

Fifth Weekend of Easter

Saturday, May 2, 2026 - 4:00pm

Sunday, May 3, 2026 - 8:30am

Prelude

Hymn of Invocation: *I Know That My Redeemer Lives* *LSB 461, sts. 1,2,3,4*

Invocation, Exhortation, Confession of Sins, Absolution *LSB 203*

Introit: *Psalm 146 & Kyrie* *On the screens or in front pages of the hymnal & LSB 204*

Gloria in Excelsis *LSB 204*

Salutation and Collect of the Day *On the screens*

Welcome *Saturday - Pastor Tim Eden; Sunday - Pastor Randy Bard*

Children's Time (Sunday) *Pastor Tim Eden*

First Reading *Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60* *Pew Bible pg. 1086*

Gradual *Responsive reading adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6 found on screens*

Epistle *1 Peter 2:2-10* *Pew Bible pg. 1204*

Alleluia and Verse *LSB 205*

Holy Gospel *John 14:1-14* *Pew Bible pg. 1070*

Apostles' Creed *On the screens or on the back inside cover of the hymnal*

Hymn of the Day: *You Are the Way; through You Alone* *LSB 526; Sung to tune of LSB 812*

Sermon: Number Increasing ... Minus One *Pastor Tim Eden*

Offering *(please place attendance card in the plate. E-giving available online at www.blcbcs.org)*

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament, Preface & Proper *LSB 208*

Sanctus *LSB 208*

Lord's Prayer & The Words of Our Lord *LSB 209*

Pax Domini *The Congregation shares "The Peace of the Lord"* *LSB 209*

Agnus Dei *LSB 210*

Distribution of Our Lord's Supper

Distribution Hymns: *Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness* *LSB 563*

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us *LSB 851*

When Peace, Like a River *LSB 763*

There is a Redeemer *LSB 971*

Benediction

Hymn to Depart: *I Know that My Redeemer Lives* *LSB 461 sts. 5, 6, 7, 8*

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Warm Bethel Welcome to Our Guests!



We are delighted you are with us. We hope you will fill out the connection card in the pew. If you are a first-time guest, we have a mug for you with some Bethel

information in them. Please check at the Welcome Center in the Narthex. Please scan the QR code or go online to our website blcbcs.org to fill out our visitor's survey.

If you wish to participate in the Lord's Supper, please read the statement concerning the Supper on your attendance card. If you are in agreement with us, then please sign the card and place it in the offering plate. We offer gluten-free wafers at Communion. If your diet/health requires that you do not eat gluten, please ask for one from the elder serving the

bread at the time you commune. If you are medically or emotionally unable to drink the offered wine, then grape-juice with a single drop of wine is offered in the center of each tray.

NURSERY AVAILABLE—Nursery Care is available in Rm. 152 for ages 4 and under. If your little one becomes restless, feel free to use the Nursery. The ushers will be glad to be of assistance. Please know though, that your children and babies are always welcome as we worship. You are also welcome to use The Gathering Room, to your left as you walk into the Narthex from the sanctuary. **Children's Activity Bags** are available in the Narthex beside the Elders Credenza.

Announcements

Devo & Games Afternoon May 3rd – 3-6pm. Sign up in the Narthex.

2026-2027 Preschool Registration is still open! Spots still available in the Pre-K classes (4 yr olds).

Bethel Job Opening – Part-time Accountant. See Joyce for details.

Bethel's Preschool is gearing up for their End of Year Program on Friday, May 15, 2026 @ 6:00 PM. They are looking for volunteers to donate cookies, help with set up, serve food, and clean up after the event. If you're interested in helping, please email the Assistant Director, Emma Schmeling, at preschoolad@blcbcs.org

Sign Up to help with Bethel's VBS "Emerald Crossings", June 21 – 25 in the evenings. Sign up in the narthex.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May Food Drive for Brazos Church Pantry
- Devo & Games Afternoon, May 3
- Ladies Salad Supper, May 4
- Fun Family Wednesdays, May 6
- Preschool's End of Year Program, May 15
- Confirmation Weekend, May 16 & 17
- OWLS Potluck Luncheon – May 21
- Preschool Summer Camps – First three weeks in June
- VBS – June 21-25
- Youth Mission Trip – June 28-July 5



Visit Bethel's Website: blcbcs.org
Church Newsletters are in the narthex.

In Our Prayers This Week

Bethel's Preschool Teachers and students.

All Students taking tests. Bethel's confirmands preparing to confirm their faith on May 16 & 17.

Rev. Steve Wiechman, Breathe Life Ministries

Rev. Chad Bresson, The Table, Los Fresnos

Rev. John Karle, Rev. Daniel Bueckman, &

DCE Dorinda Werner, University Lutheran Chapel, American and International Students

Those of our families who are expecting babies.

Those who are struggling with infertility.

Those Blessed with a Hospice Care Team and their families: Lawrence Bellach, Daniel Moravec, Diana Niemann, Susan Gross, Thomas Cruz, LeeAnn Mohr, Frances Miles and Deanne Noack.

Those with injuries, Hospitalized, scheduled surgery or recovering from surgery: Charlie Coble, Jim Holste, Lisa Anderson.

Those who are ill, hospitalized, or dealing with chronic health issues and their families: Barry Boyd, Debbie Smith, Briley Schoppe, Malinda Klein, Juliette Sutherland, Gabe Sanchez, Autumn Beard, Myrtle Head, Trey Schultz, Vivian Peacock, Connie Schmeling, Leona Bess, Rose Kunkel, Linda Vincent, Taneisha Burton, Julia Clark, Carol Humes, Linda Wellman, Dominick Falco, Barry Hawkins, Julie Paley, Heather Stone, Sharon Lang, Brandi Walters, Rosie Leach, Carl Woodward, Fern Yung, Bob Jones, Mike Little, Jean Sefcik, Jade Fineran, Wade Bolting, Shane Godby, Terri Glass, Krista Jones.

Our Beloved Members: Virginia Becker, Mardell Byer, Gladys Byer, Frances Duchmasclo, Dottie Garrison, Sue Hoffart, Mike Lenz, Wayne LePori, Dalton & Deanne Noack, Gladys Paholek, Lee Price, Berta Ranft, Pearl Symmank, LaRue Welch and Judy Wiegat.

Those who mourn: Cheryl Jones & family at the death of Eunice Lorenz on April 23. Diana Tomlin & family at the death of her mother, Janice Grose. The family of Barbara McCannon who died this past week. The Family of Sally Lawson who died on April 20. The family of Harry Clark who passed away the end of March.

All of our Law Enforcement, Fire Fighters and First Responders: Mikayla Friemel, Jaxton Zaneck, Mike Clark, Roger Simmons, Tim Kappler, Jason Nored, Scott Goodenow, Daniel Goodenow, Waylon Wendler (Wilson's son), Bryan Thurston (Cheryl Wendler's son-in-law), Ryan Rutledge (Heather Clark's brother), Chris Pali- HPD, Brett Pali- HFD (Robert Pali's sons).

Those in the Military and their families:

Air Force - Cullen & Arleene Douget – stationed in Germany (Wade & Terressa Douget's son and daughter-in-law)

Joshua Stroud & family (stationed in Germany)

Hayley Sisco (Debbie Smith's niece)

Clay Gober (George/Lynn McIlhaney's grandson)

Marines

Vincent Jochen – Deployed to Japan (Barry & Donna Boyd's son-in-law)

Army - Blake Martin - Deployed to East Europe
Nick Solymosy (Ellen Solymosy's grandson)

Navy – Nina Silber – Deployed overseas (Steve & Connie Silber's granddaughter)

Michael Sefcik (John Gerald Sefcik's son)

Please note: In an effort to keep our prayers updated, please let us know about your friends and family, if you wish them to stay in our petitions. Prreb

Today's Altar Flowers are sponsored to the glory of God by Juan & Kari Ramirez in loving memory of Samuel Matthew Ramirez. **The Lutheran Hour for the month of April** is Sponsored to the glory of God by David & Rita Baumann.

OPPORTUNITIES TO Grow in Christ

Sun., May 3 – Sun., May 10, 2026

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| Sunday, May 3 | Fifth Sunday of Easter with the Lord's Supper | |
| | *8:30 a.m. - Divine Service (Traditional) | Sanctuary |
| | *10:00 a.m. - Children's Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes | Various Rooms |
| | *11:15 a.m. - Divine Service (Contemporary) | Sanctuary |
| | *1:00 p.m. - Financial Peace University | Parish Hall |
| | *3:00 p.m. - Devo & Games Afternoon | Parish Hall |
| Monday, May 4 | 6:00 p.m. - Bd of Parish Ed | Room 239 |
| | 6:30 p.m. - Ladies Salad Supper (sponsored by LWML) | Parish Hall |
| | 6:30 p.m. - Bd of Witness/Outreach | Room 105 |
| | 7:00 p.m. - Men's Bible Study | Room 240 |
| Tuesday, May 5 | 8:30 a.m. - Fit for Christ | Room 234 |
| | 10:00 a.m. - Ladies Bible Study | Room 239 |
| | 11:30 a.m. - Banner Group | Room 240 |
| | 6:30 p.m. - Building Committee Mtg | Room 239 |
| Wednesday, May 6 | 5:15 p.m. - Fun Family Wednesday Meal | Parish Hall |
| | 6:30 p.m. - Fun Family Wednesday Activities | Various Rooms |
| | *6:30 p.m. - Adult Bible Class | Room 239 |
| | *6:30 p.m. - Praise Team Practice | Choir Room |
| | 6:30 p.m. - Bd of Stewardship Mtg | Room 105 |
| Thursday, May 7 | 8:30 a.m. - Fit for Christ | Room 234 |
| Friday, May 8 | 6:30 a.m. - Men's Bible Study and Breakfast | Room 239 |
| | 12:00 p.m. - Church Office Closed | |
| Saturday, May 9 | Sixth Saturday of Easter | |
| | 4:00 p.m. - Divine Service (Traditional) | Sanctuary |
| | 5:00 p.m. - Adult Bible Class | Room 105 |
| Sunday, May 10 | Sixth Sunday of Easter | |
| | *8:30 a.m. - Divine Service (Traditional) | Sanctuary |
| | *10:00 a.m. - Children's Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes | Various Rooms |
| | *11:15 a.m. - Divine Service (Contemporary) | Sanctuary |

*Child Care Available in the Nursery

Bethel Financials at a Glance

| | Mar 2026 Actuals | Jan - Mar 2026 Actuals | % of Jan - Mar Budget |
|-----------------------|------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| General Fund Income | \$271,618.88 | \$480,917.42 | 97.1% |
| General Fund Expenses | \$145,995.19 | \$405,230.94 | 86.9% |

Note: March Income includes \$14K Mortgage Loan Rebate plus \$115K one-time donor gift.

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