

Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day

April 17, 2022 – 8am & 10am

Modern Worship, ELW Setting 4



Prelude Music

Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

P: We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing. You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through. In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation. Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear. To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Gathering Song:

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

ELW 365

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all!

C: And also with you!

Kyrie

A/P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy.

A/P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy.

A/P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord have mercy.

A/P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

A/P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray together,

C: O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43 "NRSV" Translation

Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

This is the Day

This is the day, this is the day
that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.
We will rejoice, we will rejoice
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made: we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

Gospel: Luke 24:1-12 "NRSV" Translation

Evidently expecting to find Jesus' corpse, some of the women among his followers go to the tomb with embalming spices. After a perplexing encounter with the empty tomb and angelic visitors, the women become the first to proclaim the amazing news of resurrection.

P: A reading from... **C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." ⁸Then they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Song of the Day:

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

ELW 364

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of Heaven and earth.

I 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the Church / Sign of the Peace

Offering

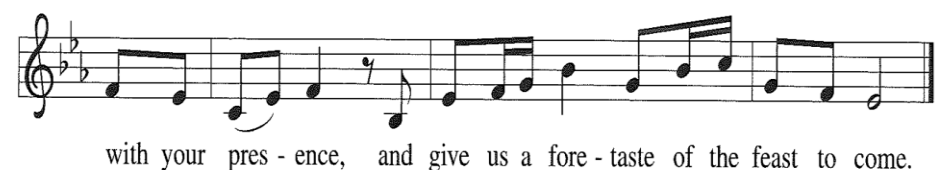
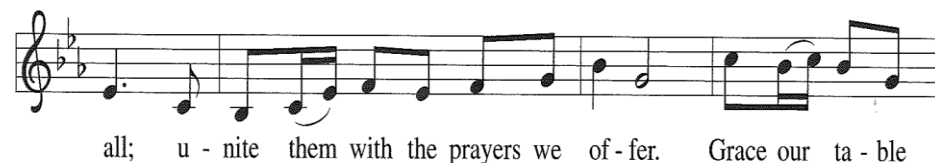
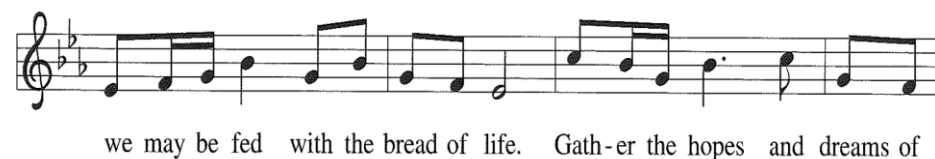
Offering Song:

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!

ELW 377

Offertory:

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



Offering Prayer:

A: Let us pray.
C: Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Words of Institution

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.

Communion

Communion Songs:	Jesus Christ is Risen Today	Bell Choir
	An Easter Jubilee	BLC Choir
	Thine is the Glory	ELW 376

Final Blessing

P: God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, ☩ bless you now and forever.
C: Amen.

Sending Song:	Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia!	ELW 369
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Dismissal

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
A: Go in peace. Tell what God has done.
C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Easter Flower Dedications

In Memory of:

Our Wonderful Parents
by Jim & Patty Leibenguth

Fred Schmidt
by Nancy & Janice Schmidt

My Parents
by Barbara Oster

Paul, Fred & Lillian Holtfreter
by Kate Holtfreter

Donald Gray
by Lois & Dick Gray

Ursula Shall & Earl Manuel
by Shelly & Jason Nellist

Virgil Bauer
Frank & Wilma McCourt (Parents)
by Maureen Bauer

My Grandson
Matthew Denoyer
by Brenda Denoyer

Our Parents
by Ron & Marilyn Dork

Jan Winkler & Barb Streby
by Fay Miller

Nicholas Zlojutro
by Jane & Emily Zlojutro

Roy/Arline/Mark Stowe
by Daniel & Laura Hahn

Cal Cole
by Cole Family

Our Parents
by Dorene & Jim Boyd

Jean Hagstrom
by The Word Family

Whitey & Mom & Dad
by Mary Ann Tanis

Our Loved Ones
by Ron & Sherryl Hellenga

Jerry Woodring
by Mary Woodring

In Celebration of:

