BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Passion Sunday Journey to the Cross



March 24, 2024 8:30 & 10:00am

THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT WORSHIP

- Welcome to Bethany! If you have questions or would like to consider making Bethany your church home, visit our website, Bethany-Denver.org, or stop by the Newcomer Nook after worship. The pastoral team, consisting of Pastor Gary Sandberg (he/him), Pastor Nate Preisinger (he/him), Deacon Debra Alba (she/her) and Director of Pastoral Care Janet Mortinsen (she/her), is available to speak with you.
- Bethany Lutheran Church values people of diverse race, sexual identity, ethnicity, and political affiliation. All are welcome at Bethany Lutheran Church and this community is enriched because you are here. We are together for good!
- Participating in Worship: There will be times during worship when you are invited to stand, but if it is more comfortable or more meaningful for you to remain seated, please feel free to do so.
- Communion Statement: Everyone gathered for worship is invited to take part in Communion. Jesus did not place any barriers around who received communion and neither does Bethany.
- Hearing Assistance Device: Please see the Sound Tech in the A/V booth at the rear of the Sanctuary if you need a hearing assistance device.
- ♦ Worship Servants: Thank you to all the A/V team, Ushers, Communion Servers, Altar Guild, Musicians, Embrace Volunteers and Sacristans for your work to greet people and make worship happen. We <u>always</u> need Worship Servants go to www.signupschedule.com/Bethany to sign up!
- Children at Bethany: Children and youth are a blessing from God and we love having children in the Sanctuary! Additionally, we offer several options for children and families to feel comfortable in a variety of spaces on Sunday mornings:
 - ⇒ **Fidget Station:** We know that all of God's children (young and old) are wonderfully and fearfully made in the image of God. And, at Bethany, ALL are welcome to worship. Available outside the Sanctuary's north doors is a Fidget Station. Children and adults are invited to use these fidgets and art supplies to aid in your spiritual growth and presence in worship. Please return items to the station when you are finished.
 - ⇒ **Busy Bags:** Near the Sanctuary doors you will find premade bags perfect for littles. Grab one on the way in and return it on the way out.
 - ⇒ **Staffed Nursery:** For directions to our Nursery, staffed by Ms. Michele, a Licensed Elementary Teacher with a specialization in Early Childhood Education, please speak with an usher.
 - ⇒ **Infant Nursing Nook:** There is an infant nursing nook outside the Chapel.

Today's flowers were given by Jim Deutsch in loving memory of Joyce Anne Deutsch.
We continue to honor Joyce Deutsch through contributions to the Children's Ministry Fund.
Donate on the website Give button; choose Children's Ministry Fund from the drop-down menu of funds.

"Journey to the Cross" <u>The Storytellers</u>

Joanna: Julie Miller Peter: Ken Wills

James: Garth Englund III Pontius Pilate: Jeff Finnin

The Centurion: Dave Celecki

Women at the Tomb: Stephanie Davy, Julie Miller, Anja Oss

Audio/Visual Team

Laura Romig, Peter Leising, Mark Hahm, Antonio Alba

Dan Miller

Chimes will sound to indicate the beginning of worship

WELCOME/ABUNDANTLY BETHANY

Pastor Gary Sandberg

To fill out your digital connection card, go here www.tinyurl.com/BethanyConnect.

- Holy Week at Bethany
- ♦ It's Gala Season!

GOSPEL Mark 11:1-10 Deacon Debra Alba

¹When Jesus and the disciples were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

Pastor Gary Sandberg

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Let us pray.

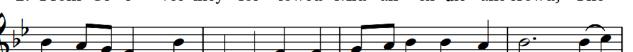
We praise and bless you, ever-living God, for the acts of love by which you redeem the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. This day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem and was proclaimed Messiah and king by those who spread their garments and palm branches along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them may always acclaim Jesus Messiah by walking the way of his suffering and cross; that, by dying and rising with him, we may enter into your kingdom. Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



Hosanna, Loud Hosanna



1. Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The lit - tle chil-dren sang; Through 2. From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'Mid an ex-ult - ant crowd, The



pil-lared court and tem - ple The joy - ful an - them rang; To vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, And chant - ing clear and loud; The



Je - sus, who had blessed them Close fold-ed to His breast, The Lord of earth and heav - en Rode on in low-ly state, Nor



chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim - plest and the best. scorned that lit - tle chil - dren Should on His bid-ding wait.

