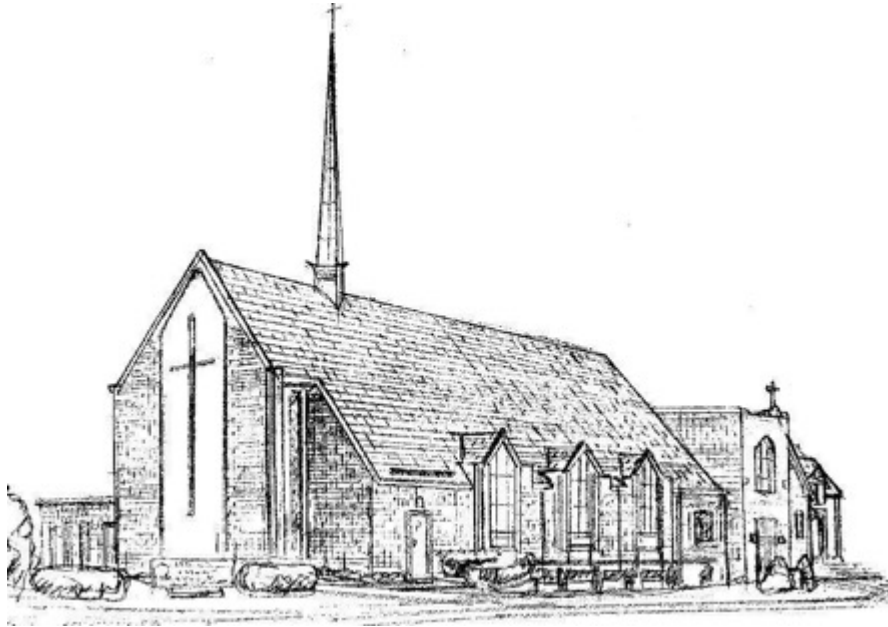


# **BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**



*Serving, accepting, and loving all.*

**Bulletin**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**March 30, 2025**

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**Sunday, March 30, 2025**  
**Fourth Sunday in Lent, Year C**

**Introduction**

*The psalm sets the tone this day: “Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!” Happy are those who have “become the righteousness of God” in the merits of Christ Jesus. Happy are those for whom the forgiveness of God has “rolled away . . . the disgrace” of former times. Happy is the father at the return of his prodigal son. Happy are we that our sins are forgiven for Jesus’ sake. Rejoice!*

**GATHERING**

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P In the name of the Father,  
and of the † Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

A Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

A Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.*

A Most merciful God,

**C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For**

**the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

### **GATHERING SONG NO. 606 Our Father, We Have Wandered**

1 Our Father, we have wandered  
and hidden from your face;  
in foolishness have squandered  
your legacy of grace.  
But now, in exile dwelling,  
we rise with fear and shame,  
as, distant but compelling,  
we hear you call our name.

2 And now at length discerning  
the evil that we do,  
behold us, Lord, returning  
with hope and trust to you.  
In haste you come to meet us  
and home rejoicing bring,  
in gladness there to greet us  
with calf and robe and ring.

3 O Lord of all the living,  
both banished and restored,  
compassionate, forgiving,  
and ever-caring Lord,  
grant now that our transgressing,  
our faithlessness may cease.  
Stretch out your hand in blessing,  
in pardon, and in peace.

Text: Kevin Nichols, 1929-2006

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## **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

**P** 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.**

**KYRIE (ELW Pg. 138)**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## WORD

### **FIRST READING Joshua 5:9-12**

*By celebrating the Passover and eating the produce of the promised land instead of the miraculous manna that had sustained them in the desert, the Israelites symbolically bring their forty years of wilderness wandering to an end at Gilgal.*

A reading from Joshua,

<sup>9</sup> The LORD said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.” And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

<sup>10</sup> While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal, they kept the Passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. <sup>11</sup> On the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and roasted grain. <sup>12</sup> The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

A: The word of the Lord.

**C : Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 32** (Intoned responsively by whole verse)

<sup>1</sup> Happy are they whose transgressions | are forgiven,  
and whose sin is | put away!

