WELCOME

to Bethel Lutheran Church!

We are so glad you are here with us for worship. It is our mission here at Bethel to Connect, Grow, and Serve God and others. On this Palm Sunday we are reminded that Jesus enters into our world not for the sake of receiving celebration and praise. Instead, Jesus came to bring hope and healing to a world that is hurting and in need. With the unrest and chaos in our world today, we need to be reminded Jesus came not for the glory, but instead to take our pain and to give us a hope that is founded in someone greater than ourselves or even the best doctors and nurses.

* You are invited to stand as you are able.

The Prelude: Setting of "All Glory, Laud and Honor" James

The Welcome/Announcements

*The Confession and Forgiveness:

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen

- L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your Holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- P: Amen
- L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

- L: Most merciful God.
- P: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Holy Name. Amen
- L: Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for us and, for His sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*The Opening Hymn: "All Glory, Laud and Honor" #344

(See Insert for lyrics)

*The Greeting:

L: We gather this day in the grace and mercy of Jesus Christ.

P: We gather in the name of the Father, and Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Palm Sunday Responsive Reading:

L: The streets were crowded.

P: A parade mood filled the air.

L: Shouts came from deep in the heart.

P: Hosanna. Save us.

L: Save us from lukewarm faith.

P: Hosanna. Save us.

L: Save us from callous indifference.

P: Hosanna. Save us.

L: Save us from paltry hopes and petty dreams.

P: Hosanna. Save us.

L: Save us from unquenchable greed.

P: Hosanna. Save us.

L: Save us from lazy habits and faithless commitments.

P: Hosanna. Save us.

L: Save us from soft-mindedness and hard-heartedness.

P: Hosanna. Save us

*The Prayer of the Day:

L: Almighty God...

P: In Your endless love for the human race, You sent Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross, for our sake. In doing so, we are reminded this day and every day how You continue to enter into our brokenness, and provide us with hope and life. Grant us the eyes to see and the faith to believe this. In Your powerful name we pray. Amen.

*Sharing God's Peace:

.: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

P: And also with you!

The Children's Message: Pastor Ladd Sonnenberg

Music Ministry: "If With All Your Hearts" from Elijah

Felix Mendelssohn

Obed Floan, tenor; Skip James, piano

The First Lesson: Zephaniah 3:16-20

.: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God!

The Second Lesson:

The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God!

*Lenten Antiphon:

Return, return to the Lord, your God, return, return to the Lord your God For He is gracious and of great mercy, And abounds in steadfast love; And abounds in steadfast love.

Psalm 46:1-11

*The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 21:1-11

The Message: "Life Turned Upside Down"

Pastor Ladd Sonnenberg

*The Hymn: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

(See Insert for lyrics)

* The Offering Prayer:

L: Sustaining God,

P: We give You thanks for sacrificing Your Son who freely gave His life for our freedom. Empower us, through Christ's example, to give our time, talents, and treasures, so that through them others will come to know You. Amen.

Giving our First and Best to God through our Offering

Offering Music: "Hear ye, Israel" from Elijah Felix Mendelssohn Megan Wagner, soprano; Skip James, piano

*The Prayers of God's People:

L: Loving Savior...

P: Hear our every prayer.

*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.

*The Closing Hymn: "Ride on, Ride on in Majesty"

(See Insert for lyrics)

^{*}The Palm Sunday Blessing

*The Sending:

L: May we go this day with our eyes on Christ...

P: And our lips proclaiming what He has done and continues to do.

Postlude: Improvisation on "Ride on" James

"Faith will tell us Christ is present, when our human senses fail."

—Thomas Aquinas

WE HOLD IN PRAYER

THOSE WHO ARE SICK, INJURED AND IN NEED OF HEALING

Jerry Adams, Carol Amdahl, Marlin Amdahl, Jason Benson, Ken Bipes, Jeff Bowers, Joe Breault, Teresa Dickman, Paul Engebretson, Marlys Fiedler, Patrick Gibbons, Jane Hanson, Joy Hanson, Tyler Hanson, Aethan Hart, Sharon Haugo, Chuck Hildebrandt, Barb Holt, Jackie Hugdahl, Carol & Gary Jensen, Earl Johnson, Joe Kinney, Ken Larson, Pat Larson, Emily O'Malley-Larson, Ruth Lewis, Laura Lindahl, Brent Myster, Mary Kay Nolan, Bill Olson, Terri Pomeroy, Luanne Rimer, Terry Schubert, Betty Seastedt, Richard Thoemke

THOSE SERVING OR DEPLOYED IN THE MILITARY

Scotty Krause, Charlie Richards, Peyton Massie, Cheyanne Massie, Charles Kemper

IN SYMPATHY

We offer our sympathies and prayers of comfort and strength for the family of Don Waalen in his death. God bless and comfort them with the promise of Christ: "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."

TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Piano: Skip James **Reader:** Dan Roeglin

Song Leader: Tracey Jenkinson

Maundy Thursday

1:00 pm Traditional (Facebook Live and WEVR) 5:00 pm Contemporary (Facebook Live)

Good Friday

1:00 pm Traditional (Facebook Live and WEVR) 5:00 pm Contemporary (Facebook Live)

Easter Sunday

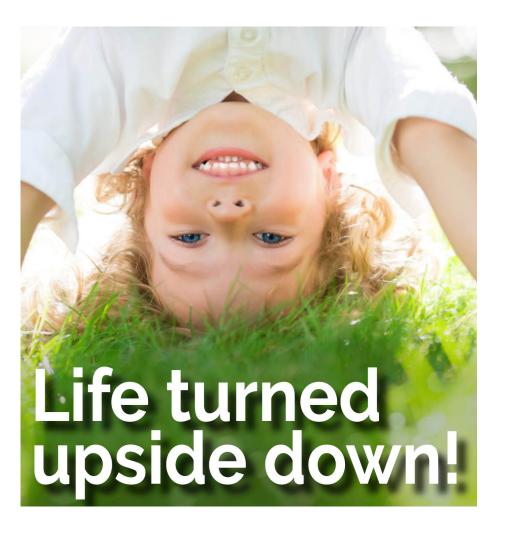
8:00 am Traditional (Facebook Live and WEVR)
9:30 am Contemporary Worship (Facebook Live)

WORSHIP TIMES

DOWNTOWN CAMPUS 920 THIRD STREET, HUDSON WI HIGHLANDS CAMPUS 504 FRONTAGE ROAD, HUDSON, WI

Sundays, 8:00am

Saturdays, 5:00pm Sundays, 9:30am & 11:00am



SUNDAY, April 5, 2020 | 8:00 AM WORSHIP

Downtown Campus

Radio: WEVR (1550 AM/106.3 FM)
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Pastor Ladd Sonnenberg, Preacher
Pastor Kris Kurzejeski,
Pastor John Lestock,
Worship Leaders



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