



March 29, 2026

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church**  
**Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod**  
14531 Old Olga Road  
Fort Myers, FL

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Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM

Sunday School & Bible Class: 11:30 AM

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***Jesus' death shows the depth of God's love.***

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love.

Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you care for someone who has been unfairly treated?

If you received palms during worship, take them home. As we begin Holy Week, say the **ACTS**

prayer of giving praise to God (Adoration), asking God's forgiveness (Confession), giving thanks to God (Thanksgiving), and asking God's help for those in need (Supplication) as you light all six purple candles on the Lenten Candle Cross. After lighting the candles, hold a palm and wave it in your hand as you say, ***"Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"*** (Matthew 21:9b)



**IT IS GREAT TO HAVE YOU IN WORSHIP  
WITH US TODAY!**

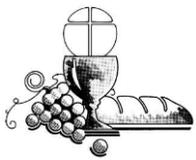
Here at Bethlehem Lutheran, we believe in the teachings of the Bible as taught by Jesus and the apostles and strive to live our lives in accord with the gospel of Jesus Christ. We are all fellow sinners who live together in the mercy and grace of Jesus. Jesus is the heart and center of all that we say and do as we serve Him and live in Christian love with one another.

If you would like to learn more about this church, or are looking for a church family, please talk to our pastor or one of the elders. They would be happy to talk with you! Regardless of whether you join or not, we welcome you and your family to

worship with us any time! We want to know who you are, so please provide your contact information in the Friendship Book as it is passed during the Offertory. If you are visiting, honor us by signing the Guest Register in the Narthex.

If you have a prayer request, please fill out a Blue Prayer Card from the pew rack and usher will be collecting them.

Thank you. Come visit us again sometime soon and may the Lord richly bless you!



## **ATTENDING COMMUNION AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and

because Holy Communion is a confession of faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of Bethlehem Lutheran Church LCMS and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are invited to speak with Pastor Karl Glander.

**Theme of the Day:** On Palm Sunday Christ was greeted with palm branches—the ancient symbol for *victory*. Job 41 is also all about *victory*. God’s *victory* over that same evil foe who still means deadly woe!

## **PALM/PASSION SUNDAY**

*March 29, 2026*

### **PRELUDE**

✠ **PROCESSION OF PALMS** ✠

### **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

(Please follow the cross as it makes its way from the narthex to the chancel.)

# ✠ ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠

## HYMN OF INVOCATION

### 442 ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR

*(Stanzas 1-4)*

ref All glory, laud, and honor  
To You, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.

1 You are the King of Israel  
And David's royal Son,  
Now in the Lord's name coming,  
Our King and Blessèd One. **Refrain**

2 The company of angels  
Is praising You on high,  
And we with all creation  
In chorus make reply. **Refrain**

3 The multitude of pilgrims  
With palms before You went;

Our praise and prayer and anthems  
Before You we present. **Refrain**

**ref** All glory, laud, and honor  
To You, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.

**4** To You before Your passion  
They sang their hymns of praise;  
To You, now high exalted,  
Our melody we raise. **Refrain**

**+ CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTIO +**

### **INVOCATIO**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### **CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTIO**

**P** Loving Father, like those who greeted Jesus as  
he entered Jerusalem and later shouted,

“Crucify him,” we are fickle people who often deny Christ in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Remembering the events of Holy Week helps us see ourselves for what we are, sinners in need of a Savior.

**C** **O King of Glory, we confess that our praise of your majesty has often been faint, our performance as citizens of your kingdom has often been lack-luster. For we have surrendered to the enemy far too often. For our sin you died, Lord Jesus For our restoration, you rose again. Draw us closer to you in this Holy Week, that our eyes may catch the vision of your love, and our hearts be captured by the wonder of your grace.**

**P** God’s almighty power is shown chiefly in the weakness of Jesus—his riding upon a donkey on Palm Sunday, his bitter agony in Gethsemane, as well as in his bloody sweat on Good Friday. His resurrection assures you that his promises of forgiveness, life and salvation are all yours, now and indeed, forevermore!