<sup>2</sup> **Happy are they to whom the LORD im- | putes no guilt,  
and in whose spirit there | is no guile!**

<sup>3</sup> While I held my tongue, my bones with- | ered away,  
because of my groaning | all day long.

<sup>4</sup> **For your hand was heavy upon me | day and night;  
my moisture was dried up as in the | heat of summer.**

<sup>5</sup> Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con- | ceal my guilt.  
I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.”  
Then you forgave me the guilt | of my sin.

<sup>6</sup> **Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in | time of  
trouble;  
when the great waters overflow, they | shall not reach them.**

<sup>7</sup> You are my hiding-place; you preserve | me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts | of deliverance.

<sup>8</sup> **“I will instruct you and teach you in the way that | you should go;  
I will guide you | with my eye.**

<sup>9</sup> Do not be like horse or mule, which have no | understanding;  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will | not stay near  
you.”

<sup>10</sup> **Great are the tribulations | of the wicked;  
but mercy embraces those who trust | in the LORD.**

<sup>11</sup> Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice | in the LORD;  
shout for joy, all who are | true of heart.

## **SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

*One way to describe the gospel is the promise that in Christ everything is transformed into newness. All mistakes, all deliberate sins, all old history is reconciled with Christ's resurrection. This is Paul's strong message to the congregation in the city of Corinth.*

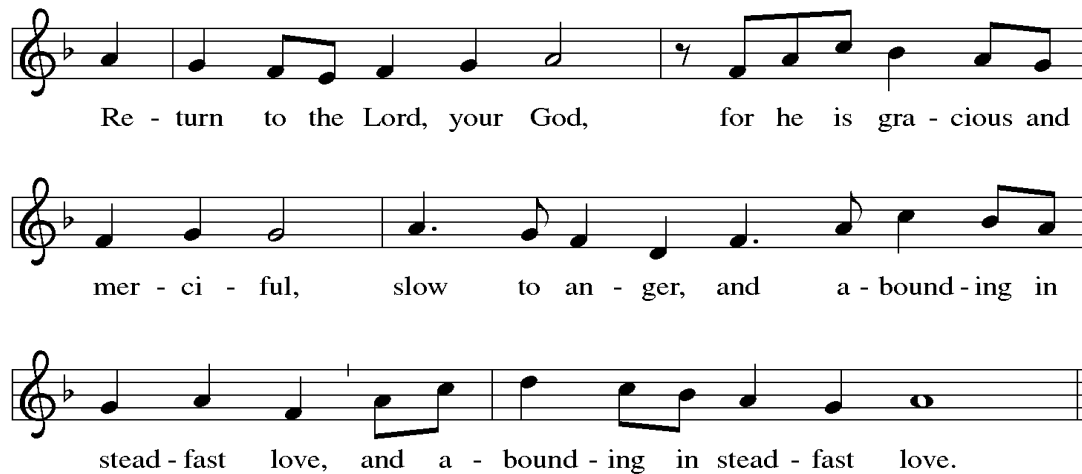
A reading from 2 Corinthians,

<sup>16</sup> From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we no longer know him in that way. <sup>17</sup> So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being! <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup> that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. <sup>20</sup> So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For our sake God made the one who knew no sin to be sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW Pg. 142)



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

### GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

*Jesus tells a parable about a son who ponders his father's love only after he has spurned it. The grace he receives is beyond his hopes. That same grace is a crisis for an older brother who believes it is his obedience that has earned his place in the father's home.*

P: The holy gospel according to Luke,  
**C Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>1</sup> Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] <sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

<sup>3</sup> So he told them this parable: <sup>11b</sup> "There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the wealth that will belong to me.' So he divided his assets between them. <sup>13</sup> A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant region, and there he squandered his wealth in dissolute living. <sup>14</sup> When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that region, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that region, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup> He would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup> But when he came to his senses he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! <sup>18</sup> I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against



heaven and before you; <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.” <sup>20</sup> So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ <sup>22</sup> But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup> And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate, <sup>24</sup> for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup> “Now his elder son was in the field, and as he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. <sup>27</sup> He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf because he has got him back safe and sound.’ <sup>28</sup> Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. <sup>29</sup> But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command, yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your assets with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ <sup>31</sup> Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup> But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’ ”

P The gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON – *The Rev. Ellen S. Lundie***

**HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 608 Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling**

1 Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,  
calling for you and for me.

