Welcome to Bethania Lutheran Kirke

FOURTH SUNDAYIN

March 19, 2023 10:30 a.m.

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<u>Thank you for worshipping with us to-</u> day, 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.

Frayer List

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



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

TODAYS WORSHIP LEADERS:

Guest Pastor: Pastor Chad Kline

Musician: William Mueller

Communion Assistant: Open

Lector: Anita Nielsen

Acolyte: (Open)

Coffee Hour: Open

Altar Flowers: Open

Building Host: John Barnes

	March 26	April 2 Palm Sunday	April 9 Easter	April 16
Worship Leader	Pastor Kara Baylor	Pastor Kara Baylor	Pastor Chad Kline	Pastor Brad Brown
Communion Assistant				
Lector	Willy Mueller	Anne Woodward		
Acolyte	Dominic Shawhan	Eli Imhoff	Brooke McIntosh	(Open)
Coffee Hour			Altar Guild	
Altar Flowers			Easter Flowers	
Building Host	Ed Young	Kelly Imhoff	Brad	Aldersons

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Order of Worship for Sunday, March 19, 2023

Baptism is sometimes called enlightenment. The gospel for this Sunday is the story of the man born blind healed by Christ. "I was blind, now I see," declares the man. In baptism God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God's beloved children. As David was anointed king of Israel, in baptism God anoints our head with oil, and calls us to bear witness to the light of Christ in our daily lives.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS

GATHERING

(Please rise)

CALL TO WORSHIP (Ephesians 5, John 9)

P: When the world is dark and full of hate and fear, when we cannot see God **C: we will turn on the light.**

P: When we cannot find our way back to love and peace

C: we will turn on the light.

P: When our vision dims due to the darkness within C: we will turn on the light.

P: Christ opens our eyes with the gift of sight. C: The light of the world is Jesus Christ.

P: Come and worship the onewho brings sight to the blind.C: Hallelujah! Praise God, the light of the world!

PROCESSIONAL & GATHERING HYMN

"God, Whose Almighty Word " #400

Lutheran Book of Worship –Green Hymnal

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (1 Samuel 16, Ephesians 5, John 9)

P: Let Us Pray, Forgiving God, in a world filled with so much pain, we would rather shut our eyes and be blind than see things as they really are. Grant us the courage to face the reality of our world, and give us the strength to bring your light to those who walk in darkness. Help us see others as you see them, and forgive us when we do not trust you enough to open our eyes to the possibilities before us. Heal our self-inflicted blindness, O God. and lead us in the footsteps of the Light of the World, who reveals your glory in his life, his teachings, and his love. In his holy name, we pray. 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,

Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

WORD

OUR FIRST LESSON is from the book of 1 Samuel, chapter 16, verses 1 through 13.

Samuel anointed David even though he was the eighth-oldest son of Jesse and did not match his brothers in height or other physical characteristics. With the anointing came endowment with the Spirit of the LORD, designating David as the LORD's chosen successor to Saul.

¹The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ²Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' ³Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." ⁴Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD." ⁷But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." ⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ¹⁰Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." ¹¹Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." ¹²He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." ¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

PLEASE READ RESPONSIVELY - PSALM 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

²The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

³You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

OUR SECOND LESSON is from the book of Ephesians; chapter 5, verses 8 through 14.

Because we now live in the divine light which is Jesus Christ, we conduct our lives in ways that reflect the light of Christ, so that our activity is truly pleasing to God.

⁸Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—⁹for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; ¹³but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

"Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

L: This is the Spirit speaking to the church.

C: Thanks be to God!

(Please rise)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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 9th chapter. C: Glory to you O Lord.

GOSPEL: John 9:1-41

Jesus heals a man born blind, provoking a hostile reaction that he regards as spiritual blindness to the things of God.

