant Adams

In the Beginning Was the Word

How Marvelous Are the Works

You Are the Christ!

The King of Glory

Who Is This King?

King of Tears

Are You the One?

Crucify This Man!

Ah Holy Jesus/O Love Divine

God So Loved the World

PRAYER FOR THE JOURNEY

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

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.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Lamb of God from "Now the Feast"



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 you break the chains of ha - tred and
 you are the way of jus - tice and
 you are the way of mer - cy and

Congregation:

world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
 fear:
 peace:
 love.

Final Stanza*Congregation or Assistant:*

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you

Congregation:

take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,



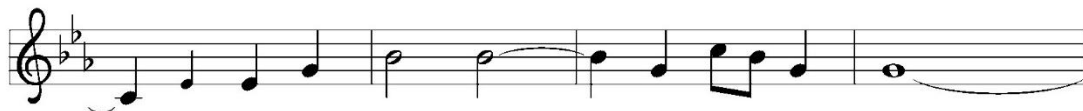
grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me – ELW 325



1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



I want Je - sus to walk with me;
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
when my heart is al - most break - ing,
when my head is bowed in sor - row,



Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

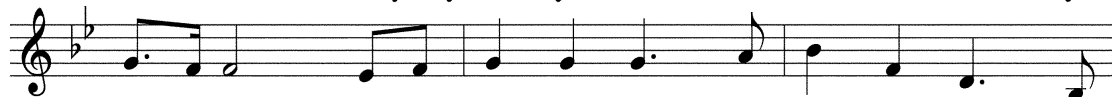
BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

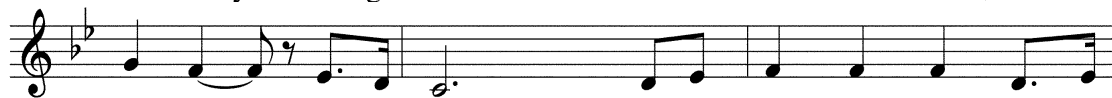
Jerusalem, My Destiny – GC 399



I have fixed my eyes on your hills, Je - ru - sa - lem, my



des - ti - ny! Though I can - not see the end for me, I



can - not turn a - way. We have set our hearts for the



way; this jour - ney is our des - ti - ny. Let

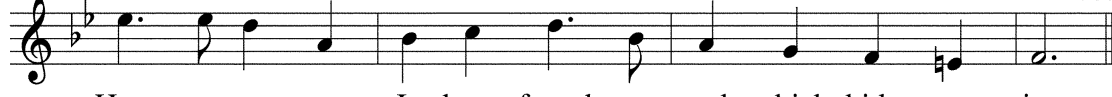


no-one walk a - lone. The jour - ney makes us one.



1. Oth - er spir - its, less - er gods, have court - ed me with lies.
2. See, I leave the past be - hind; a new land calls to me.
3. In my thirst, you let me drink the wa - ters of your life.
4. All the worlds I have not seen you o - pen to my view.
5. To the tombs I went to mourn the hope I thought was gone.

D.C.



Here a - mong you I have found a truth which bids me rise.
 Here a - mong you now I find a glimpse of what might be.
 Here a - mong you I have met the sav - ior, Je - sus Christ.
 Here a - mong you I have found a vi - sion, bright and new.
 Here a - mong you I a - woke to un - ex - pect - ed dawn.

SENDING

L: Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way! **C:** Thanks be to God!

WE WISH TO THANK THOSE WHO HAVE OFFERED THEIR TALENTS TODAY!

GOOD NEWS SINGERS

Sopranos: Lisa Adlam, Sherry Cass, Carolin Meinhardt, Rene Noga, Carole Orness.

Altos: Jana Hegg, Molly Hall, Sandy Lakey, Heather Pizzuto, Loie Michael, Lori Wolf.

Tenors: Dave Ensberg, Steve Grady, Mike Lindberg.

Basses: Ron Hegg, Jim Mastrogany, Mike O’Leary, Mark Reynolds, Mark Stauffer.

INSTRUMENTALISTS

Renaudo Robinson, violin

Anna Grable, cello

Cathy Blickenstaff, flute

Tim Martin, oboe

Clark Crane, clarinet

Mark Weed, trumpet

Heather Barclay, percussion

NARRATORS

Bill Dabbs

Sue LaClair

Mona Goetsch, Director

Tania Funk, Accompanist

Natasha Riabova, Accompanist

All Are Welcome!

We live in a diverse world. We are hurting, broken and heavy hearted. We are loving, joyous, and above all, we are welcoming. Regardless of the color of your skin, or the color of your hair; regardless of your gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, relationship status, or political affiliation, you are welcome here. We honor indigenous people and are committed to the work of anti-racism and the stewardship of the creation.

If you are Buddhist, Roman Catholic, agnostic, Muslim, Jewish, seeking, have never set foot in a church, or are a life long Lutheran; you have a place here. If you own, rent, or have nothing at all; you are welcome here. If you are neurodivergent, 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.

Come as you are and be celebrated for who you are. Your place is here. Bethlehem Lutheran is an All are Welcome church.



Reconciling in Christ



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