



# BETHESDA EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**“Loving God, Loving People”**

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March 23, 2021

Dear Bethesda Congregation:

Greetings and happy Spring! It's been wonderful finally getting some sunshine and warmer days these past few weeks. Your Worship Team has been hard at work planning Holy Week and future services for you. Below is a recap of the services starting Sunday, March 28:

**Palm Sunday, March 28 at 9:30 am** – Dr. David Brauer will lead service, with a procession of palm, reading of the Passion according to St. Mark, and communion. We are going to try something a little different for this Sunday. We are going to offer “drive-by” communion starting at 10:45 am for congregation members who do not yet feel comfortable attending an in-person worship service. We will offer the Celebration Cups which is a pre-filled communion cup containing a wafer and grape juice and consecrated by Pastor Arter. A piece of palm will also be distributed and offering envelopes will be accepted. All guidelines will be followed for safe distribution. Anyone opting for the “drive by” communion is being asked to drive around to the back door of the church and await your turn.

**Maundy Thursday, April 1 at 12:00 Noon** – Pastor Arter will be leading worship service at Bethesda and the service will also be livestreamed from our Sanctuary. Communion will be offered and the service will conclude with the stripping of the altar.

**Good Friday, April 2 at 7:30 pm** – Tenebrae service will be livestreamed in our Sanctuary from First Lutheran.

**Easter Sunday, April 4 at 9:30 am** – Members of Bethesda will lead the in-person worship service and there will be plenty of music and communion will be offered.

April will continue to be a busy month with the following planned services:

**April 11 at 9:30 am** – Scout Sunday will be a service of the Word celebrating scouting. Members of Boy Scout Troop 121 will be leading worship. No communion.

**April 18 at 9:30 am** – Livestream from our Sanctuary with First Lutheran. We will also have the Spring Congregation Meeting following service. No communion.

**April 25 at 9:30 am** – Pastor Katie McCullough will lead worship and communion will be offered.

Beginning in May, we will return to offering communion the first and third Sunday of the month. Of course, if we have a supply minister, we could have communion more than twice per month. We will also continue to offer the “drive by” communion and offering collection at 10:45 am on the first Sunday of the month for congregation members following the in-person worship service.

We hope to see you at worship, and if you have any questions, please contact me at [rseben2001@yahoo.com](mailto:rseben2001@yahoo.com) or 724-212-1150.

Easter blessings,

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