# Welcome to Bethania Lutheran Kirke



March 12, 2023 10:30 a.m.

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### Thank you for worshipping with us today, in an effort to keep everyone safe:

#### 1. Masks are Optional

- 2. The offering plate will be at the door of the sanctuary.
- 3. Worshippers are to take bulletins home with them or deposit in recycle bin near the narthex doors.
- 4. Communion will be by intinction. Dipping the wafer into the wine filled chalice. Grape juice and Covid cups will be available for those who request them.
- 5. Use of Hand sanitizer is required when entering and leaving the sanctuary.
- 6. Contact Tracing -

A digital image of the congregants will be taken during the service to act as a reference should an individual become COVID positive within 5 days of church service.

# Trayer List

Dan Cruz, Ann Marie, Pat & Pete Nelson, Jeff & Sue O.,



Austin Imhoff, Forest, Kyle, Kevin Dahlen, Ryan Nelson, Carl & Mickey Monefeldt,, Anita Nielsen Tom Nielsen, Jamie, Janet and Bonnie Jensen

#### **TODAYS WORSHIP LEADERS:**

Guest Pastor: Pastor Paul Ihlenfelt

Musician: William Mueller Communion Assistant: TBD

Lector: Anne WOodward

Acolyte: Brooke McIntosh

Coffee Hour: Altar Guild

Altar Flowers: None

**Building Host: Aldersons** 

	March 19	March 26	April 2 Palm Sunday	April 9 Easter
Worship Leader	Pastor Chad Kline	Pastor Kara Baylor	Pastor Kara Baylor	Pastor Chad Kline
Communion Assistant				
Lector	Anita Nielsen	Willy Mueller	Anne Woodward	
Acolyte	(Open)	Dominic Shawhan	Eli Imhoff	Brooke McIntosh
Coffee Hour				Altar Guild
Altar Flowers				
Building Host	John Barnes	Ed Young	Kelly Imhoff	Brad

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### Order of Worship for Sunday, March 12, 2023

In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life -giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.

#### **PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

**SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS** 

#### **GATHERING**

(Please rise)

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 95, Romans 5)

P: O come, let us sing to our God and make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
C: We lift our hearts and voices in joy and thanksgiving for being here together in the presence of our beloved God.

P: Come, let us worship this amazing God, for we belong to God.

C: We will listen for God's word

C: We will listen for God's word and live in the hope it inspires.

#### PROCESSIONAL & GATHERING HYMN

(TFF# 73)

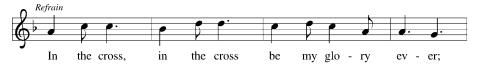
#### Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross



- 1 Je sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre cious foun-tain;
- 2 Near the cross, a trem bling soul, love and mer cy found me;
- 3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be fore me;
- 4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop ing, trust ing ev er.



stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain. free to all, heal - ing there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me. help me walk from day day with its shad - ow o'er to me. till I reach the gold - en just be - yond the riv - er. strand





Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915

Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832-1915

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Exodus 17)

P: Let Us Pray, Patient and ever-faithful God. we come to you this morning confessing that we can be a grumpy and unsatisfied people. When things are not perfect in our eyes, we murmur and complain, and arumble and doubt. We lose hope in the people around us and, even worse, we lose hope in you. We challenge instead of accept. We put you to the test rather than trust your caring love. Forgive our doubts and complaining. Forgive our loss of hope. Let your healing, life-giving waters pour over us. Restore our souls.

C: Amen.

#### **SALUTATION**

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

P: Let us pray,

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

#### <u>WORD</u>

**OUR FIRST LESSON** is from the book of Exodus, chapter 17, verses 1 through 7.

Because the thirsty Israelites quarreled with Moses and put God to the test, Moses cried out in desperation to God. God commanded Moses to strike the rock to provide water for the people. The doubt-filled question—"Is the LORD among us or not?"—received a very positive answer.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. 2The people guarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" 3But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" 4So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." 5The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. 61 will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

#### PLEASE READ RESPONSIVELY - PSALM 95

Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

<sup>2</sup>Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.

