

# The Evangel

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### Mission Statement

*In our commitment to mission, Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church will proclaim and witness to God's salvation in our community and the world by preaching God's Word and administering the Sacraments in all their truth and purity."*

*Adopted by the congregation on April 23, 1989*

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*If then you have been united with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.*

*Colossians 3:1-4 (ESV)*

## Raised with Christ

To say that this Easter is unusual would be an understatement. It is normally a time for Christians to gather together to celebrate the greatest feast of the church year and the greatest miracle of all. But this year it is marked by "social distancing." For me personally, this was to be my last Easter as an active pastor, bringing the message of the slain and risen Christ to my congregation, but instead I will be delivering that message in front of a camera.

The "silver lining" in all of this that this year we are forced to focus on what Easter is really all about. As much as we treasure being together for worship, for meals, and for fellowship, these are all "things that are on earth," not "things that are above."

In Baptism we have been united with Christ in His death and resurrection, making us dead to sin and all the "things that are on earth" and alive in Him to enjoy the "things that are above." This not just "pie in the sky." It is reality for those of us who live the New Life that is ours in His resurrection.

Have a blessed Easter in spite of the circumstances. Whatever may have become (or may yet become) of our best-laid plans, The reality is that Christ is still risen—and so are we.

In His love and service,

*Pastor Litke*

## PRAYER THOUGHT

"We see the fitness of His death and of those outstretched arms: it was that He might draw His ancient people with the one and the Gentiles with the other, and join both together in Himself. Even so, He foretold the manner of His redeeming death, 'I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto Myself.'"

--Athanasius of Alexandria in On the Incarnation of the Word

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

In this time of isolation plan to worship Sunday mornings and Holy Week services by going to Bethel's website at [www.bethelglenshaw.org](http://www.bethelglenshaw.org) and click on Services to view the typed service bulletin. Sermons are under "sermons". To view the pre-taped services go to YouTube from the website. Each week the service and sermon will be emailed to your personal email address until we can all worship together, in person.



Our brother in Christ, Dale Kitzky went to be with his Lord on March 26, 2020. Dale became a member of Bethel when he and his parents and sister transferred from Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in West View on November 23, 1961. We will see him again at Jesus' feet.

## THE LUTHERAN HOUR

WJAS 1320 AM— Sundays 7:00 a.m.  
WWNL 1080 AM— Saturdays 3:30 p.m.  
- Sundays 6:00 a.m.  
- Sundays 5:30 p.m.

April 5

### "There's Still Time"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

People can be unreceptive to God's love because they are very bad-or because they think they are very good.  
(Exodus 11-12)

April 12

### "Whatever Gets Your Attention Gets You"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

"To believe is more than just acknowledging that Jesus is risen from the dead; it includes that, but there's more. It's about where you lay your fears, where you rest your concerns. It has to do with what gets your attention-with what gets you."  
(John 20)

April 19

### "You Haven't Lost Me"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Christians are not immune from relapses into sin and doubt. A Christian is at the same time both saint and sinner. Dr. Michael Zeigler tells how God loves us through the relapses, in a message titled "You Haven't Lost Me." And we'll hear how the Bible Project's animated videos present the Bible as a unified story that leads to Jesus.  
(Exodus 14)

April 26

### "The Great Pursuit"

Guest Speaker: Pastor Ryan Tinetti  
(Exodus 15)



## BIRTHDAY\*

02—Luke Swanson

10—Thaddaeus Swanson

23—Rev. Art Litke

25—Dayna Dorsey

(send her a card at 5850 Meridian Road  
#112B, Gibsonia, PA 15044)

\*Birthdays of ACTIVE parishioners



## ANNIVERSARIES

04—Kristen and Paul Hoffman

05—Charlotte and Tim Hornish



## POSTPONED

At this time, all the upcoming events in the next few months have been canceled and will hopefully resume in the near future. Check your emails for any update on Bethel and Tri-Parish events.

### Jesus rose to life

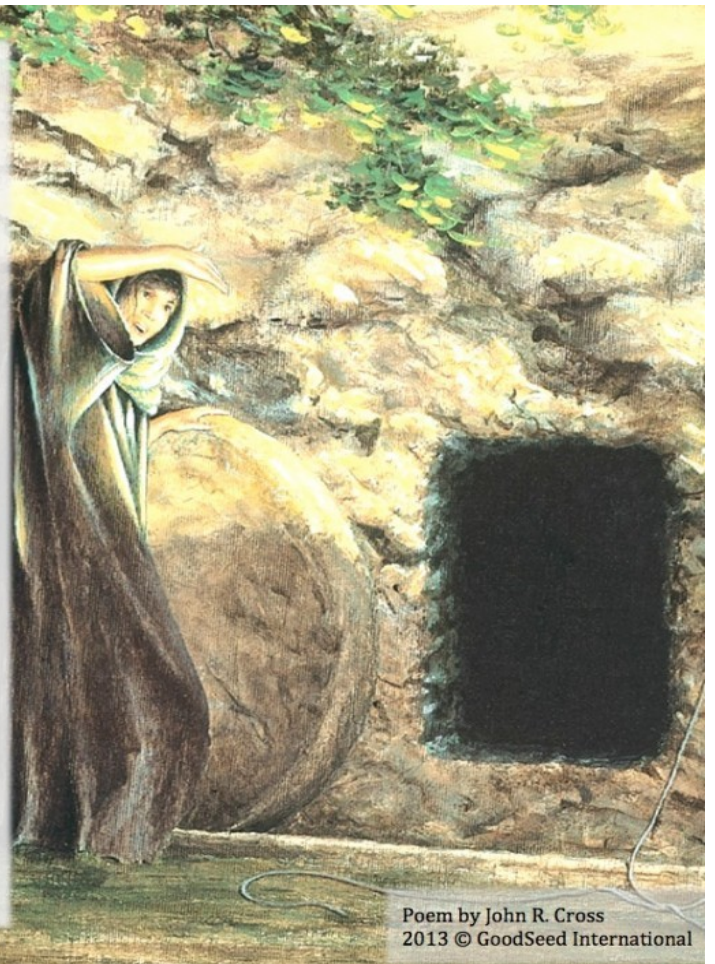
If Jesus be dead, in the grip of a tomb,  
There'd be nothing for us but fear and doom.  
Life would be sad, with no way to cope.  
Death would reign all; without any hope.

If Jesus be dead, in the grip of a tomb,  
We'd have no future, only dark and gloom.  
No life after death, no eternity in sight,  
No hope, no joy, no Saviour, no light.

But.... (And aren't we thankful there is a "but")

But thanks be to God, Jesus rose to life.  
The debt all paid; though sin was rife.  
His body lay in the tomb three days,  
Then up from the grave his life was raised.

Yes, thanks be to God, Jesus rose to life.  
He conquered death, all sin and strife.  
To those who believe, from death set free.  
With hope, with joy; their Saviour to see.



Poem by John R. Cross  
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