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## ***Easter Sunday***

***Celebrating the Resurrection of Our Lord***  
***April 17, 2022***  
***8:00 & 9:30 AM***

### **WELCOME TO BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH!**

We are so glad you are here in God's house for worship. Here are some things to remember as we are gathered together today:

**Before** worship, talk to God! (see inside cover of hymnal for pre-service prayer prompts)

**During** worship, let God talk to you!

**After** worship, talk to one another!

**Visitors**, we have been praying for you before you arrived. We would love to learn more about you and share with you more about BLC. Stop by the Connections table before you leave today and capture the QR codes for more information.

**Parents of Young Children**: We love to have children in worship. God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to completely suppress it in God's house. We know the presence of children in worship is a gift to the church! It is in the Lord's house that we learn how to listen and speak to our God with our brothers and sisters in faith. Feel free to quietly explain the parts of the service and the actions of those leading worship. Children learn how to worship by copying you. If you have a need, we have "worship bags" in the Narthex filled with items to help children and families during worship. There is a **Cry Room** across the courtyard in the office complex, where you as a parent may take your little one needing a break. You will still be able to hear the worship service; and thus be able to continue your worship of the Lord.

**Please** place cell phones and electronic devices on mute as you join us in worship this morning. Thank you.

# + God Gathers Us In His Presence +

**FESTIVAL PRELUDE:**    *“How Can I Keep from Singing”*    Advanced Hand Bells  
(Please remain seated.)

## EASTER ACCLAMATION

(Please rise.)

**ENTRANCE HYMN:**    *“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”*    LSB 457

*Please rise, turn and face the Cross as it enters the Sanctuary. This is a physical expression of our faithful confidence that Jesus Christ Himself is present in our worship.*



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which He en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
△ 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
Praise e - ter - nal as His love; Al - le - lu - ia!

Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
ALL Now a - bove the sky He's king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
- Praise Him, all ye heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

**OPENING PRAYER**—(*Easter Collect Martin Luther 1533*)

**Leader:** Almighty God, who through the death of Your Son has destroyed sin and death and through His resurrection has restored innocence and eternal life that we, being delivered from the power of the devil, may live in Your kingdom,

**People:** **Grant that we may believe this truth with our whole heart,  
and being firm in faith,  
may praise and thank You throughout our lives and through eternity,  
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:**

**Leader:** Through Jesus' resurrection from the dead, a new day has dawned. Yet, I admit that like those who came to the tomb that first Easter, I have been slow to understand God's Word. Like the disciples, who when they first heard that Jesus had risen, I too must confess that I have failed to always trust God's promises.

**People:** **I confess before the Lord,  
Who is resurrection and life,  
and before all of you who will also return to dust,  
that like those who left the graveside trembling and afraid,  
I have often sought the living among the dead  
and so, I have returned, over and over again,  
to the same temptations, addictions and actions  
which nailed Jesus to the cross.  
For Your own name's sake, Lord Jesus,  
forgive me my sins.  
As You live, give me life.  
As You have risen, cause me to rise. Amen.**

**Leader:** Jesus is alive!  
He has overcome the grave and broken down death's fortress. This same Jesus has called me here to witness to the power and truth of His resurrection. Your forgiveness is certain for sin, death and the devil are defeated because Christ is risen!

**People:** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

(Please be seated.)



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands  
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
 3 Not throned a - far, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -  
 4 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,  
 5 Christ is a - live! As - cend - ed Lord— he rules the



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the  
 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the  
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet  
 world his Fa - ther made, till, in the end, his



prais - es ring. In death his love shall nev - er die.  
 here and now and con - quer ev - 'ry place and time.  
 midst of life, our Sav - ior with the Fa - ther reigns.  
 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.  
 love a - dored shall be to all on earth dis - played.

+ *God Gives Us the Gift of His Word* +

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING:** *Isaiah 65:17-19*

**I** will create a new heaven and a new earth.

Past things will not be remembered. They will not come to mind.

