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**Bethany Lutheran Church**  
**Palm Sunday**  
**Confirmation**

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**SERVING YOU TODAY**

**Pastor** Tony Pittenger  
**Organist** Megan Enstad  
**Acolytes** William Nantz, Isabel Gracia,  
Meeah Lucas & Gabriel Gerace  
**Elder on duty this week** Bo Boucher

**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

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**HYMNS**

**279**

*Hosanna, Loud  
Hosanna*

**277**

*All Glory, Laud, and  
Honor*

**174**

*Children of the  
Heavenly Father*

**280**

*Ride On, Ride On in  
Majesty*

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**INTROIT:** Vindicate me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation. Deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man. Send out Your light and Your truth; Let them lead me, let them bring me to Your holy hill.

**COLLECT:** Almighty and everlasting God, You have caused Your beloved Son to take our nature upon Himself, that He might give us the example of humility and suffer death upon the cross for our sins: Mercifully grant us a believing knowledge of this, that we may follow the example of His patience, and be made partakers of the benefits of His sacred Passion and death; 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.

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**EPISTLE LESSON**

**H**ave this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>

And being found in human form, He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.. *Philippians 2:5–11 (ESV)*

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

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## GOSPEL LESSON

**N**ow when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to Me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” <sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, <sup>5</sup> “Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’” <sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. <sup>7</sup> They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and He sat on them. <sup>8</sup> Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> And the crowds that went before Him and that followed Him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” <sup>10</sup> And when He entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” <sup>11</sup> And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.” *Matthew 21:1–1 (ESV)*

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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, for peace in Christ’s Church, and for peace in the hearts and lives of all Christians, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For Christ’s Holy Church, that She may be defended against Her enemies and kept faithful in the confession of Jesus Christ to the nations, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all people in their vocations, that delighting in the Lord’s lovingkindness, they may joyfully serve their neighbors, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those in authority over us, that in the fulfillment of their duties, they may have the same mind as Christ, our King who laid down His life for His people, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those in trial and peril, and for the broken-hearted and humbled, that God would come quickly to their aid; and that our Lord would rescue [ and] all who delight in Him, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! We praise You, Father, that You have sent Your Son not in wrath but in mercy. As we enter this most holy week and ponder together the mysteries of Your great salvation, show us the answer to Your people’s prayers of “Hosanna” in the Passion of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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# THE BLESSING OF THE CONFIRMANDS

Scott Paul Belington Amiling

Psalm 124:8

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.

Eli Hyun Tek Browne

Psalm 9:10 (ESV)

Those who know Your name put their trust in You,  
for You, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You

Maya Noelle Denney

John 4:14 (ESV)

Whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again.  
The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life

Leah Margaret Evans

Matthew 11:28 (ESV)

Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Maleia Joann Fletcher

Esther 2:17 (ESV)

The king loved Esther more than all the women,  
and she won grace and favor in his sight more than all the maidens,  
so that he set the royal crown on her head and made her queen.

Lilliyana Adeline Murray

Matthew 6:28–30 (ESV)

Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin,  
yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.  
But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into  
the oven, will he not much more clothe you?

Benjamin Alexander Percich

Matthew 25:34 (ESV)

Then the King will say to those on His right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by My Father,  
inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world

Donovan William Singleton

Psalm 51:7 (ESV)

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.



Please join the Confirmands and their families for a reception with cake and punch after the service.

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## STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

### GIVING YOUR OFFERING

If you find yourself using your checkbook less and less, consider these alternatives to your continued act of worship, service, trust, and sacrifice (i.e. “offering”) to the Lord:

1. Bethany has contracted with a service called “Faithstreet”.

a) From their website you can make a one-time-gift or set up a regular (weekly, monthly, etc.) offering. Look for a button like the one to the right of this paragraph on our church’s website or Facebook page ([www.BethanyLutheranPortOrchard.org](http://www.BethanyLutheranPortOrchard.org)) or [www.facebook.com/Bethany.Kitsap](http://www.facebook.com/Bethany.Kitsap)).

2. Use *Faithstreet* to give by text: Save this # to “Bethany Offerings”: **646-832-4848**. Send a text to that number with the amount you want to give as the content of the text. (i.e. “25”, twenty-five dollars will be sent to Bethany.) You will receive a link asking for a quickcode. Enter “**bethany**” and finish this setup form. (You only have to do this once.) Next time simply text the amount to the number. Your gift will be processed immediately. When you are doing your online banking, consider making your offering a part of your online bill pay (either by electronic transfer or by having your bank cut the check and send it to Bethany). This helps remedy the “forgetfulness factor.”



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

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 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 Eastor 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 30<sup>th</sup>.***

## YOUTH GROUP FAMILIES

**EASTER EGG HUNT & BBQ SATURDAY April 4<sup>th</sup> at 2PM**

**HOSTED BY RAY & WENDY KILLGORE**

Youth Group families, please join your hosts, the Killgore's, for a BBQ! Burgers & drinks will be provided; please bring a side or dessert to share.

## EASTER PHOTOBOOTH

Next week during breakfast, served by our Youth Group, our Sunday School teachers would love to have you come to the Power Hour classroom and use the backdrop, costumes, and props of our "Easter Photo Booth"!

## MEN'S RETREAT

**APRIL 24-26<sup>TH</sup> at Delano Bay Christian Camp**

*Godly Leadership*

Godly Leaders- in Marriages, Family and Church

Register online from the QR code on the bulletin outside the sanctuary.



## HOLY WEEK

**Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Maundy Thursday; Communion Service 7pm**

**Friday, April.3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Good Friday; Worship Service 7pm**

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

**Easter Sunday**

**Sunrise Service 7am**

*Easter Breakfast hosted by the Youth Group.*

*Funds raised goes toward the 2026 LYA Convention.*

*Photo booth in the Power Hour/Sunday School room. Stop by while you wait for breakfast!*

**Festival Worship 10am**



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# CALENDAR

**SUNDAY, 3/29**

**Palm Sunday/Confirmation**

**9:00am** Worship/Confirmation

**10:00am** Confirmation Reception

**MONDAY, 3/30**

**7:00pm** Worship

**TUESDAY, 3/31**

**1:00pm** Juanita's Bible Study

**THURSDAY, 4/2**

**7:00pm** Maundy Thursday

with communion

**FRIDAY 4/3**

**7:00pm** Good Friday Service

**SUNDAY, 4/5**

***The Resurrection of our Lord***

**7:00am** Sunrise Service

Easter Breakfast following

**10:00am** Easter Festival Service

*\*Due to Pastor being out of town, in the month of April, holy communion will be available on 4/2, 4/20, 4.27, and as arranged with him.*

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**2026 EVERGREEN AUCTION**  
AN EVENING OF SOARING GENEROSITY AND UNFORGETTABLE VICTORIES!

**WINGS AND WINS**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026**

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

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My Name

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