See, on the portals he's waiting and watching,  
watching for you and for me.

## *Refrain*

"Come home, (Come home,)  
come home! (come home!)

You who are weary, come home."  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
calling, "O sinner, come home!"

2 Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,  
pleading for you and for me?  
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,  
mercies for you and for me? *Refrain*

3 Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised,  
promised for you and for me!  
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,  
pardon for you and for me. *Refrain*

Text: Will L. Thompson, 1847-1909

## **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.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

God of faithful promise, make your church a new creation in Christ. As you reconcile us to yourself, guide us also in your way of reconciliation, that through confession and forgiveness, and repentance, your church may bear witness to your love. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of new beginnings, restore balance to the earth. Send rain to places of drought and sunshine to places of flooding, that the produce of the land may again support life. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of prodigal grace, unite the nations as fellow members of the human family. Give leaders the courage to put aside pride and ego, to cease squandering lives and time, and to work for the well-being of all. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of boundless love, receive with open arms any in need of compassion; especially those we name within our hearts (*a moment of silence*). Embrace all who are far from home or estranged from loved ones, and all who live with regret. Embolden your people to offer and to seek forgiveness. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of radical inclusion, widen human circles to welcome all who are excluded. Bless the work of disability ministries, ministries by and with neurodivergent people, and multicultural ministries; that the welcome of Jesus be extended to all. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

God of resurrection life, welcome home all who have died. We thank you for their lives and entrust them into your keeping, where true reconciliation and eternal peace are found. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

**P:** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C:** **And also with you.**

## **MEAL**

**OFFERING** - *Offering boxes are located in the narthex and in back of the sanctuary.*

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

**L:** Let us pray,

**C:** **Gracious Provider,**

**you set your immense treasures among us,  
opening your heart to the world.**

**As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,  
deepen our commitment to sharing those  
treasures with others,**

**through our Savior, Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

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

## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy....we praise your name and join their unending hymn

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW Pg. 144)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy God,

our living Water and our merciful Guide,  
together with rivers and seas, wells and springs  
we bless and magnify you.

You led your people Israel through the desert,  
and provided them water from the rock.

We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water,  
who joined us in our desert,  
pouring out his life for the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,  
his life, death, and resurrection,  
we await your salvation for all this thirsty world.

Pour out your Spirit on this holy food  
and on all the baptized gathered for this feast:  
wash away our sin,  
that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church,  
both now and forever.

**Amen**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**P** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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: All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

## COMMUNION SONG (ELW Pg. 146)

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

**SENIOR CHOIR** - *Bring Me to the Cross*, Brad Nix

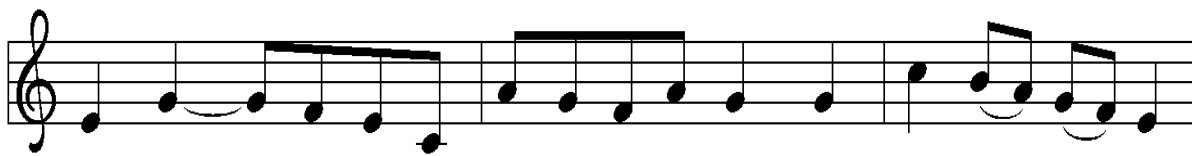
## COMMUNION HYMN

### NO. 779 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

- 1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
was blind, but now I see.
- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!
- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come;  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.
- 4 The Lord has promised good to me;  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.
- 5 When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun.

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt., sts. 1-4; anonymous, st. 5





Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -



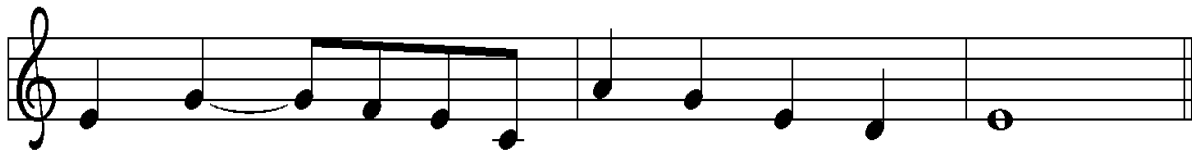
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the



sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions



and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Let us pray.

