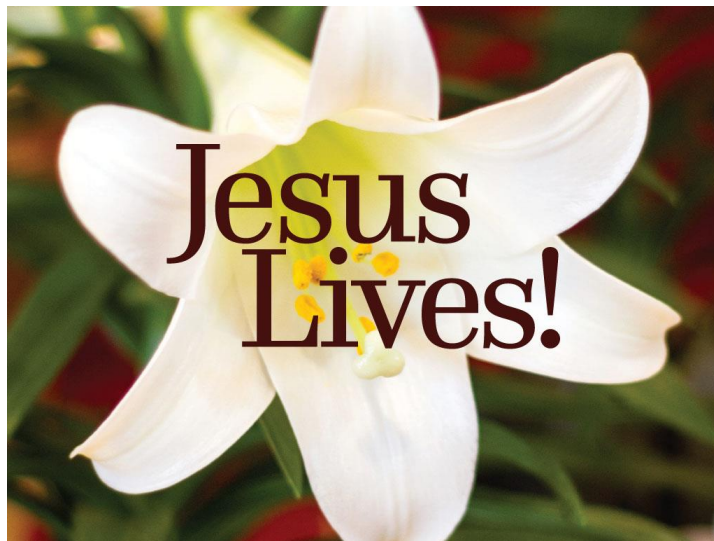




# THE APRIL BELL 2020

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## EASTER IS COMING!

I know those words are not going to bring the same joy and wonder that you usually have for Easter morning. It is MOST LIKELY that we will still be in the midst of the CDC-recommended 8-week ban on gatherings that started around March 15th. But hopefully you are safe and sound, perhaps a bit crazed from being stuck in the house or very limited family events.

### **BUT EASTER IS COMING!**

I am reminded of the first disciples that had the expectation that everything they had known and done from three years with Jesus was over. They too, were locked behind closed doors out of fear. True, the fears were different for them...but fear no matter the cause holds us captive.

Even the women who shuffled to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body had no expectation that their lives were anything but overwhelmed with grief. So much so that they had not even considered as they set out to do their task for Jesus, who was going to move the huge stone that sealed his tomb!

### **BUT EASTER IS COMING!**

All of that changed...in the first rays of morning light! Suddenly there was an earthquake, in Matthew's account. An angel descended and they noticed that the tomb was no longer sealed. The stone was tossed back and the angel was sitting on it. The guards? Well, they fainted stone cold! The angel in dazzling white said, "I know who you are looking for...but he is not here, he has been raised! He is going ahead to Galilee, where you too will see him!"

They were even given the task to go and tell the disciples this news. They did not get too far on their task before running smack into Jesus!

Jesus too tells them to “go and get the disciples and meet me in Galilee!”

Services may be cancelled...maybe we will miss the smell of Easter Lilies filling the church with the scent of Spring...maybe the joy of the first light from the Paschal Candle will be missing at the Easter sunrise service...**BUT EASTER IS COMING!**

**AND EASTER REMINDS US THAT NOTHING STOPS GOD FROM GIVING US LOVE AND GRACE, AND NEW LIFE!**

We ask you to stay current with your regular offerings. We need to keep all of our bills up to date. We would like to stay current with our Synod benevolence. We still want to pay off the remaining \$2,000 on our line of credit at the bank. You can help be EASTER FOLKS!

At this point, we will regard your Easter flower donations as an Easter offering since the florist will not be providing lilies or tulips.

**Palm Sunday Brunch plans ARE STILL IN THE WORKS...**just as soon as we can gather again in worship, we will celebrate with the same wondrous brunch you have enjoyed the past Palm Sundays!

Please remember to keep everyone at Bethany and in our community, our country, and around the world in your thoughts and prayers.....

**BECAUSE EASTER IS COMING...NOTHING CAN STOP IT!**

*Blessings,*  
*Pastor Craig*  
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## **BETHANY CHOIR**

Resumes in May (hopefully!)

May 3 • Rehearsal

May 17 • Sing in Worship

**Do you need someone to shop for you?**

Please call the office at 254-4501.

**Do you have special prayer requests?**

Pastor Craig is available by phone and by email.

***The calendar will be published when church activities resume.***

## **SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP**

WRPQ RADIO BROADCAST • 740 AM / 99.7 FM

11:00 am

(also streamed on their web site – [www.wrpq.com](http://www.wrpq.com))