BLC's Worship Volunteers
by Barbara Oster

Easter
by Kristen Rivard

Christ's Victory
by Tom & Jana Rockne

The Risen Christ
by Nancy Ammann

He is Risen!
by Betty Rutila

People of Bethlehem
by Judy Strickland

Our Children of God
Makena & Lincoln
by Tina & DJ Dohm

Our Family
by Tom & Cheryl Wegener

Betty Rutila & Carolyn Mann
by Mark & Kathy McPherson

In Honor of:

Beverly Leitz
by Dale & Barbara Wentzloff

Lois Stretlien & Julie Lapeer
by John & Jan Strelie

In Thanksgiving of:

Our Family
by Carl & Suzanne Lehto



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

4/20—Parker John Busekist
4/22—Sharon Stowe
4/24—Carl Tacke

4/21—Sage Hill
4/23—Linda Williams

Please note the change: A COVID update from Council:

Last week, the Grand Traverse County Covid positivity dipped below the 14-day average 17.5% Covid positivity threshold set up by Council for our current precautions. **Therefore, have transitioned to a new worship masking standard of "masks optional for vaccinated persons and required for unvaccinated persons."** This will ensure that we are doing our part to keep our parishioners and community safe.

Stay safe, pray for all good things, and see you soon!

-Your Bethlehem Church Council

Please note that the Building and Office Hours are: 9:00am – 2:30pm, Monday – Thursday.

Offerings: Beginning this Sunday, the offering plates will be passed during the service. The vase in the back of the Sanctuary is still available for those who prefer not to touch the offering plate.

DOLLARS AND SENSE: Bethlehem Lutheran Church has greatly expanded our outreach into the community and the world with our live streaming programming. We feel blessed to be able to do this and all of our ministries here at Bethlehem. We need your support to continue this work.

Through mid-March our contributions are running behind where we should be by \$13,585.00. That is a significant shortfall that we as a congregation need to address. We encourage you to stay current with your pledge.

Together we can do more and accomplish our vision for the future. Thank you for your support.

Jim Monroe, Your Financial Secretary

Church Council Elections We are going to be having our Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday June 12th. A part of this meeting is the election of Church Council members for a three-year term to fill expiring vacancies. The Nomination Committee is looking for referrals to contact. If you are interested in serving on the council (yes, you could submit your own name) or if you know someone else would be a good referral, please make your thoughts known. You will find a white box on a table in the entry to the Narthex for the referral. You will also find a brief form to fill out and place in the box. The Nomination Committee will contact the referrals and then nominate a slate for the election. Don't worry if someone thinks you would be a good candidate and you're not ready. Just let the committee know when contacted and be honored that someone thought of you! If you have any questions, please contact Mark McPherson at markandkjo@sbcglobal.net or 860-658-1554

The April issue of the STAR is now available. Look for the May issue next week, April 24th. For current issues of the Star, feel free to check online at www.bethlehemtc.org < About Us > "The Online Bethlehem Star" or type this URL to get these directly: <http://www.bethlehemtc.org/the-bethlehem-star-newsletter>.

Prayer Requests:

- Prayer Chain: Please contact Jan Stretlien at jstretlien@gmail.com or 231-947-3265
- Prayers read from the altar: Please call Rebecca in the church office 231-947-9880

THE CHARACTERISTICS OF A GOOD STEWARD

~A good steward is trustworthy. 1 Corinthians 4:2, 2 Kings 12:15

~A good steward is faithful regardless of the size of the job he's been given

~A faithful steward remembers that ultimately we work for God and everything belongs to him.

Colossians 3:23, Psalm 24:1

After God created man, he planted a garden and put Adam there to tend and keep it.

He made Adam a steward.

We are all stewards of BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH 🏡 And as such we need to keep you updated to how the funds and resources needed to run our church are doing.

January income was \$24,206 compared to a budgeted income of \$29,894 or a shortfall of \$5,683.

Expenses were \$35,181 compared to a budget of \$29,383 resulting in spending \$5,798 more than budgeted. On a cash basis, expenses exceeded income by \$10,975.

Year to date income was \$49,504 compared to budgeted income of \$60,017 for a shortfall for \$10,513. Expenses were \$65,909 compared to the budget of \$60,718 resulting in spending \$5,191 more than budgeted. On a cash basis, expenses exceeded income by \$16,405.