Generous Host,

you have shared your feast with us and made us new.

Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,  
that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,  
in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

## SENDING

## BLESSING

God our tender parent,  
God the crucified one,  
God the reconciling Spirit,  
‡ bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## SENDING SONG NO. 763 My Life Flows On in Endless Song

1 My life flows on in endless song;  
above earth's lamentation,  
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn  
that hails a new creation.

### *Refrain*

No storm can shake my inmost calm  
while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,  
how can I keep from singing?

2 Through all the tumult and the strife,  
I hear that music ringing.  
It finds an echo in my soul.

How can I keep from singing? *Refrain*

3 What though my joys and comforts die?  
The Lord my Savior liveth.

What though the darkness gather round?  
Songs in the night he giveth. *Refrain*

4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,  
a fountain ever springing!

All things are mine since I am his!

How can I keep from singing? *Refrain*

## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

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### Children's Space

We encourage children to worship in the sanctuary as much as possible. However, we know that some days, a break may be needed. Please stop in the lounge for shorter breaks where there are coloring activities and snacks provided. All children must be accompanied by an adult. The nursery is also available downstairs in Fellowship Hall with the ability to hear the service.



### **CANDY NEEDED**

Donations of small candy pieces are needed for us to fill the plastic eggs for the annual Egg Hunt. So please, when you are doing your shopping, grab a little bag of candies and bring it to church with you and place your items in the box in the Narthex marked "EGG HUNT" Thank you

### **First Communion Classes**

First Communion classes will be held on Wednesday, April 2 and April 9 from 5:15-6:00 pm. We are excited to celebrate First Communion on Maundy Thursday, April 17 at 7:30 pm. Children of any age are welcome to participate. If you have any questions about First Communion, the classes, or your child's readiness and interest, please don't hesitate to talk with the pastors. To sign up, contact Pastor Ellen or the church office.

***Same Great Podcast  
With a Splash of New Energy!***

The Bethlehem Backchat Podcast has been a staple here at Bethlehem for years, with a new episode landing just about every month. So many of you have faithfully downloaded those episodes and shared them with family and friends. Thank you! Keep looking for those new episodes, but please be aware they will be coming to you under a new title, “**Understanding Church.**” In the coming months, we will still be entertaining the topics that are important to you, but we will be inviting special guests to offer fresh and engaging perspectives that will surely edify our listeners. We’re so grateful for your ongoing support of the podcast, as well as your commitment to truly being an “**Understanding Church!**”

***Are You Interested in Becoming  
A Member at Bethlehem Lutheran?***

Dear friends, as we enter the autumn months this is a time think about new starts and blessed beginnings. Have you been visiting Bethlehem, considering becoming a member of the congregation? Do you have questions about our congregation or the ministry we share here? Please feel free to reach out to one of our pastors ( Pastor Dan, [d.smail@belc.org](mailto:d.smail@belc.org) **or** Pastor Ellen, [e.lundie@belc.org](mailto:e.lundie@belc.org) ), they would be delighted to spend some time with you, answer your questions, and faithfully discern the next steps. Thank you for being an important part of this joy filled family of faith!

The Next ***Fellowship Committee Meeting*** will be held on Monday,  
April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Mark your calendar and plan to attend.

New members are always welcome!!

## The Week at Bethlehem

Sunday, March. 30th 8:00 am Worship & Communion  
9:15am Sunday School  
\*10:30am Worship & Communion

\* Live streaming of worship service

6:30-7:30pm Youth Pictionary

Monday, March 31st 9:00-2:30pm PACC (Fellowship Hall)  
11am-2pm Passage to Recovery (Library)  
6:30-8:00pm Girl Scouts Mtg. (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, April 1st 10:30-11:30am AA (Schmid Hall)  
6:00-8:30pm NA (Fellowship Hall)  
LIFT - prep for Wednesday Lenten Dinner

Wednesday, April 2nd 5:15 pm First Communion Class  
6:00pm Lenten Dinner hosted by LIFT (Schmid Hall)  
6:15pm Hand Bell Rehearsal  
7:15pm Lenten Worship & Study  
7-8:30pm Boy Scouts Mtg. (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, April 3rd 10:00am Stained Glass & Other Crafts (Music Rm.)  
4:30a & 7p ACT-1 (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, April 5th 6:00pm Worship/Comm.



