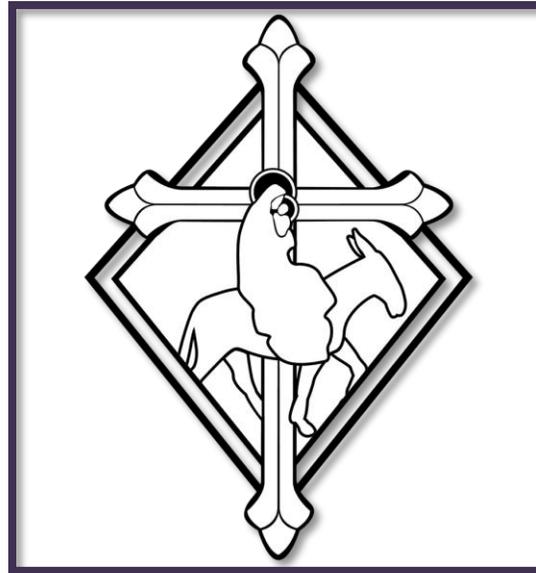

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Third Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2026



SERVING YOU TODAY

Pastor Tony Pittenger
Organist Roberta Highfill
Acolytes Maya & Colton Denney,
Brennan & Tristan Monaghan
Elder on duty this week Earl Miller

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday: Join with us as we use
The Divine Service, *Rite Two*,
starting on page 60, with modifications.
*(Please follow along in the hymnal
or above the altar as announced)*
Monday: The Office of Compline, pg. 128

*Flowers on the Altar this week are given to the glory of God by
Dave Dahlke in loving memory of Jenny.*

HYMNS

145
What Child is This

267:1-3
From East to West

Distribution
227
*Salvation Unto Us is
Come*

271
*O Jesus, Lamb of
God, Thou Art*

INTROIT: Rain down, you heavens from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness. Let the earth open, and bring forth salvation. My heart is overflowing with a good theme; I recite my composition concerning the King.

COLLECT: O almighty God, of Your great mercy You caused Your Son to be conceived by the Holy Spirit, and to become incarnate of the blessed Virgin Mary according to the angel's annunciation: Grant us by Your grace, that our sinful conception may be purified by His holy conception; through the same, Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, He said, “Sacrifices and offerings You have not desired, but a body have You prepared for Me; ⁶ in burnt offerings and sin offerings You have taken no pleasure. ⁷ Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God, as it is written of Me in the scroll of the book.’ ” ⁸ When He said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), ⁹ then He added, “Behold, I have come to do Your will.” He does away with the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰ And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. *Hebrews 10:5–10 (ESV)*

GRADUAL: Christ humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

GOSPEL LESSON

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin’s name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!” ²⁹ But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to Him the throne of His father David, ³³ and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His Kingdom there will be no end.” ³⁴ And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?” ³⁵ And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the Child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. ³⁶ And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God.” ³⁸ And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her. *Luke 1:26–38 (ESV)*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal Word, You became Incarnate as man in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Be pleased to dwell within all Your people, shaping our hearts to love what You love. Like Mary, use our minds and muscles to do Your will. **Hear us, O Lord.**

You, through whom the universe was created, began Your earthly course in the womb of a humble and chaste Virgin. Help all Your people to follow her model of a God-pleasing life and bless all our work to share the gifts of creation with those in need. **Hear us, O Lord.**

At the annunciation of this miracle Mary responded in faith: "let it be done to me according to your word." May we, who are made new creatures by Your grace, respond with such faith when You call us to Your service. Just as it is within Your power to be born of a virgin, it is within Your power to heal the sick and comfort those in sorrow. Be with all [*especially _____*] with Your grace and love, caring for them according to Your will. **Hear us, O Lord.**

Lead us as You led Mary, to the foot of Your cross, where we see with eyes of faith the great love that our Father has for us. Bring peace to the nations, bless travelers and peacekeepers alike, and speed the day of Your return when our eyes can finally see You as Mary once did. **Hear us, O Lord, Amen.**

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

*Legalism focuses on how little to give;
love focuses on how much can I give.*

2026	Approved Budgeted Monthly Need	Actual Giving
January	39583.33	44922.65
February	39583.33	28015.01
March	39583.33	
YTD	79166.66	72937.66

This Easter season, let's come together to share God's word and love in our classrooms! Consider giving a thoughtful classroom gift that can inspire and uplift our students. Your generosity can help spread joy and faith, touching the hearts of many! Here is the faculty wish list, filled with items that will enrich our learning environment and foster a deeper connection to our values. Let's show our support and love this Easter—together, we can make a difference!

