

**HOLY COMMUNION**  
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today 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.**

FIRST COMMUNION

Reyna Garcia and Melodi Carter

SONGS DURING COMMUNION:

“Holy, Holy, Holy”	ELW, #473
“As the Grains of Wheat”	ELW, #465
“Ah, Holy Jesus”	ELW, #349
“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”	ELW, #803

POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: “What Wondrous Love Is This” ELW, #666

CORPORATE PRAYER:

“Into Your hands we commit our lives. Into Your hands we commit Your church.”

GO IN PEACE

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**Worship Team for today:**

**Presider:** Pastor Barb Lemke

**Pianist:** Cindy Josephson **Hymnists:** Laina Kelley-Walker and Sheila Kelley

**Reader:** Richard Richmond **Greeter:** **Usher:** Gypsie & Marv Kelley

**Communion Asst.:** & **Screen/Sound:** Travis Kleven

**Video FaceBook & YouTube:** Debbie Diedrich



Altar Flowers were given by Carol Kirkegaard in honor of  
her son Lesley's birthday on April 14.



# Sunday Worship Service



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## ***Palm/Passion Sunday***

**April 13, 2025**

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SUNDAY WORSHIP April 13, 2025 9:30 A.M.		
PROCESSION WITH PALMS:	Celebrate Insert	
PROCESSIONAL HYMN:	“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”	ELW, #344
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		
GREETING		
PRAYER OF THE DAY		
SPECIAL MUSIC	“The King is Coming Today!”	Choir
1 <sup>ST</sup> READING: Isaiah 50:4–9a		
2 <sup>ND</sup> READING: Philippians 2:5–11		
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:	ELW, p. 189 (Lent)	
GOSPEL:	Luke 23:1–49	see insert
CHILDREN’S SERMON	Kathy Harrison	
HYMN:	“In Christ Alone”	see insert
SERMON	“Blindsided ”	Pastor Barb Lemke
APOSTLES’ CREED <b>I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.</b> <b>I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,</b> <b>who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,</b> <b>suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;</b> <b>he descended into hell.*</b> <b>On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,</b> <b>he is seated at the right hand of the Father,</b> <b>and he will come to judge the living and the dead.</b>  <b>I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,</b> <b>the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,</b> <b>the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.</b>		
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH		
John & Casey Howshar		
Delores Rasmussen & Dan Rasmussen		

Eyes: Marvin Bohrer & Bonnie Frank Robert McBride – Patti Schoenfeld – Mike Lemke – Susan Riley (Lorraine Chambers’ friend) – Ashlyn (daughter of friend Wade and Lynn Hampton) – Alicia Jerrup (friend of Mary Katherine Smith) – Gary (Andrea Newport’s brother-in-law) – Scott Petrock (Carol Einertson’s son-in-law) – Tammy Hawley (Sheila Kelly’s boss) – Linda Hardy – Andrew Carpenter (friend of Alexa Weaver) – Joe Baker (husband of Cathy) – Rodney Steggs and his mother Rita Johnson (friends of Hamptons) – Peggy Russell (friend of Eddie & Pat Garcia) – Linda Kirkegaard – Wendy (Kim Evancho’s friend) – Sara Teller (Kim Evancho’s friend) – Connie Lovell (Deloris DeLapp’s friend) – Lola Wertz – Bob Bliss – Patrick Stephenson – Pastor Steve Ruechel Ray Johnson Danny Cowan Carol Kirkegaard Susan Armor Kaylee, friend of Hamptons Bill Schmidt (kidney health) Gerald Kelley, Carol Smith’s significant other (Alzheimer’s) Brayden, friend of Debbie Diedrich (brainstem blastoma) McKay, Debbie Diedrich’s nephew (ankle recovery, seizures) Sylvia Cowan (leg and heart health) Frank Ruhs, Ev Kelley’s brother (heart health) Caroline Hailey-Kesler, Linda Hailey’s granddaughter (rare kidney disease) Scott Crosby (recovery from infection) Cheryl Gednalske (leg infection) Ted Smith, Mary Katherine’s father (bone infection, delirium) Harold Tapey, Deloris Delapp’s cousin (heart attack recovery) Angel Torres, friend of the Lemkes Wardria Carman, Sylvia Cowan’s friend (car accident injuries) Chelsea and Mitchell Thompson, with Falk & Bliss families (loss of second pregnancy) Jean Ortega, Maya Ortega’s aunt (liver failure) Ev Kelley (pneumonia) Maegan Walker Lee (high blood pressure, pregnancy) The family of Dennis Diedrich, Debbie’s uncle The family of Mel Axt, Carol Kirkegaard’s brother and Shelley Sasscer’s uncle  <b>Homebound members:</b> Wil Wertz – Jim Craig – Josh Carter  <b>Thanksgiving for Families:</b> Donna Haight, Alex Heidi Davison, Blake Davison, Kiera Davison-Wilkinson Randy & Diann Feakes  OFFERING  OFFERTORY:		
“Give Thanks”		see insert

# In Christ Alone

**VERSE 1**  
In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm,  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

**VERSE 2**  
In Christ alone, who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied.  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

## Give Thanks

**CHORUS:**  
Give thanks with a grateful heart.  
Give thanks to the Holy One.  
Give thanks because He's given,  
Jesus Christ His Son.

**VERSE**  
And now let the weak say I am strong.  
Let the poor say I am rich.  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.

**ENDING:**  
Give thanks.

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**VERSE 3**  
There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then, bursting forth in glorious Day,  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory,  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine,  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

**VERSE 4**  
No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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### Donations and Volunteers Needed for Easter Activities:

- ✦ Volunteers to help with the Easter Egg Hunt and crafts on April 19 to arrive by 9 a.m.
- ✦ Volunteers to help with set up for Easter Breakfast April 19 at 11 a.m.
- ✦ Sign-up sheets for those willing to provide items for the Easter Breakfast on April 20 are located in the narthex entryway.

## Welcome!

*We welcome all who gather for worship on this day and pray God's blessing on our time together!*

*Guests are invited to record their visit by signing the Guest Book located at the entrance to the worship space.*  
*All worshippers are invited to sign the red attendance folder in the pew and pass it on to their neighbor to sign.*

## Upcoming Events

**Easter Preparations** – Those willing to help with organizing or working the Easter Egg Hunt and/or Easter morning breakfast, please sign-up sheets on the table in the Narthex.

**Easter Lilies** – sign up forms on table in Narthex. Sign-ups and payments due by April 16.

**Choir** – Choir rehearsals at 8 a.m. this Sunday, 6:15 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and 5:45 a.m. next Sunday as we prepare for Holy Week and the Easter seasons. ***Please join us in the fun in making beautiful music together!***

**“The Chosen” Bible Study** – Our “The Chosen” Bible Study groups are taking a break this week and next.

**Worship Helpers Needed** – Please see sign-up sheets outside the entry to the sanctuary. We are especially in need of greeters, ushers, and communion assistants. ***Holy Week now posted!***

**Missions for April**– We are collecting canned and boxed food and monetary donations for Interfaith of Aurora as February, March, and April's Missions focus. Please mark your checks as Missions in the note field.

## This Week at Bethel April 13–20, 2025

<b>Sun</b>	8 a.m.	Choir Practice
	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	11 a.m.	Sunday School/Bible Study
	3:00 p.m.	Tongans
<b>Mon</b>	6:00 p.m.	TOPS
<b>Tue</b>		
<b>Wed</b>	11:30 a.m.	Senior Luncheon at Mama Alvino's
<b>Thu</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	
	11:00 a.m.	Prayer Team
	6:15 p.m.	Choir Practice
	7:00 p.m.	Worship
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>	
	6:15 p.m.	Choir Practice
	7:00 p.m.	Worship
<b>Sat</b>	9:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Group (in-person)
	10:00 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt & Games (in-person)
<b>Sun</b>	5:45 a.m.	Choir Practice
	6:30 a.m.	Easter Sunrise Worship
	7:30 a.m.	Easter Breakfast
	9:30 a.m.	Easter Worship
	3:00 p.m.	Tongans



# Holy Week

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**GOSPEL: Luke 23:1–49**

<sup>1</sup>Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. <sup>2</sup>They began to accuse him, saying, “We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.” <sup>3</sup>Then Pilate asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” He answered, “You say so.” <sup>4</sup>Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, “I find no basis for an accusation against this man.” <sup>5</sup>But they were insistent and said, “He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.”

<sup>6</sup>When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. <sup>7</sup>And when he learned that he was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. <sup>8</sup>When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. <sup>9</sup>He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. <sup>10</sup>The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. <sup>11</sup>Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. <sup>12</sup>That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

<sup>13</sup>Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, <sup>14</sup>and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. <sup>15</sup>Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. <sup>16</sup>I will therefore have him flogged and release him.”

<sup>18</sup>Then they all shouted out together, “Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!” <sup>19</sup>(This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) <sup>20</sup>Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; <sup>21</sup>but they kept shouting, “Crucify, crucify him!” <sup>22</sup>A third time he said to them, “Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.” <sup>23</sup>But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. <sup>24</sup>So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. <sup>25</sup>He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

<sup>26</sup>As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. <sup>27</sup>A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. <sup>28</sup>But Jesus turned to them and said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. <sup>29</sup>For the days are surely coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren,

and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.’ <sup>30</sup>Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us’; and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ <sup>31</sup>For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

<sup>32</sup>Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. <sup>33</sup>When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup>[[Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup>And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, <sup>37</sup>and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

<sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup>And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” <sup>42</sup>Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” <sup>43</sup>He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

<sup>44</sup>It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, <sup>45</sup>while the sun’s light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. <sup>46</sup>Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” Having said this, he breathed his last. <sup>47</sup>When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, “Certainly this man was innocent.” <sup>48</sup>And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. <sup>49</sup>But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

**Thursday, April 17, 7:00 P.M.—Maundy Thursday**

**Friday, April 18, 7:00 P.M.—Good Friday**

**Saturday, April 19, 10:00 A.M.—Easter Egg Hunt  
& Games for children**

**Sunday, April 20—Easter  
6:30 A.M. & 9:30 A.M.  
Easter Breakfast—7:30–9:00 A.M.**