## ***Our Blessing Box***

Our outdoor food pantry has been a blessing to our community providing needed items for those who are food insecure. Your generosity shows your commitment to do God's work but still day after day the box is being emptied by those in need.

Here are some of the most desired foods: Cereals -- small individual packages

Pop Tarts Granola or protein bars Individual: fruit, jello or pudding cups

Individual packages of cookies or snacks Single serve Coffee packets

CRACKERS saltines or club that have small individual sleeves in the box (we can give individual sleeves so more people can benefit from this one item...)

Beef Stew with lift off tops Tuna in foil packages Canned spaghetti Sauce to go with Pastas

Grab and go items single serve with lift off lids

Small size Deodorants small bottles or shampoo individual bars of soap

**\*NO MEDICATIONS OF ANY KIND\***



## **PALM CROSS GATHERING**

**The Palm Cross Gathering is fast approaching.**

**We will be meeting MONDAY night**

**APRIL 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm – 9:00 pm.**

**The gathering will take place in Schmid Hall.**

*Haven't signed up yet, look for the sign- up sheet in the Narthex!!*

**We will be making crosses for our church services, Sunday school,  
and shut ins.**

**Come join in on the fun!**

**Hope to see you there!**

**Weekly Lenten Dinner 6pm**

**RSVP for: Wednesday, April 2nd**

**L.I.F.T. – Salad and Baked Potato Bar**

**Fill out the form below and either place it in the offering boxes or return it to the church office no later than 10:00am on Monday morning, if you are planning to join us on Wednesday for the meal.**

**We hope you and/or your family will join us.**

**Following dinner we will have our mid -week worship and study.**

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**RSVP for : April 2nd Lenten Dinner    L.I.F.T. : Salad & Baked Potato Bar**

**I/we will attend**

**NAME(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**# of Adults** \_\_\_\_\_

**# of Children** \_\_\_\_\_



## **EASTER MUSIC ANGELS – 2025**

**As we plan the music for during Holy Week and Easter, there will be instrumentalists used at our services. If you would like to donate toward this as a memorial to someone, now is the time.**

**Please use the tear off below to make your contribution/memorial and either drop it off to the church office or place it in the offering plates at worship.**

**\* Deadline to receive donations with dedications is:  
Sunday, April 6, 2025**

**Any and all amounts given are welcomed and appreciated.**

**Questions you may have about this can be directed to the church office and the staff will be happy to assist you.**

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- **Music Angel Contribution for Easter – Deadline is April 6th**

**Name \_\_\_\_\_ Amt. \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Dedication: \_\_\_\_\_**

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***\*Please note for music angels.* We will not guarantee dedications received after the deadline will be listed in the Easter bulletin; however we would publish them at a later date.**





## **EASTER FLOWERS**

**On Easter Sunday, the chancel will be decorated with beautiful spring flowers. Please indicate the number and type of flowers you would like to order at the prices below. Contact Marianne Reed in the church office, (412) 486-0550, if you have any questions.**

**\*Your payment must accompany your order  
which must be received into the church office by Sunday, April 6th**

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***Easter flower order form – due by April 6, 2025***

\_\_\_\_ **No. of Easter Lilies @ \$7.90 each =** \_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ **No. of Hyacinths @ \$6.50 each =** \_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ **No. of Tulips @ \$6.50 each =** \_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ **No. of Hydrangeas @ \$12.50 each =** \_\_\_\_

**TOTAL PAYMENT**

**ENCLOSED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In Memory of** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**In Honor of** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Given By** \_\_\_\_\_

**(Name as you want it printed in the bulletin)**

**\*Plants can be picked up after the 10:30 a.m. Easter Sunday Service or later in the week**

**\* Please note for easter flowers. We will not guarantee dedications received after the deadline will be listed in the Easter bulletin; however we would publish them at a later date.**

## **OUR LENTEN PRISON MINISTRY 2025**



[Matthew 25:36](#) *I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in **prison** and you visited me.*

Each week many prisoners are released from the Allegheny County Jail, a 2,766 bed facility in the heart of Pittsburgh. Many of these men and women were incarcerated wearing clothes that were not fit to keep. These members of the body of Christ will be released without decent clothes to wear home.