As you can see above from the finance committee we are behind in income because the donations have been down so far in 2022. We appreciate everyone and every donation received but we kindly ask if you are able to contribute to our wonderful church it would be especially appreciated in these tough financial times we are currently experiencing.

Thank you very much for your consideration

Scott Farley

Stewardship Chairman

Today's altar flowers are donated by: Barb Beye, in Celebration of Easter and Spring.

Celebrate a new child in your life with a rose on the baptismal font! Cost \$10.00 per rose. Contact Barbara Oster at beo6475@yahoo.com or 231.668.7038.

Due Dates for STAR/Bulletin/Screen Announcements:

STAR: The third Friday of the month sent to admin@bethlehemtc.org (Please note STAR in subject line)

Bulletin/Verbal Announcements: Wednesday of the week sent to admin@bethlehemtc.org (Bulletin/Worship Folder is printed on Thursday morning.) (Please note Bulletin or Announcement in subject line)

Screen Announcements/Weekly BLC Emails: Tuesday of the week sent to annie.slabaugh@bethlehemtc.org (Annie works Sunday – Wednesday)

The newest Living Lutheran magazine and the April/May/June Christ in our Home can be picked up at the welcome table on Sunday mornings, from the Shooting STAR box below the outside mailbox, or during parking lot communion.

Monthly STAR: Thanks to all of you who have said that you will read the STAR on line or pick it up at church. Those of you who come to church, be thinking if there is any member close in your neighborhood that you could deliver their copy to them. If you have recently decided to read on line or pick-up at church please call the office and let them know.

CHOIR NEWS: The choir hopes to continue singing one time per month on weekends when the majority of singers are in town. If you are interested, please contact Tony Bero at 231 942-1162 or bero.tony@gmail.com

LAUNDRY BASKET PROJECT FOR 2022: We are collecting cleaning items to be given out during the Baby Pantry here at Bethlehem. There is an example basket in the Narthex along with a list of items needed. You may fill an entire basket OR bring single items if you prefer. We would like to have baskets available beginning in March. Thank you for your participation!

Children's Message Corner: Children's Message Corner on Zoom takes place every other Sunday on Zoom at 2:45PM and all are invited. We take a few minutes of Fellowship before going over the Children's Message and have a more in depth discussion of the gospel lesson and message. To be put on the email list to receive the Zoom link please see Annie after worship or contact her at annie.slabaugh@bethlehemtc.org. Due to Easter Sunday, we won't be doing Children's Message Corner on April 17th so that we can celebrate the Resurrection with our families! Our next Children's Message Corner will be on Sunday, May 1st!

For April the BLC book club will be reading "The Stranger in the Lifeboat" by Mitch Albom. It is a very appropriate and thought provoking book to be reading during Lent. THIS BOOK IS NOT AVAILABLE IN A LIBRARY BOOK BAG SO YOU WILL NEED TO PURCHASE OR BORROW YOURSELF FROM THE LIBRARY. Plan to join us on ZOOM on Tues, Apr 26 at 5:30. If you are not already on the list send your email to cmonroe@chartermi.net.

The Wednesday morning bible study of Matthew meets from 9-11am. All are welcome. Bring your own bible. We read the bible and then talk about what we read. We say a prayer for any needs that are shared. Come. Join a fellowship. Leader is Barbara Graf.

FOOD PANTRY NEWS: Northern Michigan weather is NOT cooperating so the opening of the BLC outdoor 24/7 food pantry will be postponed to May 1. If you see special deals at the stores you can be buying them and place them in the teal container under the table by the mailboxes. The community will appreciate your generosity.

KITCHEN CLEANUP: We will be cleaning the kitchen on Wednesday, April 20th. We will meet at noon - bring a brown bag lunch - and then clean. Please consider joining us. We might even have some fun!

We are looking for volunteers and leaders to join us on a fun faithful adventure with Jerusalem: Marketplace! Join Jesus' faithful friends and followers during His final days on earth. You'll travel back into Bible times--without setting foot outside your community! We are looking for volunteers to participate! VBS is currently being planned for the week of Monday July 25th but participation will be crucial in determining what VBS will look like this year! We will have sign up sheets in the Narthex once Easter is over but please see Annie after service or reach out to her at annie.slabaugh@bethlehemtc.org for more information! There will also be a Volunteer Informational Meeting on Tuesday, May 10th 6:00PM - 6:45PM where you can ask questions, and get more information as to what will be required of our volunteers and you can sign up then as well if you wish.