Thank you for your kindness and for being a source of light in our community!

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3NLSATNTZN1MF?ref=list_d_wl_ys_list_1&filter=unpurchased&sort=date-added&viewType=list

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAST LENTEN SUPPER

Wednesday March 25, 5:30-6:30pm. Join us before worship for food & fellowship.



EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

The Evangelism Committee is looking for more members to help plan and set up events. Please join us after Sunday School Today! Reach out to Collin Starkel at (360) 801-4311 with any questions.

HOLY WEEK ALTAR CARE

Confirmed young ladies and women of the congregation, you are invited to participate in the ceremonial undressing and redressing of the altar on Maundy Thursday(4/2) and Easter Sunday(4/5). This is both a reverent and joyous opportunity to celebrate the death and resurrection of our Savior. *Please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway.*

EASTER LILYS

Each year you are invited to sponsor one or more Easter Lilies to help beautify the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. They may be given in celebration of Easter or in honor or memory of a loved one..

If you would like to head up the buying and storing of the Lily's please let the office know.

Cost is \$15each. *Sign up on the sheet posted in the narthex (please note any dedication details).*

Please sign up by March 30th.

BETHANY BLESSED

Are you available Thursdays? Join the Bethany Blessed team as we partner with World Vision to help enrich our community. Please see Melissa Pittenger for more information.

CHOIR

Please join us as we prepare to celebrate Easter. Wednesday, 6:15pm

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, 3/22 Lent Five

9:00am Worship with communion

10:15am Bible Class/Sunday School

11:00am Evangelism meeting

MONDAY, 3/23

7:00pm Worship

TUESDAY, 3/24

1:00pm Juanita's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, 3/25

2:30pm Midweek Lenten Service

5:30pm Soup Supper

6:15pm Choir

7:00pm Midweek Lenten Service

SATURDAY, 3/28

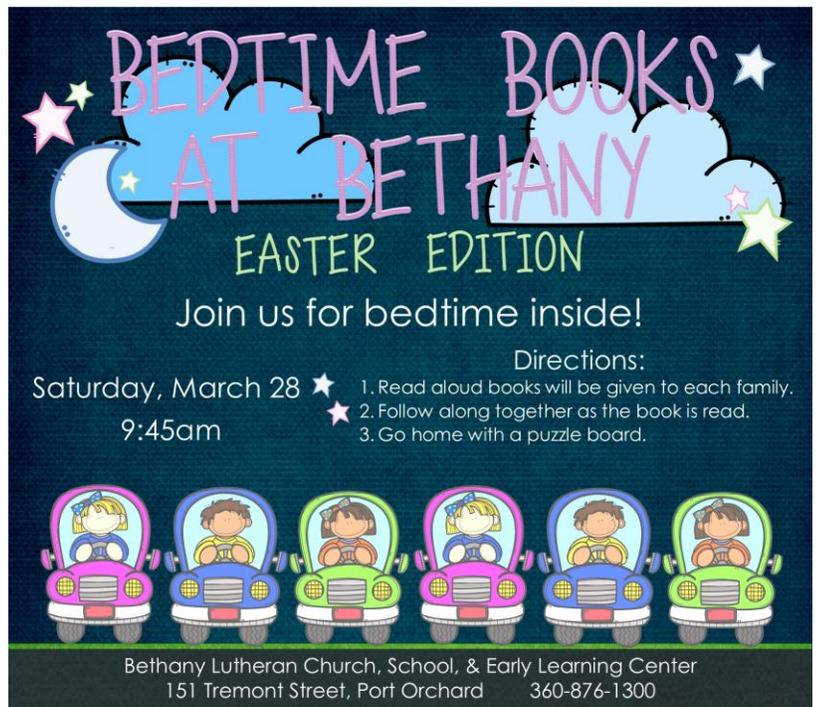
10:00am Bedtime Books

SUNDAY, 3/29

Palm Sunday/Confirmation

9:00am Worship/Confirmation

10:00am Confirmation Reception



**BEDTIME BOOKS
AT BETHANY
EASTER EDITION**

Join us for bedtime inside!

Saturday, March 28 **9:45am**

Directions:

1. Read aloud books will be given to each family.
2. Follow along together as the book is read.
3. Go home with a puzzle board.

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The poster features a dark blue background with a white crescent moon and several colorful stars. The text is in a playful, hand-drawn font. At the bottom, there are six cartoon cars, each with a different colored driver (pink, blue, green, pink, blue, green).

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Worship Schedule: Sunday 9:00am, Monday 7:00pm.