Be glad, and rejoice forever in what I'm going to create,

because I'm going to create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people to be a joy.

I will rejoice about Jerusalem and be glad about my people.

Screaming and crying will no longer be heard in the city. — GW ®

## **SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26**

*If Christ is our hope in this life only, we deserve more pity than any other people.*

But now Christ has come back from the dead. He is the very first person of those who have died to come back to life. Since a man brought death, a man also brought life back from death. As everyone dies because of Adam, so also everyone will be made alive because of Christ. This will happen to each person in his own turn. Christ is the first, then at His coming, those who belong to Him will be made alive. Then the end will come. Christ will hand over the kingdom to God the Father as He destroys every ruler, authority, and power.

Christ must rule until God has put every enemy under His control. The last enemy He will destroy is death. – GW ®

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:**     ***“Tunaomba Mungo Atawale”***                     The Bethany Choir  
  *(Translation: We pray God to reign)*  
  ~ arr. John R. Paradowski

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 24:1-12**

Very early on Sunday morning the women went to the tomb. They were carrying the spices that they had prepared. They found that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb. When they went in, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were puzzled about this, two men in clothes that were as bright as lightning suddenly stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed to the ground.

The men asked the women, “Why are you looking among the dead for the living one? He’s not here. He has been brought back to life! Remember what He told you while He was still in Galilee. He said, ‘The Son of Man must be handed over to sinful people, be crucified, and come back to life on the third day.’ ” Then the women remembered what Jesus had told them.

The women left the tomb and went back to the city. They told everything to the eleven apostles and all the others. The women were Mary from Magdala, Joanna, and Mary (the mother of James). There were also other women with them. They told the apostles everything.

The apostles thought that the women’s story didn’t make any sense, and they didn’t believe them.

But Peter got up and ran to the tomb. He bent down to look inside and saw only the strips of linen. Then he went away, wondering what had happened. – GW ®

## SERMON: "Easter Fools"

### HYMN OF THE DAY: "Resurrection Hymn"

1..See, — what a morn - ing, glo - rious - ly bright, with the  
2..See, — Ma - ry weep - ing, "Where — is He laid?" As in  
3..One, — with the Fa - ther, An - cient of Days, through the

dawn - ing of hope in Je - ru - sa - lem; Fold - ed the  
sor - row she turns from the emp - ty tomb. Hears — a voice  
Spir - it Who clothes faith with cer - tain - ty. Hon - or and

grave clothes, tomb — filled with light, as the an - gels  
speak ing, call - ing her name; It's the Mas - ter,  
bless ing, glo - ry and praise to the King crowned

an nounce "Christ is ris - en!" See God's sal - va - tion — plan,  
the Lord, raised to life - a - gain! The voice that spans the — years,  
- with pow'r and au thor - i - ty. And we are raised with — Him;

wrought in love, borne in pain, — paid in sac - ri - fice,  
speak ing life, stir - ring hope, — bring - ing peace - to us,  
Death is dead, life has won, — Christ has con - quered.

ful - filled in Christ the — Man, for He lives:  
will sound till He ap - pears, for He lives:  
And we shall reign with — Him, for He lives:

Christ is ris en from the dead. —  
Christ is ris en from the dead. —  
Christ is ris en from the dead. —

## CONFESSION OF FAITH:

Leader: As a Christian your very life is a daily confession that Jesus, Who was crucified for your sin, has risen for your salvation.

*(Second Article of the Apostles' Creed.)*

People: **We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Leader: What does this mean?

People: **I believe that Jesus Christ, true God,  
begotten of the Father from eternity,  
and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord,  
Who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person,  
purchased and won me from all sins, from death,  
and from the power of the devil;  
not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood  
and with His innocent suffering and death,  
that I may be His own, and live under Him in His kingdom  
and serve Him in everlasting righteousness,  
innocence, and blessedness,  
just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.  
This is most certainly true.**

**+ *We Give Thanks for God's Word and Sacrament* +**

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## **PRAYER:**

**Leader:** O God, You gave Your only Son to suffer death for us, and by His glorious resurrection You delivered us from the power of the grave and promised us eternal life.

**People:** Make us die to sin every day, Lord.  
As we proclaim in our words that Jesus is alive,  
may we also bear witness in our deeds that He,  
Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
is alive in us and has taught us to pray:

## **LORD'S PRAYER:**

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.  
Amen.

## **+ Holy Communion +**

*The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Bethany in the joyful confession that our Lord gives us His very Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins in this sacrament. God intends this gift for His children who recognize their sin, trust in Christ as their Savior, desire to live for Him alone and join in this joyful confession.*

To help you prepare for communion we invite you to take a few moments of quiet prayer. For aid there are prayers on the front page of the hymnal for both before and after the reception of communion. Or simply pray, *Dear Lord Jesus, at Your gracious invitation You invite me to come to You, to eat and drink Your holy body and blood as You Yourself have promised to give in this sacrament of Your altar. Forgive me of my sin, through this Your meal of Forgiveness. Let me experience the fullness of Your love, through this Your meal of love. Strengthen my faith, through this meal of Yours that calls for and bestows faith. Empower me to live for You, through this Your meal that promises life everlasting and equips me for daily living as one who has received You and Your gifts.*



## WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

Leader: By dying, Christ destroyed our death.  
In rising, Christ has restored our life.  
In giving us His Spirit, Christ has granted us peace.  
The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

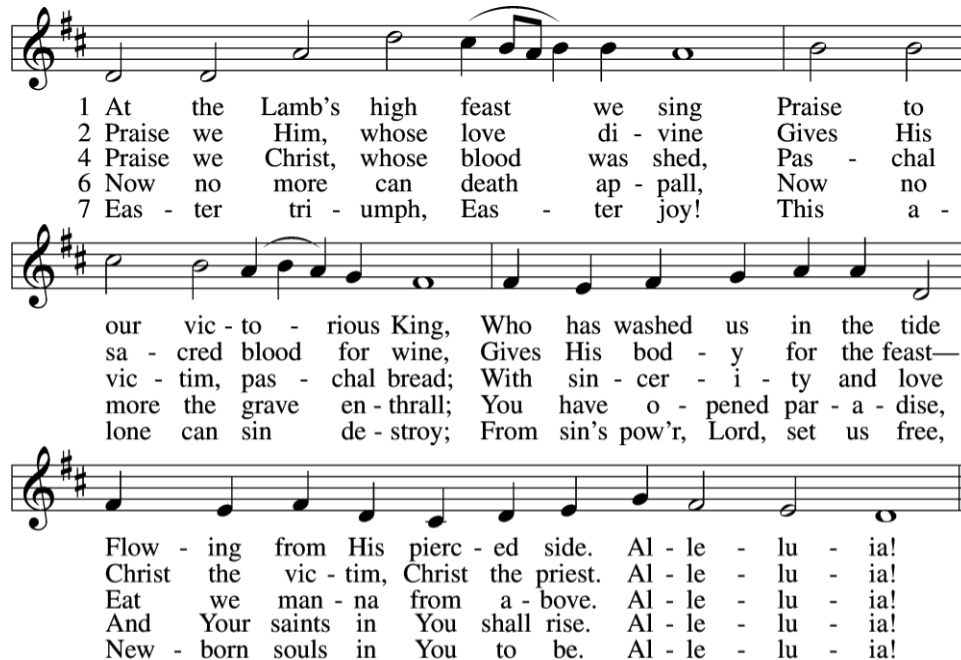
*Today we will practice the Easter tradition of continuous communion. We will not kneel at the altar, rather we will join the procession of saints and come forward and remain standing as we receive the bread and wine. After receiving the elements, you are invited to return to your seat and continue in meditation, prayer and song.*

*For those communing, who so desire, the center cups in each tray are alcohol free;  
and the tray of wafers in front of the baptismal font are gluten free.  
If needed for dietary restrictions, take a gluten free wafer on your way to the rail.  
For those wishing to use a self-contained communion chalice, let an usher know.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

### "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

LSB 633



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to  
2 Praise we Him, whose love di-vine Gives His  
4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas-chal  
6 Now no more can death ap-pall, Now no  
7 Eas-ter tri-umph, Eas-ter joy! This a-  
our vic-to-rious King, Who has washed us in the tide  
sa-cred blood for wine, Gives His bod-y for the feast—  
vic-tim, pas-chal bread; With sin-cer-i-ty and love  
more the grave en-thrall; You have o-pened par-a-dise,  
lone can sin de-destroy; From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,  
Flow-ing from His pierc-ed side. Al-le-lu-ia!  
Christ the vic-tim, Christ the priest. Al-le-lu-ia!  
Eat we man-na from a-bove. Al-le-lu-ia!  
And Your saints in You shall rise. Al-le-lu-ia!  
New-born souls in You to be. Al-le-lu-ia!

***“The Lord is My Salvation”*** Bethany Choir/Congregation

**CHOIR:** *The grace of God has reached for me, And pulled me from the raging sea.  
And I am safe on this solid ground: The Lord is my salvation.*

Stanza 2 CONGREGATION:

I will not fear when dark ness falls, His strength will help me scale these walls.  
I'll see the dawn of the ris - ing sun: The Lord is my sal - va - tion.  
Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faith - ful in love. My  
debt is paid and the vic - t'ry won: The Lord is my sal - va - tion.

The musical notation is in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of two flats. The melody is written on a single staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody. The third staff continues the melody. The fourth staff continues the melody and ends with a double bar line.

**CHOIR:** *My hope is hidden in the Lord, He flow'rs each promise of His Word.  
When winter fades, I know spring will come: The Lord is my salvation.*

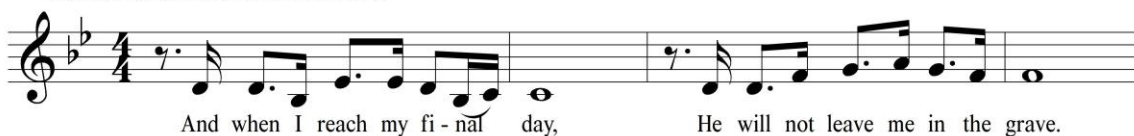
Stanza 4 CONGREGATION:

In times of wait-ing times of need, When I know loss, when I am weak.  
I know His grace will re - new these days: The Lord is my sal - va - tion.  
Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faith - ful in love. My

The musical notation is in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of two flats. The melody is written on a single staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody. The third staff continues the melody and ends with a double bar line.



Stanza 5 CONGREGATION:



Refrain # 2, Sing Twice



**CHOIR:**      *The Lord is our salvation, The Lord is our Salvation!*

## MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

***“Fairest Lord Jesus”***  
~ Derek Hakes

The Bethany Choir

***“Easter Improvisation”***  
~ by Robert Bottoms

Organ

+ *God Sends Us Forth for Lives of Love and Service* +

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE BLESSING:

Leader: Christ has broken through from death to life,  
broken forth from the grave  
and now lives to break down the barrier  
between a Holy God and fallen humanity.  
Break forth in joy,  
declare and share the good news  
that Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed!**  
**Alleluia!**  
**Amen.**

# RECESSIONAL HYMN: "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

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1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;  
 2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born,  
 3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,  
 4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave  
 5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a - bove,



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.  
 Whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won Which now His brow a - dorn:  
 Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
 And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.  
 Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The won - drous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And  
 Fruit of the mys - tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The  
 No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But  
 His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who  
 Crown Him with man - y crowns As thrones be - fore Him fall; Crown



hail Him as thy match - less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.  
 down - ward bend their won - d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.  
 Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He is king of all.

## POSTLUDE

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## **GETTING TO KNOW JESUS:**

In the suffering, death and resurrection of His Son, our Lord allows us to get to know His heart in the most intimate way. The life of faith in Christ crucified and risen is one in which we strive daily to get to know Him better.

Our leadership "Getting to Know Jesus" book read has been completed. We've, individually, and in a Zoom meeting, learned how the Small Catechism of Luther is based on relationship and the desire to know the Lord. Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 to 10:30 AM in the Bethany Parish Lounge, we will get together to chat about the 6 chief parts, how they help us get to know the Lord Jesus, and any new insights we learned regarding something that many of us have known (the catechism) for a very long time.

## **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**

*Exalt the Lord who has established us. ~ Colossians 2:6-7*



Bethany Lutheran Church will meet in the sanctuary on Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM for the National Day of Prayer 2022. There will be the Posting of Colors by Lakewood High School Color Guard, followed by the pledge to the U.S. flag and Christian flag, with the singing of our National Anthem. Additionally, there will be patriotic songs, and we will be honoring all veterans in attendance with a military medley. Prayers will be made by individuals for governments, law enforcement, first responders, businesses, families, schools, religious liberty, judges, sanctity of life, refugees, and silent prayer. Concluding the service, all will gather outside in Friendship Square for a candle lighting, while singing "God Bless America". Fellowship and light refreshments will be served. All are welcome!

## **ARE YOU RECEIVING THE BETHANY BULLET?**

The ***Bethany Bullet*** is a weekly capsule of worship highlights, and important information about events taking place at BLC. If you would like to receive the ***Bethany Bullet*** please email Aimee Coleman ([acoleman@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:acoleman@bethanylutheran.org)) with your name and email address.

The purpose of the ***Bethany Bullet*** is to bolster you in faith, build you up in the key Biblical themes shared the previous Sunday 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 your community. Tell a friend about the ***Bethany Bullet!***

## **HOUSEHOLD HUDDLE**

One of the key characteristics of Households of Faith is that they spend time with one another. The Biblical idea of households is far beyond just the nuclear family that may share the same four walls. In the pages of Scripture households included multiple generations, different vocations, and many permutations. You might be surprised to see what makes up your household and how many households you may be a part of. We hope that this Lent you will gather with the households you are a part of for something we call a Household Huddle.

A Household Huddle is a time of directed activity that will foster spiritual habits, invite conversations and be open to welcoming others. We would like to encourage you to engage in a household huddle at least once a week.

The pattern for a Household Huddle includes the following:

- **SHARE** your highs and lows.
- **READ** a Bible verse or a story.
- **TALK** together about how the reading impacted you, share what you think God might be teaching you and ask some questions about the reading.
- **PRAY** for one another.
- **BLESS** one another in words and actions.

It will take time to get into a pattern or rhythm with the members of your household so we suggest scheduling the same time and day each week when you begin. To get you started we will provide a basic outline for your household huddle. Feel free to adapt this according to your needs.

### **HOUSEHOLD HUDDLE FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup>**

**SHARE** your highs and lows

*Ask each person in your household to share something positive that happened or an encounter that brought them joy over the past day or week. It could be a connection with a friend or co-worker, it could be a book they are reading or something fun that happened at the grocery store. After sharing a high, each person can share a low. These might include things that were hard, sad, or difficult. It might be a strained relationship or a disappointment at school. Highs and lows are shared in confidence and should not be shared outside the huddle unless expressly permitted. Often time what is shared during the highs and lows can inform the prayer that you will share together later in the huddle.*

**READ** A Bible verse or story

*Reading for this week: Luke 24:1-12*

**TALK** about the readings

- *Share your favorite part about the Easter story.*
- *If you had to tell the Easter story in 10 seconds, how would you do it?*
- *How can you remember Easter every day of the year?*
- *Who do you know that needs to hear about the story of Easter? How can you share it with them?*

**PRAY** for one another

*Thinking about what has been shared already in your household huddle, how can you pray for one another today?*

**BLESS** one another in words and actions

*Have someone read the following blessing aloud to the members of your household. May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give us all the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice we may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. AMEN!*