¹As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. 4We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. 5As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." 6When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, ⁷saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." ¹⁰But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" 11He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." ¹²They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" ²⁰His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." ²²His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

²⁴So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." ²⁵He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." ²⁶They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" ²⁷He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" ²⁸Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." ³⁰The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." ³⁴They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

³⁵Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." ³⁷Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." ³⁸He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." ⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" ⁴¹Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

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

(Please be seated)

MESSAGE

(Please rise)

HYMN OF THE DAY -

"Amazing Grace" #448 Lutheran Book of Worship –Green Hymnal

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

PRAYER SONG

(ELW #741)



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

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

PRAYERS

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

A brief silence.

P: Eternal God, you seal us by the Holy Spirit and mark us with the cross of Christ forever in baptism. Inspire us by your love as together we strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Creating God, by your word you have made all things, and you hate nothing you have made. Teach us to perceive the beauty of the breadth of your creation, from the grandest mountain range to the smallest springtime bud. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Powerful God, you anoint kings and establish rulers. Guide the work of heads of state and elected officials. Encourage them to lead with justice and to remove barriers that impede the well-being of all. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Shepherding God, you lead us beside still waters and restore our souls. Keep watch over those who weep; tend all who are sick especially Dan, Ann Marie, Pat & Pete, Jeff & Sue O., Austin, Kevin, Ryan, Anita, Tom, Bonnie, Carl & Mickey, Forest, Kyle. and all those we name in our hearts, Comfort those who grieve *especially* the families of Irma Anderson, Terri Jones and Sam Fernandez. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: God our host, you fill us at your table with more than we could ever ask. Feed us with hunger for justice. Equip the feeding ministries of this congregation and community especially Thread by Thread, our local food pantries, Racine Mission Cluster Community meal program. Nourish us so we can nourish our neighbors. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: God of history, with thanksgiving we remember our ancestors in faith who cared for your people. We praise you for the ways they formed the faith of others and continue to inspire us. 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)



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 (Psalm 23)

P: Let us pray,

God of light and love and peace,

we praise your name

for leading us in paths of righteousness,

that we may come into your presence, forgiven and free.

We give you thanks for guiding us to this place: where we may rest beside the still waters of your grace,

where we are filled with the good gifts of your goodness and mercy.

We worship you with all that we are,

and we bless your name for all that we will be

as we continue on our journey—

a journey that leads us to your kingdom,

where we will dwell with you forever.

We offer you these gifts,

that you might bless them and send them out into the valley of the shadow of death,

and everywhere in need of your light.

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.

COMMUNION HYMN -

(ELW#814)

4x



Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: TAKE ME AS I AM, John L. Bell

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(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 (PsaIm23, Ephesians 5)
P: Go into the world, carrying the light of Christ into the darkness!
C: We go, with hearts full and eyes open!

P: Receive God's love and care, and share that love and care with others! C: We go, with eyes reflecting God's light and hands open to share it!

P: May you walk in the light of Christall the days of your life!C: We will follow Christ wherever he leads us! AMEN!

SENDING HYMN -

"Be Thou My Vision" With One Voice—Blue Hymnal #776

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

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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. MIDWEEK SERVICES -7:00 p.m.

"Ways of the Cross"

March 22 -Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem

March 29 -Jesus is stripped of HIS GARMENTS





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



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

<u>9:30 a.m.</u>JESUS IS RISEN!





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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 (tbey/tbem) 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 Highway 38—Franksville

NEW WORSHIP TIME BEGINNING APRIL 9!

<u>9:30 a.m.</u> - 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



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: bethaniaprayerchain@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 19, 2023 -

9:30 a.m. – COFFEE HOUR

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

Monday, March 20, 2023

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—Office Open

<u>Tuesday, March 21, 2023</u>

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—Office Open

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.-Office Open 7:00 p.m. –Way Of The Cross Lenten Service, Hearth room.

Thursday, March 23, 2023

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—Office Open

Friday, March 24, 2023

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—Office Open

Sunday, March 26, 2023

9:30 a.m. – COFFEE HOUR

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