<sup>3</sup>For you, LORD, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.

<sup>4</sup>In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours.

<sup>5</sup>The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.

<sup>6</sup>Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD our maker.

<sup>7</sup>For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!

<sup>8</sup>"Harden not your hearts, as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.

<sup>9</sup>There your ancestors tested me, they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

<sup>10</sup>Forty years I loathed that generation, saying, 'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.'

Indeed I swore in my anger, 'They shall never come to my rest.' "

# OUR SECOND LESSON is from the book of Romans; chapter 5, verses 1 through 11.

Though we often hear that God helps those who help themselves, here Paul tells us that through Jesus' death God helps utterly helpless sinners. Since we who had been enemies are reconciled to God in the cross, we now live in hope for our final salvation.

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

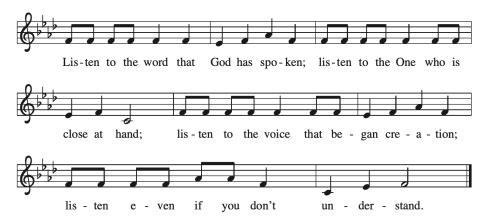
L: This is the Spirit speaking to the church.

C: Thanks be to God!

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

(ACS#994)

#### Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken



Text: Anonymous, Canada

Music: LISTEN TO THE WORD, Anonymous, Canada; adapt. Church Hymnary, 4th Edition, 2005

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 4th chapter. C: Glory to you O Lord.

#### GOSPEL: John 4:5-42

Jesus defies convention to engage a Samaritan woman in conversation. Her testimony, in turn, leads many others to faith.

<sup>5</sup>Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup>A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." 8(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." 11The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? 12 Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" 13 Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 14but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." 15The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

<sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." <sup>17</sup>The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; <sup>18</sup>for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" <sup>19</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem."

<sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup>You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." <sup>25</sup>The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." <sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

<sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" <sup>28</sup>Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, <sup>29</sup>"Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" <sup>30</sup>They left the city and were on their way to him.

<sup>31</sup>Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." <sup>32</sup>But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." <sup>33</sup>So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. <sup>35</sup>Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. <sup>36</sup>The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup>For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' <sup>38</sup>I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor.

Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

<sup>39</sup>Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." <sup>40</sup>So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup>And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup>They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

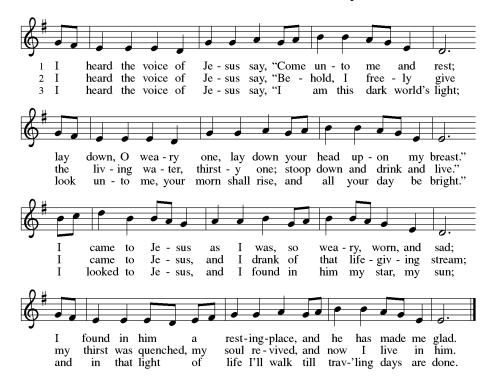
P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you O Christ.

(Please be seated)

#### **MESSAGE**

(Please rise)

#### I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889 Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

#### UNISON LENTEN PRAYER

P: Let us pray,

C: You were a man of suffering acquainted with grief, loved and despised in equal measure.

You understand humanity, know our failings, love us despite the people that we are.

When we, like Peter, deny you by word or action, forgive us.

When we, like Judas, are tempted to follow a different path, forgive us.

When we, like those in the crowd allow you to be crucified, forgive us.

Bring us to the foot of the Cross to stand next to the one who.

looking into your eyes declared 'Surely this is the Son of God'

**Amen** 



### PRAYERS

P: Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

#### A brief silence.

P: We pray for your church. Bless partnerships with other Christians and inter-religious dialogue. Guide the daily work of denominational and congregational leaders. Strengthen our combined witness for the sake of the gospel, that all experience your life-giving love. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We pray for the universe. All creation teems with life, from the depths of the earth and seas to the skies above. Fill us with awe and reverence for the diversity and preservation of life. Merciful God.

