

THE BETHANY BROADCAST

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*This Week We Celebrated
the Holy Baptism of:*



CAMERON DUNSON,
CHILDREN OF KELSEY
(NÉE ANDERSON)
AND JOHN DUNSON.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Sally Blevins
Nora Borg-Breen
Greg Busch
David Gamble
Dale Green
Betty Greene
Myrna Koenigsdorf
Cristina LaSalvia
Phyllis Lee
Gary McDaniel
Flory Melendez
Keren Raquel-
Melendez
Mike Pierce
Bob Radtke
Suzanne Reed
Jeff Rex
Elias Rodas
Joyce Rose
Joel Melendez-
Sarceno

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN

to the glory of God:



IN CELEBRATION OF THE
100TH BIRTHDAY OF SALLY
FIELDS, BORN ON EASTER
SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 1926. IN
GRATITUDE FOR GOD'S
ENDURING LOVE, SHE
COUNTS HERSELF DEEPLY
BLESSED.

-FROM THE FIELDS FAMILY

Worshipping Faithfully **Hebrews 10:25**

**BETHANY
LUTHERAN**






**CYPRESS
CAMPUS**

MORE THAN FIFTY YEARS AGO, A PASTOR FROM BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH IN LONG BEACH SENSED GOD'S CALLING TO REACH THE COMMUNITIES OF CYPRESS, LOS ALAMITOS AND SEAL BEACH WITH THE "MESSAGE OF THE CROSS" (1 CORINTHIANS 1:18). THROUGH PRAYER, FAITHFUL COMMITMENT, AND THE POWERFUL WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH WAS PLANTED—A "DAUGHTER CHURCH" OF BETHANY.

FOR GENERATIONS, HOLY CROSS FAITHFULLY SERVED THE COMMUNITY AND FLOURISHED IN MINISTRY. LIKE MANY CONGREGATIONS DURING THE PANDEMIC, HOWEVER, SUSTAINING THAT MINISTRY BECAME INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT. AS IS THE CASE ON OCCASIONS IN FAMILY LIFE, IN THIS CASE THE "DAUGHTER" HAS RETURNED HOME TO THE "MOTHER"— AND THE HOLY CROSS CONGREGATION HAS MERGED INTO BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND THAT TRANSITION HAS PROVEN TO BE A TRUE BLESSING FOR BOTH.

NOW IN THE NEWLY RENOVATED, ICONIC, AND BELOVED HOLY CROSS SANCTUARY, BETHANY LUTHERAN SEEKS GOD'S BLESSINGS AND THE SPIRIT'S POWER ANEW AS WE CONTINUE TO SHARE THE MESSAGE OF THE CROSS WITH THE CYPRESS, LOS ALAMITOS, SEAL BEACH, ROSSMOOR, AND WEST GARDEN GROVE COMMUNITIES.

ON OUR CYPRESS CAMPUS, JUST AS ON OUR LONG BEACH CAMPUS WE STRIVE TO:

-  **GATHER GOD'S CHILDREN AROUND HIS WORD,**
-  **CONNECT THEM TO ONE ANOTHER AND TO THEIR GOD-GIVEN CALLING, AND**
-  **SEND THEM INTO THEIR DAILY LIVES, EMPOWERED FOR SERVICE**

— SO THAT JESUS CONTINUES TO "BLESS FROM BETHANY" (LUKE 24:50).



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES AT BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Long Beach and Cypress

Starting Palm Sunday, Bethany Lutheran's Sunday schedule will be:

On the Long Beach campus: 8 & 9:30 am

On the Cypress campus: 11:10 am

PALM SUNDAY:

SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH

8 & 9:30 am *Long Beach campus*

11:10 am *Cypress campus*

HOLY WEDNESDAY:

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1ST

6:30 pm *Cypress*

MAUNDY THURSDAY:

THURSDAY, APRIL 2ND

6:30 pm *Long Beach*

GOOD FRIDAY:

FRIDAY, APRIL 3RD

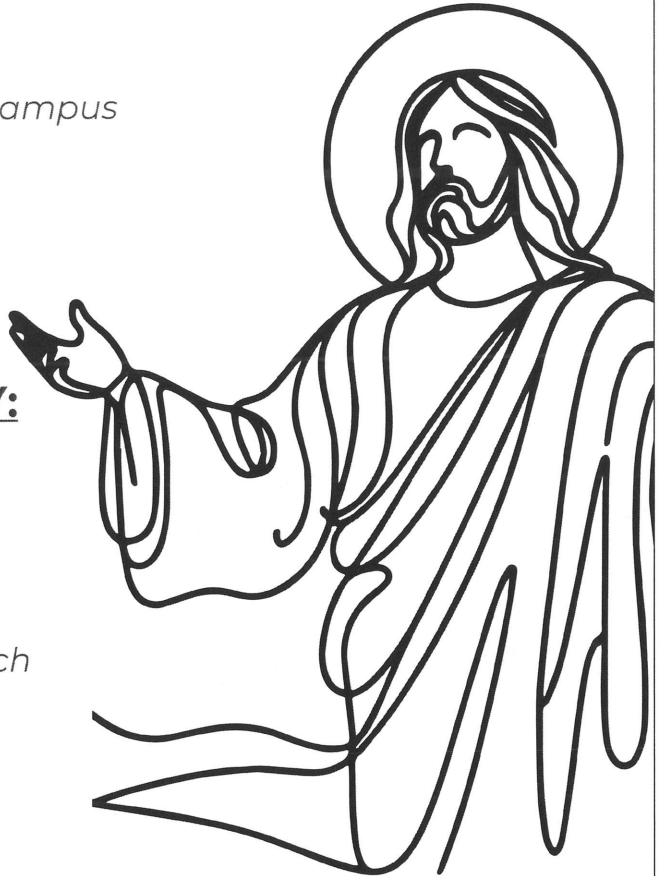
1 pm & 6:30 pm *Long Beach*

EASTER FESTIVAL:

SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH

8 & 9:30 am *Long Beach*

11:10 am *Cypress*

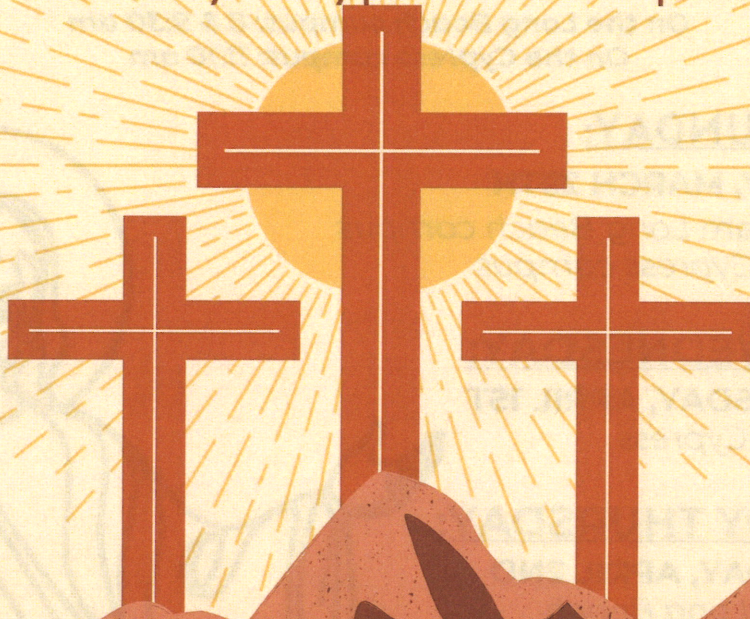


GLORY IN THE CROSS

Wednesday, April 1, 2026

at 6:30PM

Bethany's Cypress Campus



We will move through the stations of the cross with music, prayer, readings, liturgy, and live art from painter Tom Clark, as we explore our theme, Glory in the Cross.

Bethany Lutheran's middle school students will be leading a special chapel service on Wednesday, April 1st. "The Way of the Cross" follows Jesus through Holy Week and His journey to the cross for us.

Guests are welcome to join the 9:00 am group, which starts at the lunch tables and takes a guided walk around campus while visiting stations from Palm Sunday through Christ's victorious resurrection.