**ALL: I know that my Redeemer lives!**

*(Please be seated)*

## **HYMN OF RESPONSE**

### **442 ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR**

*(Stanza 5)*

**ref All glory, laud, and honor  
To You, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.**

**5 As You received their praises,  
Accept the prayers we bring,  
O Source of ev'ry blessing,  
Our good and gracious King. Refrain**

*(Please rise)*

## **NICENE CREED**

**☐ I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,**

**the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all  
worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of  
the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under  
Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again  
according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to  
judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the  
Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and  
apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the  
remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the  
dead  
and the life ✝ of the world to come.  
Amen.**

**+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, you send your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of his great humility and patience and be made partakes of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*(Please be seated)*

## **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Job 41:20–34*

<sup>20</sup>Out of his nostrils comes forth smoke,  
as from a boiling pot and burning rushes.

<sup>21</sup>His breath kindles coals,  
and a flame comes forth from his mouth.

<sup>22</sup>In his neck abides strength,  
and terror dances before him.

<sup>23</sup>The folds of his flesh stick together,  
firmly cast on him and immovable.

<sup>24</sup>His heart is hard as a stone,  
hard as the lower millstone.

<sup>25</sup>When he raises himself up the mighty are  
afraid;  
at the crashing they are beside themselves.

<sup>26</sup>Though the sword reaches him, it does not  
avail,  
nor the spear, the dart, or the javelin.

<sup>27</sup>He counts iron as straw,  
and bronze as rotten wood.

<sup>28</sup>The arrow cannot make him flee;  
for him sling stones are turned to stubble.

<sup>29</sup>Clubs are counted as stubble;  
he laughs at the rattle of javelins.

<sup>30</sup>His underparts are like sharp potsherds;  
he spreads himself like a threshing sledge  
on the mire.

<sup>31</sup>He makes the deep boil like a pot;  
he makes the sea like a pot of ointment.

<sup>32</sup>Behind him he leaves a shining wake;  
one would think the deep to be white-  
haired.

<sup>33</sup>On earth there is not his like,  
a creature without fear.

<sup>34</sup>He sees everything that is high;  
he is king over all the sons of pride.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **EPISTLE**

*2 Corinthians 12:1–10*

### **Paul’s Visions and His Thorn**

<sup>1</sup>I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. <sup>2</sup>I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. <sup>3</sup>And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— <sup>4</sup>and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. <sup>5</sup>On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup>Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. <sup>7</sup>So to keep me from being too

elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup>Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. <sup>9</sup>But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. <sup>10</sup>For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please rise)*

**ALLELUIA AND VERSE (LENT)**

*LSB 157*

**C** **Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

*Luke 19:37–41*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the nineteenth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>37</sup>As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, <sup>38</sup>saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” <sup>39</sup>And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” <sup>40</sup>He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

### **Jesus Weeps over Jerusalem**

<sup>41</sup>And when he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it,

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*(Please be seated)*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### 656 A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God,  
A trusty shield and weapon;  
He helps us free from ev'ry need  
That hath us now o'ertaken.  
The old evil foe  
Now means deadly woe;  
Deep guile and great might  
Are his dread arms in fight;  
On earth is not his equal.
- 2 With might of ours can naught be done,  
Soon were our loss effected;  
But for us fights the valiant One,  
Whom God Himself elected.  
Ask ye, Who is this?  
Jesus Christ it is,  
Of Sabaoth Lord,  
And there's none other God;  
He holds the field forever.

3 Though devils all the world should fill,  
All eager to devour us,  
We tremble not, we fear no ill;  
They shall not overpow'r us.  
This world's prince may still  
Scowl fierce as he will,  
He can harm us none.  
He's judged; the deed is done;  
One little word can fell him.

4 The Word they still shall let remain  
Nor any thanks have for it;  
He's by our side upon the plain  
With His good gifts and Spirit.  
And take they our life,  
Goods, fame, child, and wife,  
Though these all be gone,  
Our vict'ry has been won;  
The Kingdom ours remaineth.

## **SERMON**

**"On Earth is not his Equal!"**

*... Pastor Karl*

The Seventh Part in the Series

**“Job: Blessed be the Name of the Lord!”**

On Earth is not His Equal!

(Job 41:20-34)

*(Please rise)*

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**P** Heavenly Father, we admit that we are in a battle with a crafty and cunning enemy.