Stony Lake Camp Registration is open and free to all young campers interested! The deadline has been extended indefinitely and there is still room! Please register online as soon as possible and let Annie know! The week Bethlehem Adult Leaders will be there is Week 1 (June 19 – 24) so make sure you register for that week! Reach out to Annie either after worship or at annie.slabaugh@bethlehemtc.org with any questions or concerns.

Please consider signing up for Altar Flowers for a Sunday service. While we do not have Altar Flowers during Lent, there are plenty of dates available for the rest of the year. You may use the sign-up poster in the Narthex by signing on the date you request. **Then fill out a pink slip with the necessary information and place it and a check for \$40 (payable to Bethlehem Lutheran Church or BLC) in the offering plate on Sunday morning (Preferable) or during the week, in the Administration Assistant's mailbox near the church office entrance.** You may select either "in honor" or "in memory" or "to celebrate". If someone has already signed on the date you would like, feel free to add your name – we welcome more than one on a Sunday.

"Zoom Book Study" gathering via Zoom has returned on Wednesdays at 1:30pm for the new year. Besides the thought-provoking discussions, we also have great conversation and fellowship. For this series, we have a new book, *Home By Another Way* by Barbara Brown Taylor. It contains sermons that walk us through the church year. The book can be ordered through Amazon - if necessary, Barbara Oster can help with ordering. Please contact Pr. Paul if you are interested in joining. Please note that we will not be meeting on April 20.

A big thank you to all who turned in Olesons receipts. We have received \$276.88 from Olesons so far this year. Please continue to drop your Olesons receipts off at church.

Have something important going on at Bethlehem that you'd like others to know about? Maybe a Small Group? A Club Event? Feature it on the Screen Announcements and on our Facebook Events Page! **If there is something you'd like featured or included for either Screen Announcements or Facebook Events please reach out to Annie at annie.slabaugh@bethlehemtc.org.**

Bethlehem sends weekly emails directly to your inbox with important announcements and information! If you are not getting them for any reason or if you have something you'd like to have added please reach out to Annie at annie.slabaugh@bethlehemtc.org.

Our blog has been renamed "Paths of Hope". Check it out on the Bethlehem website: <http://www.bethlehemtc.org/new-blog-paths-of-hope>.

How would we rate: Most often the decision for a church home is made on one factor alone—the friendliness of the people. A lady in Lincoln, Nebraska, created a rating form on friendliness. She visited 18 churches during Sunday morning worship. During each visit she sat near the front of the worship center, dressed neatly, wore a cheerful smile, and always asked at least one person a question about the church. This is her rating scale:

- 10 points for a smile from a worshiper
- 10 points for a greeting from someone
- 100 for exchange of names
- 200 for an invitation to fellowship hour
- 1000 for an introduction to another person
- 2000 for an introduction to the Pastor

In her visits, each of the 18 churches earned less than 100 points. She concluded: the teaching may be biblical, the singing inspirational, and the sermon uplifting, but when visitors find no one cares, they are not likely to come back. How would the lady from Nebraska rate us?

The church calendar has returned below. Please be sure to notify the office (admin@bethlehemtc.org or 231.947.9880) to be sure that your group is on the calendar.

CALENDAR

Sunday, April 17

Easter Sunday

8:00am—Easter Worship Service (S)
9:00am—Easter Continental Breakfast (FH)
10:00am—Easter Worship Service (S)
11:00am—Parking Lot Communion

Monday, April 18

4:00pm—Drive My Way (FH)

Tuesday, April 19

9:00am—LWR Quilters (FH)
9:00am—Property Work Group
4:00pm—Drive My Way (FH)
6:00pm—Council Meeting
7:00pm—Lautner SG (Offsite)

Wednesday, April 20

Bulletin articles due today

9:00am—Bible Study (YR)
12:00pm—Kitchen Clean-up (FH)
4:00pm—Drive My Way (FH)

Thursday, April 21

12:30pm—Music Rehearsal (S)
2:00pm—Rebecca Anna Circle (FH)
4:00pm—Drive My Way (FH)
5:30pm—ACOA (GS)

Saturday, April 23

5:00pm—High School Night (FH)

Sunday, April 24

10:00am—Worship Service (S)
11:00am—Parking Lot Communion