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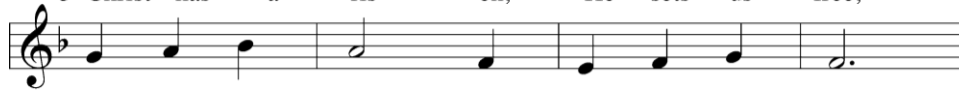
8:00 and 9:30 AM

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia" LSB 466 vs. 1-3 & 5



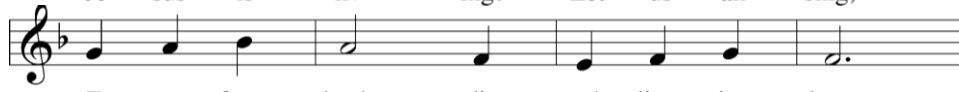
1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
2 For three long days the grave did its worst
3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear!
5 Christ has a - ris - en; He sets us free;



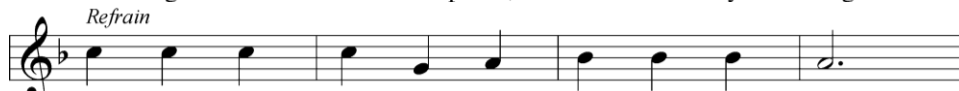
Re - joice and praise Him, al - le - lu - ia.
Un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
You look for Je - sus who is not here.
Al - le - lu - ia, to Him prais - es be.



For our Re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
He who gives life did death un - der - go;
See for your - selves the tomb is all bare;
Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;



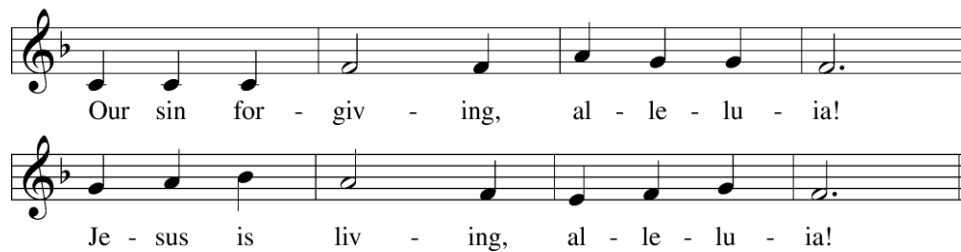
E - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
And in its con - quest His might did show.
On - ly the grave cloths are ly - ing there."
He reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.



Refrain
Let us sing praise to Him with end - less joy;



Death's fear - ful sting He has come to de - stroy.



CALL TO WORSHIP: (Based on Isaiah 42)

Leader: You have been set free from sin and are now servants of God.

**People: For the wages of sin is death,
but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS: (Based on Galatians 5)

Leader: I tell you, my brothers and sisters, you have been set free in Christ!
I ask you, my brothers and sisters,
have you used your freedom to indulge in the sinful nature?
We know this ought not be, rather we ought to serve others in love.

**People: Most merciful God,
I confess that I am in bondage to sin and cannot free myself.
Though Christ has indeed set me free
I have returned to captivity over and over again
in words, deeds and actions, sinning against You, O Lord.
I confess that I have not served others in love,
let alone loving and serving You with my whole heart.
For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me.
Forgive me, renew me, lead me, and set me free
to delight in Your will and walk in Your ways,
to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Leader: Jesus Christ has set you free, by His captivity to the cross
you are released from sin's guilt and Satan's accusations:
Live in His freedom, freed to serve, freed to love,
freed to live in, for and through Him
through Who your sins are forgiven. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 5:12-32

The people saw the apostles perform many miracles and do amazing things. The believers had a common faith in Jesus as they met on Solomon's Porch. None of the other people dared to join them, although everyone spoke highly of them. More men and women than ever began to believe in the Lord. As a result, people carried their sick into the streets. They placed them on stretchers and cots so that at least Peter's shadow might fall on some sick people as he went by. Crowds from the cities around Jerusalem would gather. They would bring their sick and those who were troubled by evil spirits, and each person was cured.

The chief priest and the whole party of the Sadducees who were with him were extremely jealous. So they took action by arresting the apostles and putting them in the city jail. But at night an angel from the Lord opened the doors to their cell and led them out of the prison. The angel told them, "Stand in the temple courtyard, and tell the people everything about life in Christ."

Early in the morning, after they had listened to the angel, the apostles went into the temple courtyard and began to teach.