The prison chaplain has informed us that they are constantly in dire need of sweat pants and sweat shirts. The sweatpants for men are the greatest need. Since 2019 Bethlehem has collected 231 items during Lent. Your Health & Wellness team hopes that you will, once again, offer some help to our brothers and sisters in Christ by donating these NEW items during the weeks of Lent. Please place your new sweatpants or sweatshirts in the bins in the narthex.

If you feel that you cannot do the shopping yourself, financial contributions can be made to the office in envelopes clearly marked "PRISON MINISTRY" and made out to BELC.

**Hebrews 13: 3** *Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison...*

### **COLLECTION NEW SWEATPANTS AND/OR SWEATSHIRTS**

**Sizes: Medium, Large, X Large, XX Large**

**Solid colors only but NO red or orange**

**Ash Wednesday, March 5th through Palm Sunday, April 13th**



You're Invited!!!

1<sup>st</sup> Monday Meal – Free Community Dinner

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

1719 Mt. Royal Blvd., Glenshaw, PA 15116

The next 1st Monday meal Bethlehem Lutheran Church will be hosting, is going to be held on **Monday, April 7th, 2025**

Our Free Community Dinner is from 5-7 pm. in Fellowship Hall.

Dinners will continue the first Monday of each month throughout 2025.

Menu will feature: Baked Ziti

Please feel free to join us for dinner and fellowship!

Any questions, please contact the church office at  
412-486-0550.

Hope to see you there!



On Wednesday, April 16th @ 6:00pm we will hold our annual Easter egg dyeing event. You & or your children have never dyed eggs? Well, this is a great way to try it with no hassle and no mess to clean up! We will gather in Fellowship Hall for pizza and then egg dyeing. Don't have time to buy eggs and then hard boil them? No excuse! Just mark how many dozen on the sign- up form and we'll purchase and hard-boil the eggs for you, so all you have to do is show up and have fun. As always, we will have the colors already mixed up and ready to go. Feel free to bring decorating "kits" if you wish. Hope you can join us for a fun evening- this is NOT just for families with kids, anyone who wants to join in the festivity is welcome to attend. This is fun for adults too – think of it like “coloring for adults”, but on eggs instead of in a book.

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**Sign-up for egg dyeing -- RSVP by April 6<sup>th</sup>**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

No. Attending \_\_\_\_\_ adults \_\_\_\_\_ children

WANT HARD BOILED EGGS \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

HOW MANY DOZEN do you want \_\_\_\_\_ Amt. Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Price per dozen eggs will be \$4.00 ea.)





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## **EASTER EGG HUNT**

*The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 19th at 10:30am, RAIN or SHINE or (even SNOW) Be sure to mark the date and start a countdown with your children then hop on over to BELC.. This is always a fun-filled event not only for the children, but for the adults too who always enjoy seeing the children smiling and having a good time. Watch for a sign-up sheet to appear in the Narthex..*

*Don't forget to bring your basket!!*





## ***EASTER BREAKFAST***

***Join Us!!!***

***April 20th at 9am in Fellowship Hall***

***MENU: Breakfast Buffet***

***Suggested cost for the meal is as follows:***

***\$5.00 – Adults***

***\$2.00 – Children ages 6-12 yrs.***

***FREE – Children under 6 yrs. of age***

***Please submit payment with your reservation  
and***

***reservations are required so we have an accurate count when purchasing the food.***

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***Easter Breakfast Reservation Form: Due to office by deadline: April 13th***

***NAME*** \_\_\_\_\_

***# Adults*** \_\_\_\_\_ ***# Children*** \_\_\_\_\_ ***(6-12 yrs)***

***# Children*** \_\_\_\_\_ ***under 6 yrs. of age***

***Total Amount Enclosed \$*** \_\_\_\_\_