"It's hard to believe, isn't it? First, a hero in a parade, and in a few short days, a man hated by all and punished unjustly...for you and me. Let's take a walk down the way Jesus took for us..."

THE WAY OF THE CROSS

at Bethany Lutheran Church, Long Beach



UNDER GRACE... BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH'S SUNDAY MORNING CHILDREN'S MINISTRY PROGRAM

Potty-trained 3 year-olds through 2nd graders have the opportunity to take part in Under Grace during 9:30 am worship on every Sunday except the last Sunday of the month. The kids will leave the worship area after the children's message with the kids' ministry team in the narthex (or lobby area in the back of the church) and should be picked up from the Parish Lounge (the glass double doors across the courtyard) at the conclusion of the service.

We have also added a new element for our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders during the 9:30 am service. On the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, they will also leave following the children's message with our kids' ministry team but will come back to Friendship Square to rejoin their families during fellowship, when worship concludes.

Parents, please fill out the yearlong permission form using the QR code in order for your child to come to any children's ministry program.



Questions? Contact Alissa Brege - Minister to Children & Families: 562-421-4711, ext. 13 or abrege@bethanylutheran.org

Serving Passionately Ephesians 2:10

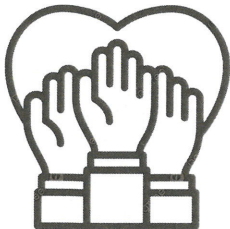
**UPDATES FROM
OUR LCMS
MISSIONARIES**

 GATHERED  CONNECTED  SENT

SCAN HERE
TO READ
MONTHLY
UPDATES
FROM OUR
MISSIONARIES



NEW VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: *Bulletin Folders!*



Help prepare the way for Sunday worship! Join our Bulletin Folding Team on Friday mornings as we gather to fold and staple bulletins for the weekend services. It's a simple but meaningful way to serve, with plenty of time for conversation, laughter, and fellowship along the way. All are welcome!

Interested in volunteering or learning more? Please contact Mara Widmann at mwidmann@bethanylutheran.org.



“PRAY THE LORD OF THE HARVEST TO SEND LABORERS INTO THE HARVEST FIELD.”

For generations Christians in North America seeking to fulfill the Lord’s “Great Commission” and “make disciples of all nations” sent missionaries to foreign fields. Today, Christians around the world recognize that North America is one of the largest mission fields; and so they are beginning to send missionaries here.

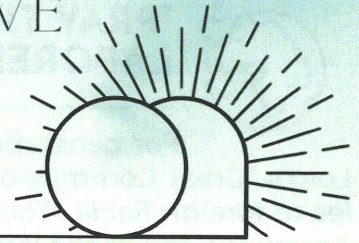
The reality of the decline of the church in the West can be seen right in our own backyard. In the past two decades our own circuit of the Pacific Southwest District of the LCMS has seen the closure of 10 schools and 8 congregations (with 2 others merging into another congregation); currently there are another 3 congregations in our circuit exploring a partnership in hopes of maintaining sustainability. Certainly Jesus proclamation that the “harvest is plentiful” is as true today as it was when He first said those words.

To that end Bethany, in conjunction with our District, is supporting the Church Planting Initiative of Coastal Mission Society under the leadership of Pastor Alwood. Additionally, when The Gathering Lutheran Church merged with Bethany, a vision of Great Commission work through Greater Long Beach: from Downtown to the waterfront, from Signal Hill to the East side and beyond was embraced and funds were dedicated for such mission work.

What does this mean? Bethany, a congregation that has throughout its history supported missionaries in foreign fields, and continues to do so to this day, is in a position to call a missionary or missionary team to our staff for mission work to “Greater Long Beach.” Job descriptions for such workers have been crafted. Experienced missionaries, our pastoral team and District leadership have assisted in the development of such; taking into consideration Bethany’s particular congregational DNA, needs and structures.

In the next several weeks we will be sharing those job descriptions, explaining the process for extending such a call(s) and the next steps needed. For now we are asking you to pray that, “the Lord of the harvest send laborers into the harvest field.”