The chief priest and those who were with him called together the Jewish council, that is, all the leaders of Israel. They also sent men to the prison to get the apostles. When the temple guards arrived at the prison, they didn't find the apostles. The guards came back and reported, "We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors. However, when we opened the doors, we found no one inside." When the officer of the temple guards and the chief priests heard this, they were puzzled about what could have happened.

Then someone told them, "The men you put in prison are standing in the temple courtyard. They're teaching the people."

Then the officer of the temple guards went with some of his men to bring back the apostles without using force. After all, the officer and his guards were afraid that the people would stone them to death for using force. When they brought back the apostles, they made them stand in front of the council. The chief priest questioned them. He said, "We gave you strict orders not to mention Jesus' name when you teach. Yet, you've filled Jerusalem with your teachings. You want to take revenge on us for putting that man to death."

Peter and the other apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than people. You murdered Jesus by hanging Him on a cross. But the God of our ancestors brought Him back to life. God used His power to give Jesus the honored position—the one next to Him on the heavenly throne as leader and savior. He did this to lead the people of Israel to Him, to change the way they think and act, and to forgive their sins. We are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him.”

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PSALM OF PRAISE: “Glory to God, We Give You Thanks and Praise” LSB 946



1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
 Δ 3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,
 Of heav'n - ly joy and earth - ly peace we sing.
 At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:
 We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
 Who with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,
 Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
 With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE HOLY GOSPEL: *John 20:19-31*

That Sunday evening, the disciples were together behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jews. Jesus stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you!” When He said this, He showed them His hands and His side. The disciples were glad to see the Lord.

Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.” After He had said this, He breathed on the disciples and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. Whenever you forgive sins, they are forgiven. Whenever you don’t forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

Thomas, one of the twelve apostles, who was called Didymus, wasn't with them when Jesus came. The other disciples told him, "We've seen the Lord."

Thomas told them, "I refuse to believe this unless I see the nail marks in His hands, put my fingers into them, and put my hand into His side."

A week later Jesus' disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Even though the doors were locked, Jesus stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then Jesus said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Take your hand, and put it into my side. Stop doubting, and believe."

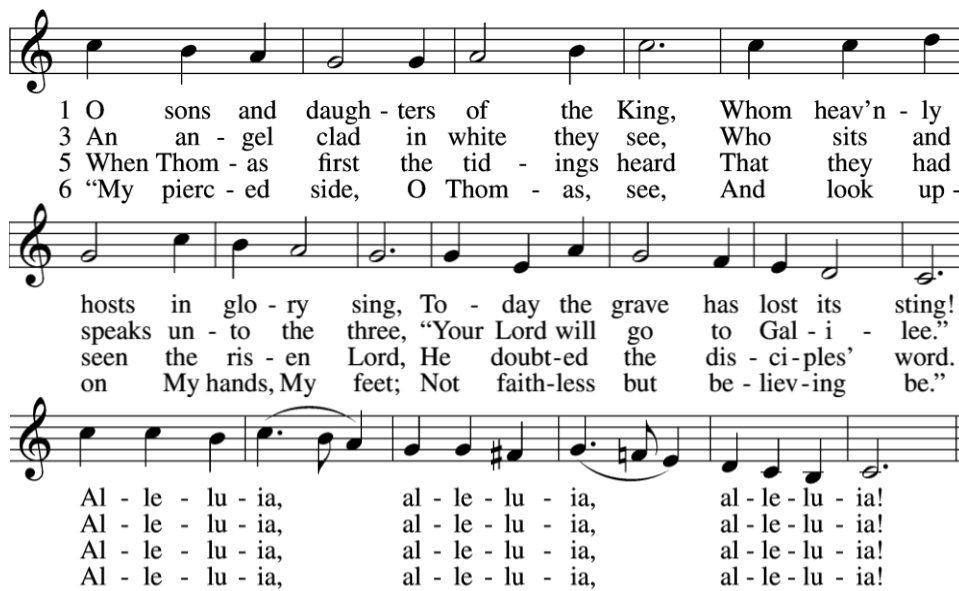
Thomas responded to Jesus, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus said to Thomas, "You believe because you've seen me. Blessed are those who haven't seen me but believe."

Jesus performed many other miracles that His disciples saw. Those miracles are not written in this book. But these miracles have been written so that you will believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and so that you will have life by believing in Him.

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SERMON HYMN: "O Sons and Daughters of the King" LSB 470 vs. 1, 3, 6-8



1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King, Whom heav'n - ly
3 An an - gel clad in white they see, Who sits and
5 When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard That they had
6 "My pierc - ed side, O Thom - as, see, And look up -

hosts in glo - ry sing, To - day the grave has lost its sting!
speaks un - to the three, "Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee."
seen the ris - en Lord, He doubt - ed the dis - ci - ples' word.
on My hands, My feet; Not faith - less but be - liev - ing be."

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

(Song continued on next page.)

- 7 No longer Thomas then denied;
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
“You are my Lord and God!” he cried.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 8 How blest are they who have not seen
And yet whose faith has constant been,
For they eternal life shall win.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

SERMON: “Set Free”

Text: Acts 5:12-32

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Awake, My Heart, with Gladness” LSB 467 vs. 2, 4 & 6



2 The foe in tri-umph shout - ed When Christ lay in the tomb;
4 Now hell, its prince, the dev - il, Of all their pow'r are shorn;
6 Now I will cling for - ev - er To Christ, my Sav - ior true;



But lo, he now is rout - ed, His boast is turned to gloom.
Now I am safe from e - vil, And sin I laugh to scorn.
My Lord will leave me nev - er, What - e'er He pass - es through.



For Christ a - gain is free; In glo - rious vic - to - ry
Grim death with all its might Can - not my soul af - fright;
He rends death's i - ron chain; He breaks through sin and pain;



He who is strong to save Has tri - umphed o'er the grave.
It is a pow'r - less form, How - e'er it rave and storm.
He shat - ters hell's grimthrall; I fol - low Him through all.

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

HOLY BAPTISM:



9:30 + *Ava Darling De La Cour* +

Elder: Through Baptism, God has made *Ava* a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that together we may present the forgiveness of God in Christ to our world.

People: We welcome you into the Lord’s family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ and a worker with us in the kingdom of God.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: “*He’s Risen, He’s Risen*” LSB 480 vs. 1, 4-5



1 He’s ris - en, He’s ris - en, Christ Je - sus, the Lord;
4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
△ 5 Then sing your ho - san - nas and raise your glad voice;



He o - pened death’s pris - on, the in - car - nate, true Word.
Christ rose, and now o - pen is fair E - den’s door.
Pro - claim the blest tid - ings that all may re - joice.



Break forth, hosts of heav - en, in ju - bi - lant song
For all our trans - gres - sions His blood does a - tone;
Laud, hon - or, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:



And earth, sea, and moun - tain their prais - es pro - long.
Re - deemed and for - giv - en, we now are His own.
With Fa - ther and Spir - it He ev - er shall reign.

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WEEK OF

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You can hear them as podcasts on our website www.bethanylutheran.org.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday – Thursday from 7:30 AM – 12:00 PM.

Closed Fridays.

Please Note:

Cindy Morrison will be out of the office on Monday and Tuesday, April 25 & 26.

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 24TH

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: John 20:19-31

TALK about the readings

- *What are some things you doubt about?*
- *What does peace mean to you?*
- *What kind of peace does Jesus give?*
- *How does Jesus help us to believe and not doubt?*

PRAY for one another

Thinking about what was shared 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!

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 5th 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?

If you would like a complete listing of all the Bethany Chimes, sign up for 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) 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!***

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF:

Greetings Bethany Lutheran Church! We recently took in a young Ukrainian couple (ages 27 and 25, no children) who fled the Ukraine. We currently have them staying at a local hotel in Los Alamitos. We are asking members if anyone can help with the following things:

- An available room or apartment they can rent or allow them to stay in until they get on their feet.
- A small vehicle to use or possibly purchase.
- Employment in the area of logistics. I can forward a resume, if needed.
- Gift cards to any local restaurants, grocery stores or clothing stores. (They arrived with only one suitcase for the both of them!)

If you have any questions please feel free to call or text me at (562) 712-2507. Thank you! ~ The Deeble Family



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DONATIONS

Our Monumental VBS is just around the corner and we are in need of some supplies so we can get to work creating an amazing set. We will be putting out a more detailed list of donations soon but this list we need completed by May 8th. Please contact Pastor Seth ASAP (smoorman@bethanylutheran.org) if you are able to provide any of the following:

TO DONATE:

Moving Boxes (not boxes from Amazon, etc.)
8-Small (17 x 11 x 11)
5-Medium (21 x 15 x 16)
1-Large (27 x 15 x 16)
1-XL (24 x 20 x 21)
One 100 foot Roll of Ram Board (the thick kind)
Carpet Tubes x 5 (4 inch diameter, must be longer than 5 1/2 feet)
Home Depot Gift Cards (any amount, but use SCRIP and support Bethany!)
Two rolls of clear packing tape (thicker is better)
One roll of black duct tape

TO BORROW:

Four M or L trigger clamps (must open to more than 5 inches)
One Christmas Tree Stand