**C** Your word calls him **Satan or Accuser.**

**P** He seeks to kill, steal and destroy.

**C** In fact, he is likened to a monster called **Leviathan.**

**P** Who is connected with death,

**C** Who is a **deceiving serpent.**

**P** And who is even a deadly dragon.

**ALL: On earth is not his equal!**

**C** Yet we believe this devil is under your control.

**P** He has fallen from heaven like lightning.

**C** Indeed, the day is coming when he will be thrown into the lake of burning sulfur.

**P** We claim this victory—our victory—on Palm Sunday.

**C** Secured when Jesus died.

**P** And sealed when he was glorified.

**ALL: I know that my Redeemer lives!**

**+ Additional Prayers +**

**P** Hear these, and all our prayers, loving Father, for we pray in the all-powerful name of Jesus.

**C** Amen.

*(Please be seated)*

## OFFERING

### ♪ OFFERTORY RESPONSE ♪

#### 192 CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART, O GOD

*(Please rise)*

△ **Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. Amen.**

### **+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +**

#### PREFACE

*LSB 160*

**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.

## PROPER PREFACE

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### **♪SANCTUS♪**

*LSB 161*

**C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

## Hosanna in the highest.

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

*LSB 161*

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to

drink, You lead us to remember and confess  
Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed  
death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection  
from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and  
Your coming for the final judgment. So  
remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to  
pray:

## **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.**

## **PAX DOMINI**

LSB 163

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## **♪ AGNUS DEI ♪**

LSB 163

**C** Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

*(Please be seated)*

## **DISTRIBUTION**

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

### **549 ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME**

- 1 All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
And crown Him Lord of all.

Bring forth the royal diadem  
And crown Him Lord of all.

**2** Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God,  
Who from His altar call;  
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod  
And crown Him Lord of all.  
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod  
And crown Him Lord of all.

**3** Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,  
Ye ransomed from the fall,  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace  
And crown Him Lord of all.  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace  
And crown Him Lord of all.

**4** Hail Him, ye heirs of David's line,  
Whom David Lord did call,  
The God incarnate, man divine,  
And crown Him Lord of all.  
The God incarnate, man divine,  
And crown Him Lord of all.

5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget  
The wormwood and the gall,  
Go, spread your trophies at His feet  
And crown Him Lord of all.  
Go, spread your trophies at His feet  
And crown Him Lord of all.

6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,  
On this terrestrial ball  
To Him all majesty ascribe  
And crown Him Lord of all.  
To Him all majesty ascribe  
And crown Him Lord of all.

7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng  
We at His feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song  
And crown Him Lord of all.  
We'll join the everlasting song  
And crown Him Lord of all.

## **525 CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS**

1 Crown Him with many crowns,  
The Lamb upon His throne;

Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns  
All music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
Of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless king  
Through all eternity.

**2** Crown Him the virgin's Son,  
The God incarnate born,  
Whose arm those crimson trophies won  
Which now His brow adorn:  
Fruit of the mystic rose,  
Yet of that rose the stem,  
The root whence mercy ever flows,  
The babe of Bethlehem.

**3** Crown Him the Lord of love.  
Behold His hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above,  
In beauty glorified.  
No angels in the sky  
Can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bend their wond'ring eyes  
At mysteries so bright.

- 4 Crown Him the Lord of life,  
Who triumphed o'er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife  
For those He came to save.  
His glories now we sing,  
Who died and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring  
And lives that death may die.
- 5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n,  
Enthroned in worlds above,  
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n  
The wondrous name of Love.  
Crown Him with many crowns  
As thrones before Him fall;  
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,  
For He is king of all.

*(Please rise)*

## **NUNC DIMITTIS**

LSB 165

- © Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled.**

**My own eyes have seen the salvation  
which You have prepared in the sight of  
ev'ry people:**

**A light to reveal You to the nations and the  
glory of Your people Israel.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and  
to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will  
be forever. Amen.**

## **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that  
You have refreshed us through this salutary  
gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy  
You would strengthen us through the same in  
faith toward You and in fervent love toward  
one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son,  
our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and  
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*(Please be seated)*

## **HYMN TO DEPART**

## 443 HOSANNA, LOUD HOSANNA

1 Hosanna, loud hosanna,  
The little children sang;  
Through pillared court and temple  
The lovely anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them,  
Close folded to His breast,  
The children sang their praises,  
The simplest and the best.