ANTHEM

Fanfare Acclamation (8:30am)

Paul Fey

Bring Palm Branches (10:00am)

Cindy Berry

Jubilation Choir, dir. Laura Tribby

Jesus is coming today!

Bring palm branches to lay before the King.

Lift them high as you celebrate and sing.

Lay the palms before him, love and adore him.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, we celebrate the King. He's coming to Jerusalem today.

Riding on a donkey, entering the city, as joyful crowds line the way.

Go forth to meet him, joyfully greet him, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Entry into Jerusalem - Joanna

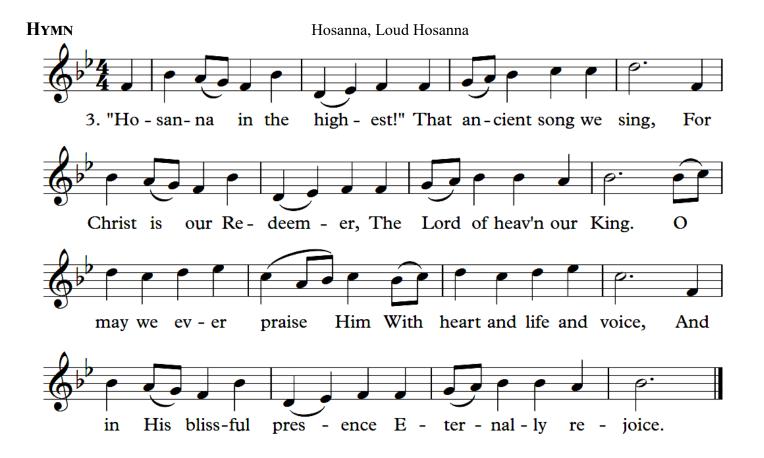
ANTHEM

The Palm Sunday Song (10:00am)

H. Woodard

Children's Church Choir, dir. Zach Rodasti

PALM PARADE



ANTHEM

O Vos Omnes (8:30am)

Z. Randall Stroope

Chancel Choir, dir. Kirk Schodt

O vos omnes, qui transitis per viam, attendite et videte si est dolor, sicut dolor meus. Recordare Domine, intuere et respice opprobrium nostrum. O you people, who pass this way, look and see if there exists any sorrow, like unto my sorrow. Remember, Lord, consider and notice our humiliation and disgrace.

Lift High the Palms of Praise! (10:00am)

R. Thornhill & B. Nix

Celebration Choir, dir. Laura Tribby

Lift high the palms of praise! Hosanna! Sing out! Prepare the way!

As he slowly rides along, people shout a joyful song.

Now we add our voices strong, hosanna to the King!

Let the people now rejoice. All creation find her voice.

Come and make a joyful noise, hosanna to the King!

Open wide the gates of every heart. Wave the palms and let the celebration start.

With our strength, God's glory we proclaim. With our might, we praise his holy name!

He is David's royal son, he is heaven's holy one. Oh, what wonders he has done,

Hosanna to the King!

THE LAST SUPPER/HOLY COMMUNION - PART 1 - PETER

BLESSING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Pastor Nate Preisinger

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

COMMUNION INSTRUCTION

Bethany welcomes all to receive the body and blood of Christ in Holy Communion. An usher will direct you forward where you can receive communion via intinction, or pick up a pre-packaged communion set or a gluten-free communion set from the tray in front of your seating area. Groups are welcome to visit a communion station together. Those who are not receiving communion are invited to cross their arms across their chests to receive a blessing.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Christ, We Do All Adore Thee (8:30am)

Theodore Dubois

Chancel Choir, dir. Kirk Schjodt

Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever, for on the holy cross has thou the world from sin redeemed.

Come As You Are (10:00am)

D. Crowder, B. Glover, M. Maher

Sounds of Praise, dir. Paula Wills

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been. Come broken-hearted, let rescue begin.
Come find your mercy, O sinner come kneel. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.
Lay down your burden, lay down your shame. All who are broken, lift up your face.
O wanderer come home; you're not too far. So lay down your hurt. Lay down your heart.
There's hope for the hopeless and all those who've strayed. Come sit at the table, come taste the grace.
There's rest for the weary, a rest that endures. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure.
There's joy for the morning, sinner be still. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.



- 1 Let all mor tal flesh keep si lence, and with fear and trem bling stand;
- 2 King of kings, yet born of Mar-y, as of old on earth he stood,
- 3 Rank on rank the host of heav-en spreads its van-guard on the way;
- At his feet the six winged ser aph, cher u bim with sleep less eye,



pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed, for with bless - ing his in hand the bod - v the blood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, in and the Light of light, de - scend-ing from the realms of end - less day, veil their fac - es pres-ence, as with cease-less voice they cry: to the



Christ our God to earth de-scend - ing comes full hom-age to de - mand. he will give to all the faith - ful his own self for heav'n-ly food. comes, the pow'rs of hell to van - quish, as the dark-ness clears a - way. "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Text: Liturgy of St. James; tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829–1885, alt. Music: PICARDY, French folk tune, 17th cent.

TABLE BLESSING

THE LAST SUPPER - PART 2 - PETER

GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE - JAMES

SUFFERING AND TRIAL - PONTIUS PILATE

OFFERING

You can give in the following ways; Thank you for your gifts!

- (1) On our website, find the giving button in the header or under the Get Involved tab at **Bethany-Denver.org**,
- (2) Through the Bethany Connect App/Realm
- (3) Use your phone's camera to scan this QR Code
- (4) Mail in your check to the office (4500 E. Hampden Ave. Cherry Hills Village, CO 80113)

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Christus Factus Est (8:30am)

Anton Bruckner

Chancel Choir, dir. Kirk Schjodt

Christus factus est pro nobis obediens usque ad mortem, mortem autem crucis.

Propter quod et Deus exaltavit illum et dedit illi nomen, quod est super omne nomen.

Christ became obedient for us unto death, even to the death, death on the cross.

Therefore God exalted Him and gave Him a name which is above all names.

At the Foot of the Cross/Majesty (10:00am)

D. Bond, J. Hayford

Sounds of Praise, dir. Paula Wills

At the foot of the cross, I can hardly take it in,
That the King of all creation was dying for my sin;
And the pain and agony, and the thorns that pierced Your head,
And the hardness of my sinful heart that left You there for dead.
And oh, what mercy I have found at the cross of Calvary;
I will never know Your loneliness all on account of me.
And I will bow my knee before Your throne,
'Cause Your love has set me free; and I will give my life to You dear Lord,
And praise Your majesty, and praise Your majesty.
Majesty, worship His majesty. Unto Jesus be all glory, honor and praise;
Majesty, kingdom authority, flow from His throne unto His own, His anthem raise.
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus; magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the King.
Majesty, worship His majesty. Jesus who died, now crucified, hung there for me.

THE CRUCIFIXION - THE CENTURIAN

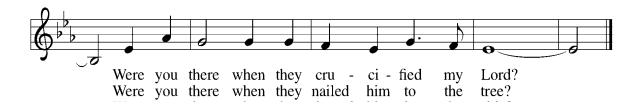
You are invited to stand.





Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?





THE TOMB - MARY, SALOME, JOANNA

Invitation to Holy Week

Deacon Debra Alba

You are invited to stand.



POSTLUDE

O Welt, ich muss dich lassen

Johannus Brahms

THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT NEWS & EVENTS

- Palm Sunday pancake breakfast: TODAY, 9:15am 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited! Have breakfast and help Bethany's Boy Scout Troop 712 raise funds for Troop activities including Winter Camping, Rock Climbing, Rafting, Mountain Biking, Back Packing, Summer Camp and High Adventure trips. Free Will Offering.
- Easter flowers! Deadline is TODAY! Help decorate the worship spaces for Easter by donating for flowers in honor or memory of your loved ones. Find envelopes in the pew racks and at the Mission Center desk. Or just go to the giving platforms (www.Bethany-Denver.org under Give or Bethany Connect/Realm). Be sure to let the Office know what you want listed in the Easter bulletins! For help contact Office@Bethany-Denver.org or call 303.758.2820.
- ♦ Palm Sunday Prayer Walk & Mentoring Celebration: TODAY at the Urban Servant Corps house (1660 Ogden St.). Mentoring celebration 12:00-1:00pm with pizza and drinks and songs for all Bethany/St. Peter/Epiphany confirmation youth, mentors and families. Then we'll join Urban Servant Corps prayer walk 1:00-2:30pm where Bishop Gonia will lead worship, we'll connect with about 100 youth and adults from other churches and walk to Urban Servant Corp ministry sites around downtown.
- ♦ Holy Hammers/Habitat: Volunteer opportunities: Saturday, Apr 6 at Mountain View Homes (2101 S Joliet St, Aurora, CO, 80014) 8:50am-4:30pm. Sign up at http://holyhammers.denver.volunteerhub.com/.
- ◆ **CPR class:** Partners in CPR will be offering a CPR & First Aid class on Sunday, Apr 7, 11:20am − 3:20pm in the Great Hall. All are welcome to attend. The cost for the class is \$55; a light lunch will be offered. If the cost of the class is prohibitive, there are scholarship funds available. Sign up at www.signupschedule.com/Bethany.
- Senior Ministries: Flexible Fellowship with worship on the 1st, 3rd, and 4th Tuesdays of the month 9:30am-1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. The 2nd Tuesday has a program and no worship Apr 9, 10:30am Living History Scholar Elsa Wolff, portrays Maria von Trapp. Senior Ministries will NOT meet during Holy Week, on Tuesday, Mar 26. All are welcome!
- Brian Tennien Memorial Rice and Bean Breakdown to Benefit Metro Caring: Sunday, Apr 14 after both worship services in the Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendars to participate in this food breakdown. Contact Kristin at kristin.salazar@hotmail.com with any questions.
- ◆ Intergenerational Friends Dinner at Bethany: Join in on Monday Apr 15 at 6:00pm for a fun night of great food, conversation, connection, and prayer. This dinner is designed for young adults (at Bethany, loosely defined as 21-40) and those in their "third third" of life. Please connect with Colleen at Colleen@Bethany-Denver.org with questions. Sign up at https://tinyurl.com/3k4w997d.
- Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains: The Annual Gala (Opening Doors, Imaging Futures) is Friday, May 3 at the Grand Hyatt Denver. Bethany Lutheran Church is sponsoring a table at the Gala. The Gala is LFSRM's major fund-raising event that supports the LFS programs that provide open doors and new futures in adoption and foster care, in disaster relief, and for refugees, asylees and seniors. Should you wish to join the Bethany table (8 seats) at the Gala dinner and support LFSRM at the Gala, please email a Bethany Gala Committee member Marie Friedemann (mfriedem@regis.edu), Julie Friedemann (juliefriedemann@msn.com) or Janet Sparling (jsparling01@hotmail.com). Your support of LFSRM is hugely appreciated. See you at the Gala!
- ◆ Lutheran Family Services Silent Auction Gala Committee: This committee would like to add meaningful experiences to the Silent Auction at the Gala. Could you donate theater, symphony, ballet, Avs, Rockies, Bronco tickets to the Silent Auction? Do you a stay at a vacation home or a passion to share with a small group fly fishing, birding, hikes or special dinner that you could donate to the auction? Please contact a Bethany Gala Committee Volunteer Marie Friedemann (mfriedem@regis.edu), Julie Friedemann (juliefriedemann@msn.com) or Janet Sparling (jsparling01@hotmail.com) by April 10. Your kind generosity is greatly appreciated.

- ◆ Holy Hammers 25th Anniversary Dinner and Celebration: Saturday, May 4 at Augustana Lutheran Church, to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Holy Hammers and to raise money for our 2024 home sponsorship and construction (on land leased to Habitat for Humanity of Metro Denver by Augustana Lutheran). Look for announcements coming out soon with detailed instructions on how to register for the event and/or make a donation. Thanks again Bethany for your support of Habitat for Humanity of Metro Denver and Holy Hammers for 25 years! In that time we have sponsored and built 30+ Habitat homes in Metro Denver and some more overseas through our tithes. We hope you will be able to join us in this celebration!
- Retreat-In-A-Box Spring: Join in and sign up for a box! Created by Colleen, Deacon Debra, Pastor Nate, and Pastor Gary this box will guide you as you embrace the Easter Season! Then, Sunday May 5 at 11:20am on-campus or Monday May 6 at 5:30pm on Zoom, join in and reflect with others about your retreat experience. Contact colleen@bethany-denver.org with questions.
- ♦ Young Adult Retreat: May 10-12, Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp, \$100. Have you ever wondered what comes next? What you're supposed to be doing? This has always been a common question for young adults. Join in for a meaningful weekend of exploring how our Christian faith might provide us with new tools for this age-old struggle. You're welcomed to join a community of young adults exploring similar thoughts as we collectively discern God's intentions in our lives. Through Bible study, creative worship, art projects, yoga, personality tests, high ropes adventures, and time in God's beautiful creation we will support each other through the questions we all carry. Connect with Colleen at colleen@bethany-denver.org with questions! Scholarships available!
- Bethany Name Tags: Would you like a Bethany Name Tag? Sign up and we will place an order once we hit a critical mass. Order at www.Bethany-Denver.org/Nametags. Connect with Colleen at colleen@bethany-denver.org with questions.
- **Project Cure:** A hearty thanks to the Bethany members of all ages for their participation in the Kits for Kids project on Sunday, Mar 10. It was a huge success and we put together over 500 bags for kids in need around the world.
- Stewardship 2024: It's not too late to submit an Intention of Giving Form for 2024. We know that the snow days of February hampered many people's ability to be on campus for worship. Intention of Giving forms can be placed in the offering plate on any Sunday, or brought to the church office. The form also shares ways to submit your information electronically. Click Here to be directed to Bethany's Stewardship page for all the information. As our staff and ministry teams will begin working on next year's budget soon, your submitting a form is very helpful. Thank you for ensuring the ongoing vibrancy of Bethany Lutheran Church!
- Kid's Day Camp: Jun 24 28 register at https://tinyurl.com/blcdaycamp
- Kid's Art Camp: Jul 15 18 register at https://tinyurl.com/blcartcamp

Bethany Information Sessions: Want to learn more about this congregation? These sessions are a great path toward considering membership at Bethany too! Sunday, Apr 7 – Christianity and Lutheranism 101, Apr 14 – Bethany's structure; how to get involved, Apr 21 - Tour of the Campus. Each one starts at 11:20am in Room 400 (downstairs in the youth wing). Come to all three, or drop in on topics that appeal to you. New Members will be welcomed in worship on Sunday, Apr 21. Contact Sarah@Bethany-Denver.org to RSVP.

For more information and to see other announcements, please sign up for the email blasts by contacting the office - 303.758.2820, or visit www.Bethany-Denver.org/Bethany-news/.

Retreat-In-A-Box Spring 2024

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Sign up here:





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You're invited to... WEDNESDAY NIGHTS at Bethany!

Wednesday nights are a great place to get connected with others and to grow in your faith because there is truly something for every age group: Elementary classes, Confirmation, Adult Bible Study, Parent's group, Adult and Children's Choirs and more.

Make a plan to spend Wednesday nights at Bethany! Resuming April 3.

SCHEDULE

4:30PM	Alpha Ringers: 2nd-5th Grade	Room 316	
5:00PM	ReBELLion: 6th-12th Grade	Room 314	
5:00PM	Jubilation Choir: 1st-6th Grade	Room 314	
5:15PM	Deborah Circle: Women	Library Room 212	
5:00-6:00PM	Dinner	Fellowship Hall	
Programming Begins!			
6:00PM	Godly Play: PreK-1st Grade	Room 403	
6:00PM	Camp Bethany All Group Game: 2nd-5th Grade	Great Hall Rooms 301, 302,303	
6:00PM	Confirmation: 6th-8th Grade	Soul Schopp Rooms 415 and 416	
6:00PM	Parent's Group	Room 400	
6:00PM	Adult Education	Chapel - Room 300	
6:45PM	Carillons Bell Choir: Adults	Room 315	
7:00PM	Tehilah: Worship for All Ages	Sanctuary	
7:00PM	Chancel Choir: Adults	Room 312	
7:30PM	Pick Up and Sign Out	SE Lobby	



Thursday, March 28	Maundy Thursday Worship	7:00pm
Friday, March 29	Good Friday Tenebrae Worship	12:00pm and 7:00pm
Saturday, March 30	Children's Easter Egg Hunt	4:15pm
Saturday, March 30	Easter Worship	5:00pm
Sunday, March 31	Easter Worship	8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am

Visit www.bethany-denver.org/easter for more information and live-stream.

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