"USE THE GIFTS THEY HAVE EACH RECEIVED TO SERVE ONE ANOTHER AS GOOD STEWARDS OF GOD'S VARIED GRACE." 1 PT. 4:10



AND THERE ARE VARIED WAYS TO SERVE THE LORD HERE AT BETHANY!

1 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As the fiscal year ends, we will be electing several new members to serve on the Board of Directors. Board members serve three-year terms and help guide the ministry and operations of the church and schools. The Board oversees key areas such as financial stewardship, property management, staffing, and important business decisions on behalf of the Voters' Assembly.

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE BOD OF BETHANY OR WANT MORE INFORMATION TALK TO ANY MEMBER OF THE BOARD.



JOEY CERULLE
Chair



JEREMY O'CONNER
Member at Large



BOB PETRILLO
Chair



KELLIE PLAYTER
Member at Large



JOHN HOLMQUIST
Corporate Secretary



JOSETTE UTKE
Member at Large



BOB LANGE
Treasurer

2 SERVANT LEADER TEAMS

Our Servant Leader Teams (as their name declares) are formed of members who support staff and are active in ministry rather than attend meetings, and who understand the goal of service is making disciples more than making decisions.

FOR INFORMATION ON OUR SERVANT LEADER TEAMS PLEASE REACH OUT TO:



SCHOOLS
Dr. Fink



FINANCES
Bob Lange, Andria Rosas, or Pastor Kevin



FACILITIES
Philip Lopez or Wayne Choate



WORSHIP & OUR CYPRESS CAMPUS
Pastor Kevin

3 ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

and who to contact to find out more!



USHERING DURING WORSHIP
John Utke or Jeff Orr



ASSEMBLING WORSHIP BULLETINS
Mara Widmann



OFFERING COUNTER
Andria Rosas



FLOWER MINISTRY
Karl Fink



LECTORING (Reading scripture during worship)
Pastor Kevin



COMMUNION PREPARATION
Kasey Loya



WORSHIP TECH ASSISTANCE
Blake Flattley or Noah Freeman



YARD CREW
Philip Lopez



MUSIC MINISTRY
Noah Freeman or Blake Flattley



YOUTH MINISTRY (from Under Grace to Confirmation mentoring)
Kayleigh Lopez or Alissa Brege

Giving Proportionately **Luke 21:1-4**

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Thank you. Thank you. Thank you!

One good act leads to another. And the impact grows. Thanks to Thrivent, that's what we've experienced through the Thrivent Choice® program. Many of you directed Choice Dollars® to Bethany Lutheran Church or School and by doing so, you have helped to make a difference. In 2025, we received over \$16,000 in Thrivent Choice Dollars® grant funding. The funding we receive from both you and Thrivent helps us to continue our important mission. Thank you for your support.

Reminder... Your 2025 Choice Dollars must be directed by March 31.

WIN GIFT CARDS WITH RAISERIGHT!

You have the chance every month to win a \$500 gift card of your choice by referring friends and family to join RaiseRight. Score extra entries for each referral who buys their first gift card in the same month they sign up. In March only, get more entries for every order you place that includes a \$25+ Instacart gift card. **March's winner will also receive a \$500 Instacart gift card!**

Check out the RaiseRight website for details on how you could win!



TO LEARN MORE:

Ruth Lopez
 BLS Scrip Coordinator
 rlopez@bethanylutheran.org
 562-420-7783 ext. 58



RaiseRight.

BETHANY'S ALTAR FLOWER FUND!



Flowers are used to decorate the altar every Sunday and you are able to make two types of donations to support this ministry: a general donation and a special request with recognition.

- A SPECIAL REQUEST WITH RECOGNITION**
 This type of donation comes with a special message printed in the Weekly Broadcast and Sunday Bulletin.* **Suggested donation of \$75.**
- A GENERAL DONATION TO THE ALTAR FLOWER FUND**

* If you are making a **Special Request with Recognition**, please let us know two weeks in advance and specify which Sunday as well as the message you would like printed.

Community Connections: Acts 2:44



DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU CAN HAVE THE BETHANY BROADCAST™ DELIVERED STRAIGHT TO YOUR INBOX?