2 From Olivet they followed  
Mid an exultant crowd,  
The victor palm branch waving  
And chanting clear and loud.  
The Lord of earth and heaven  
Rode on in lowly state  
Nor scorned that little children  
Should on His bidding wait.

3 “Hosanna in the highest!”  
That ancient song we sing;  
For Christ is our Redeemer,  
The Lord of heav’n our King.  
Oh, may we ever praise Him

With heart and life and voice  
And in His blissful presence  
Eternally rejoice!

## **BENEDICTION**

*LSB 166*

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be  
gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give  
you peace.
- C** Amen.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **POSTLUDE**



# *SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY*

Preacher: Rev. Karl P. Glander

Organist: Holly Bell

Flutist: Nancy Rybak

Bells: Debbie Jackow

The Sound System: Jeff Kirsch

Elder: Klaus Naumann

Altar Guild: Emmy Larson, Betty Willis

Ushers: Doug Grage, Tim Tobeck

Reader: Annette Brocious

**Signup Sheets in the Fellowship Hall. This is  
your chance to get involved in worship.**

## **Our Response to God's Love**

Wednesday Lent – 21

Worship Service – 76

Adult Bible Class – 24

Sunday School – 4

Wednesday Lent – 22

**Celebrating birthdays this week: 3/31:** Rick Rybak **4/4:** Joann Erdman

**Celebrating anniversaries this week: 3/30:** Pam & Paul Rugenstein (*52yrs*)

### **COFFEE & CONVERSATION**

Join us in the Fellowship Hall after the 10:30 service for coffee and goodies. The refreshments this week are from Tammy Sheridan. Thank you!

**Sandy**, Thank you so much for the beautiful Palm Sunday crosses! Your hands at work are truly a blessing to our congregation. Many of us save these for years as a reminder of our Savior's sacrifice. We are so grateful for your dedication and care in keeping this cherished tradition alive.

### **ADULT SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY and SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Pastor Glander leads a Bible study in the Fellowship Hall after the 10:30 service and Sunday school for the children is in the classroom.

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2026

- **Maundy Thursday (April 2)**
  - **7:00 p.m.** – Worship Service with Holy Communion, commemorating the Last Supper.
- **Good Friday (April 3)**
  - **7:00 p.m.** – Worship Service, a solemn remembrance of the crucifixion.
- **Easter Sunday (April 5)**
  - **6:30 a.m.** – **Easter Sunrise Service**, celebrating the resurrection at dawn.
  - **8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.** – **Easter Breakfast**, a free will offering
  - **10:30 a.m.** – **Easter Celebration Service**, festive worship for the day.
  - **11:45 a.m.** – **Easter Egg Hunt**, a family activity following the late morning service.

### Here are the key details for your VBS schedule:

- **Next Meeting:** Monday, April 6, 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
- **VBS Dates:** June 8 – 12, 2026
- **Time:** 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. (Evening session)

## **Meeting Notice: LWML Planning Session**

- **Date:** Monday, April 6th (2026)
- **Time:** 1:00 p.m.
- **Purpose:** Planning for the '26/'27 season's missions, projects, and goals.

Input and suggestions from everyone are welcome as we shape the upcoming season.

### The Book of Job:

#### **Blessed be the Name of the Lord**

The Book of Job: Blessed be the Name of the Lord  
One of the Bible's greatest wisdom books is the book of Job. This Lent we went to explore this magnificent composition that is numbered among some of the greatest literature of all time. The sermons helped us dig deeply into Job's central message and supporting truths, while Sunday Morning Adult Bible Classes furthered address the book's major topics and themes.

We all suffer—personally and privately. We also suffer in more public ways. A husband loses a job. A child gets divorced. A parent dies. And now, thanks to the media, we are able to see and

experience more and more of the world's catastrophes and suffering. We need the book of Job, now, more than ever.

Martin Luther asserted that "Job is magnificent and sublime as no book of Scripture." Others have called Job "the Shakespeare of the Bible." Yet the early Christian scholar Jerome perhaps put it best when he called the book of Job an "eel," since the more one tries to contain it, the slipperier it becomes! The purpose of our Lenten emphasis is to learn how to apply Job to our lives, so that the book becomes less like an eel and more like a loving companion through life's dark valleys. Preaching plans are as follows:

The Sunday Morning Bible Classes have been exploring the Book of Job during Lent.

### **The Book of Job:**

#### **Blessed be the Name of the Lord!**

Palm Sunday, "*On Earth is not his Equal!*" (Job 41:20–34) March 29th

Good Friday, "*Tearing Down the Spite House*" (Job 42:7–9) April 2nd

The Resurrection of Our Lord, "*I Know that My Redeemer Lives!*" (Job 19:23–26) April 5<sup>th</sup>



## **Palm Sunday Service**

*March 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.*

## **Maundy Thursday Service**

*April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. with Holy Communion*

## **Good Friday Service**

*April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.*

## **Easter Services**

*April 5<sup>th</sup>*

*6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service*

*8-10 a.m. Easter Breakfast*

*10:30 a.m. Easter Celebration Service*

*11:45 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt*

## **We Need Easter Candy!**

Bethlehem is doing our Annual Outreach Easter Egg Hunt. Lots of candy, fruit snacks, or cash donations can be given to Mickie Naumann. Any Donations can be left in the Box in the Narthex under the table or in back of the fellowship hall by the church office. When donating candy, please keep in mind that this candy goes out to younger

children. If all donations could be here by Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. **Remember we are reaching out to those in the Community with a chance to let them see we are here and Gods Love! Thank You!**

## **PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND HEALING**

For good test results, treatment, positive thinking, healing, and comfort during cancer treatments, for those suffering from addiction, mental illness and for healing, strength, comfort, and peace for family we pray for:

Gary, Betty, Jasmyn, Maeve, Chris Tobeck, Keith Tobeck, Andy, Peggy, Jack, Karen and Doug, Carolyn, Jim, Ron, Helen, Happiness for my family, For all God's creation for all mistreated animals, Larry and Linda, Helen, Sandi, Peggy, Tim Carlton, Roberta Lasocki Carlton, Ron Perry, Les Dreischerf, Cannon, Debbie Steele, Levi, Dominick Junior, Abigail and family, Amy and family, Terri, Thersea L., Scot, Melinda, Nick, Rose, Don, Carl, James and his family, Pam and Paul, John and Judy Wittenberg, Paul, Dick, Larry, Bill Denny, Bill, Denny, Sharyn, Christa and Axel,

Tyler Wilke, Johnie, Sherri and Gene, Carolyn B., Ken T., Sarah, Jackie, Wayne, And those in our hearts

**For Those Who have recently lost loved ones:**

The family and friends of George Kranz, The family and friends of Eliot DeLongo, The family and friends of Rick Hill, The family and friends of Rybak, The family and friends Peter Doukas, The family and friends of Billie Waddick

**PRAYERS for Homebound, Assisted Living, Nursing Home**

**Those who can't attend common worship that they would find comfort knowing that the Lord is with them.**

Pam, Edison and Karen Johnson, Chester and Linda Rust, Dorothy Riddle

**PRAYERS FOR PROTECTION**

For our full-time troops and public servants, for travel, missionaries, and for peace and protection for families.

Son-in-law (being deployed), Donald Sepulveda

**Dear Lord, We come to You today with heavy hearts, as we lift up those who are in need of prayer. We ask that You would bring healing and restoration to their body, mind, and spirit  
Amen.**

# Ham Dinner



Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>,  
4-7 pm

Ham, scalloped potatoes, coleslaw, baked beans, bun, drink,  
and delicious dessert

\$10.00 adult \$5.00 child

Eat in or take out

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Share the beauty of Easter by sponsoring a lily or lilies to be used as decoration in the Sanctuary. Generously donated in memory of loved ones, and their names are printed in the worship bulletin. If you would like to donate one or more flowers in memory of someone, please fill out the form below, or call the church office at 239-694-3878. The cost is **\$11.00 per plant**. You can send a check made out to Bethlehem Lutheran Church and labeled "Easter Lilies" in the memo line. The deadline for ordering is **Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**.

The flowers will be available for pickup after Easter.

\_\_\_\_\_ Lilies @ \$11.00 each = \_\_\_\_\_

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Please note whether this/these plant(s) are:

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Place this form with proper payment in an envelope and place in offering plate or send to Bethlehem Lutheran Church 14531 Old Olga Road, Fort Myers, FL 33905