C: receive our prayer.

P: We pray for the nations of the world. Topple the dividing walls that separate us from our neighbors. Form us into your beloved community where diversity of gender, race, language, ability, and ethnic origin is celebrated and affirmed. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We pray for those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit. Be present with all who are lonely, and give courage to all who are afraid. Comfort those who live with chronic illness or other sickness especially Dan, Ann Marie, Pat & Pete, Jeff & Sue O., Austin, Forest, Kyle, Kevin, Ryan, Carl & Mickey, Anita, Tom, Jamie, Janet, Bonnie and all those we name in our hearts, Give them your living water always. Merciful God.

C: receive our prayer.

P: We pray for this congregation, especially those preparing for baptism. Nurture their faith and pour your love into their hearts. Inspire our community by their testimony to God's grace in their lives. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We give thanks for the lives of all your saints especially Irma, Terri and Sam) Their hope in you sustained lives of faith and service. Encourage us with the hope they shared in you. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

#### PRAYER SONG (repeated)

(ELW #741)







Text: South African, based on the Lord's Prayer

Music: MAYENZIWE, South African traditional, as taught by Gobingca George Mxadana

Because of Covid the offering is collected at the center door before worship and will be brought down the center aisle during the repeated prayer song.

#### OFFERING PRAYER (Exodus 17, John 4)

P: Let us pray,

Life-giving God,

we offer you ourselves and our resources.

Use us and our gifts,

that we may be water bearers

to a world thirsty for love,

for meaning, for justice, and for hope.

May all your people encounter fullness of life

through the love of Christ, which lives within us.

C: Amen

#### INTRODUCTION TO THE MEAL

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

#### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: Holy one, great God of judgment and mercy, we give thanks to you through your beloved son, Jesus Christ.

From earliest days, you turned toward your creation, bringing light from darkness, firm ground from the deep, life from the dust.

Adam and Eve turned from the garden to toil and struggle. Abraham and Sarah turned from a life of wandering to the land that you showed them. Your people Israel turned from captivity to cry unto you, and you delivered them from captivity. And in the wilderness Jesus turned away from the tempter and toward his proclamation of the heavenly kingdom.

You ordained for everything a season, a time to break down, and a time to build up, a time to keep, and a time to put aside. Let this now be a time of healing, a time of justice, a time of reconciliation and peace.

On the night in which he turned to his friends, our Lord Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples and said, "Take; eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he also took the cup after the supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the New Covenant in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Remembering, therefore, Christ's turn toward the world, his journey to the cross, and his resurrection from the dead, we turn toward you in the gifts of bread and wine, signs of your mercy and balm for our souls.

C: Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that these gifts may be healing and redemption for us and for your world, the turning toward a new day of righteousness.

C: Amen. Come Holy Spirit.

And now, may all creation turn toward you, seeking your mercy and trusting in your word, that we may share in your glory with all the saints in light.

P: Let us join together in the prayer that our Lord taught us to pray:

#### LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

(Please be seated)

#### SHARING THE MEAL

<u>For in person,</u> come up the center aisle, receive your communion wafer, carefully dip your wafer into the wine. If grape juice/ covid safe is preferred let the assistant know.

For at home using plain bread/crackers and wine/grape juice.

(Please rise)

#### **COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us Pray,
Embodied God,
at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus.
With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise,
empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors
and touch the world with your love.

C: Amen.

**BLESSING** (Exodus 17, Romans 5, John 4)

P: We have encountered the living God through the love of the living Christ.
We have been refreshed by living water.
Go now to live in the hope this encounter inspires.
Be water bearers to a dry and parched world, knowing that the God of love and hope goes before you and with you always.

C: AMEN!

#### **SENDING HYMN** -

"Come Thou Fount" #499 Lutheran Book of Worship –Green Hymnal

#### **RECESSIONAL**

A: We follow the cross of Christ into the world.

(Congregation turns as the cross passes them—so they are facing the back of the church)

#### DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve In Love.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### **POSTLUDE**



SUNDAY SERVICES - 10:30 a.m.

March 19 -God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God's beloved children.

**March 26** –We remember God's unfailing promise in our baptism.

If you need a ride to church please call the church office: 262-632-7267.

# MIDWEEK SERVICES - 7:00 p.m.

"Ways of the Cross"

March 15 - THE CROSS IS LAID ON SIMON OF CYRENE

March 22 -Jesus meets the WOMEN OF JERUSALEM

March 29 - Jesus is stripped of HIS GARMENTS



PALM SUNDAY- April 2 10:30 a.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY - April 6 7:00 p.m.

JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS AND DIES ON THE CROSS (HOLY COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED)

GOOD FRIDAY - April 7

7:00 p.m.

JESUS IS LAID IN THE TOMB

EASTER SUNDAY—APRIL 9 9:30 a.m.—JESUS IS RISEN!



#### SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

**ARE NOW AVAILABLE** 

Deadline is <u>FRIDAY</u>, <u>APRIL 28 at</u> 4:00 p.m.





# LGBTQ+ 101 PRESENTATION

What do all of those letters mean? Why do we care about pronouns? What do God and Scripture have to say about gender and sexuality?

Come to Journey in Faith Church & learn from Pr.

Allison (sbe/ber) and Vicar Juniper (they/them) to learn
some of the basics about the LGBTQ+ community and
about where God and our faith fit into all this.

Monday, March 27, 2023 6pm

6767 Righway 38, Franksville

#### **NEW WORSHIP TIME BEGINNING APRIL 9!**

9:30 a.m. - In Person or on FACEBOOK LIVE.
NOW with closed captioning.

Coffee hour to follow at 10:30 a.m.

Bulletins are available by email or on our website: http://www.bethanialutheran.org/bulletins

## CONGREGATIONAL



Remember the food pantry. Suggested items: Canned dinners, Peanut butter, toilet paper, hygiene items, soup, and pastas.



If you have anyone you would like to have added to the prayer chain please contact Kelly Imhoff at 262-554-1558 or by email: bethaniaprayer-chain@wi.twcbc.com

#### **WAYS YOU CAN HELP OUR COMMUNITY:**

BRING NON PERISHABLE FOOD (Food Pantry)
BRING EMPTY ALUMINUM CANS (Cans for K-9s)
BRING GENTLY USED CLOTHES OR PAPER BAGS
(TxT)

#### **WAYS YOU CAN HELP BETHANIA:**

SERVE AS A WORSHIP LEADER

SERVE AS AN USHER

MOW THE LAWN

JOIN THE CARE & CONCERN TEAM

(Visit our Members)

REMEMBER YOUR OFFERING (Pays the Bills)

#### THIS WEEK AT BETHANIA....

#### Sunday, March 12, 2023 -

9:30 a.m. - COFFEE HOUR

10:30 a.m. -Worship In Person & on Facebook Live

#### Monday, March 13, 2023

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—Office Open

#### Tuesday, March 14, 2023

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—Office Open

#### Wednesday, March 15, 2023

10:00 to 2:00 p.m.- Thread by Thread OPEN 4:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.-Office Open

7:00 p.m. –Way Of The Cross Lenten Service, Hearth room.

#### Thursday, March 16, 2023

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—Office Open

#### Friday, March 17, 2023 - Happy St. Patricks Day!

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—Office Open

#### Sunday, March 19, 2023

9:30 a.m. - COFFEE HOUR

10:30 a.m. -Worship In Person & on Facebook Live