The Chimes and Bullet now officially share one name: The Bethany Broadcast™. While you may continue to pick up a copy of the print edition as you leave worship each week, an expanded e-edition is also available! This weekly capsule includes worship highlights and big information that your brain may or may not have 'downloaded' from the prior Sunday. The purpose is to bolster you in faith, build you up in the key Biblical themes shared in worship, to bring to mind the important issues on Bethany's plate, and to broaden your awareness of opportunities of service to your Lord, your church, and community.

SCAN ME



BETHANY LUTHERAN ANGELS GAME

SAN DIEGO PADRES V.
LOS ANGELES ANGELS OF ANAHEIM

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026
1:07 P.M. GAME TIME
AT ANGEL STADIUM

COST: \$20 PER TICKET



CONTACT ALISSA BREGE WITH QUESTIONS · ABREGE@BETHANYLUTHERAN.ORG

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
VACATION
bible school



JUNE 22 - 26
8:30 AM - 12 PM
AT OUR LONG BEACH CAMPUS

**THIS FREE VBS IS
OPEN TO CHILDREN
AGES 3 (POTTY-
TRAINED) THROUGH
THOSE ENTERING
6TH GRADE.**

**scan me to
volunteer!**



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register!**



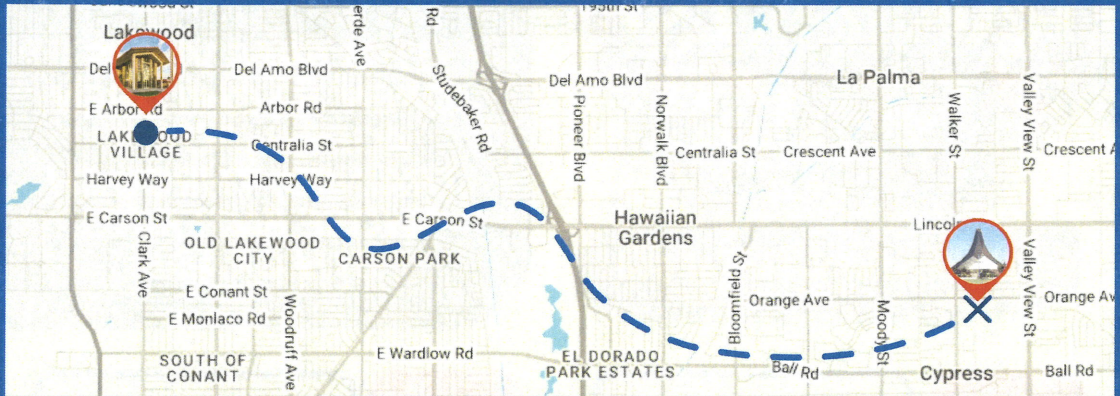
QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT KAYLEIGH LOPEZ AT [KLOPEZ@BETHANYLUTHERAN.ORG](mailto:klopez@bethanylutheran.org)



FROM LENT TO PALMS TO A SEAT AT THE TABLE ...

JOIN US IN CYPRESS!

STARTING TODAY, SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP RETURNS TO THE CYPRESS CAMPUS AT 11:10 AM!
 THEN, DON'T MISS **GLORY IN THE CROSS** ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1 AT 6:30 PM. AND WE'RE JUST GETTING STARTED. . . BEGINNING APRIL 15, WE'RE LAUNCHING A BRAND-NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES CALLED **COMMONTABLE**—WHERE WE GATHER AROUND THE SHARED TRUTHS OF OUR FAITH THROUGH WORSHIP, SCRIPTURE, TEACHING, PRAYER, AND CONVERSATION. GRAB A SEAT. WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU WITH US. WHERE IS THIS BEAUTIFUL, NEWLY-REMODELED CYPRESS CAMPUS YOU ASK? CHECK OUT THE MAP BELOW!



DO YOU HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST OR DESIRE INFORMATION ABOUT A MINISTRY, MEMBERSHIP, OR ONLINE GIVING?



WOULD YOU LIKE TO HEAR TODAY'S OR A PREVIOUS SERMON AGAIN?

You can hear them as podcasts at bethanylutheran.org



WANT TO SEE IT AGAIN?

Today's 9:30 am service will be live-streamed on our YouTube channel:

