

Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Sunday, April 9, 2023
8:00am and 10:00am
Traditional Worship



Welcome to All! We are glad that you are able to worship with us today. Please fill out a connection card in the pews if you like. During the service, we will sit or stand in reverence to our Lord. Please do what is physically comfortable and reverent for you. For those who are unable to receive Communion near the altar and wish to have the Pastor administer it at your seat, please obtain a red and white card from one of the ushers and hold it up at Communion time to alert the Pastor. If you or a little one would like to receive a blessing instead of Holy Communion, we invite you to come forward and cross your arms at the time of Communion. Please feel free to introduce yourself to our Pastor and fill out one of the Visitor cards available at our Welcome Table in the Gathering Place.

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Bell Ringing/Welcome/Announcements

Prelude

GATHERING

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.

C: Amen.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew. Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation. Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all. Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.

Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace.
We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

C: Amen

Gathering Hymn *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

ELW #365

Greeting

A/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

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



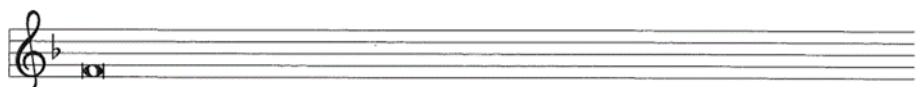
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

Hymn of Praise

This is the Feast

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Refrain (All)

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

High Voices

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Refrain (All)

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Low Voices

Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

Refrain (All)

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Choir

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

Refrain (All)

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All Voices

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

Final Refrain (All)

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Prayer of the Day (All)

A/P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

A/P: 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.**

Children's Message

Pr. Paul

WORD

First Lesson

Acts 10:34-43

The servant of the Lord expresses absolute confidence in his final vindication, despite the fact that he has been struck and spit upon. This characteristic of the servant played an important role in the early church's understanding of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

34 Peter began to speak to the people: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, 35 but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. 36 You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. 37 That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 38 how 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. 39 We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; 40 but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 41 not 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. 42 He 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. 43 All 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.**

Psalmody

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good; God’s mercy endures forever.

2 Let Israel now declare, “God’s mercy endures forever.”

14 The Lord is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

15 Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: “The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!

16 The right hand of the Lord is exalted! The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!”

17 I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

18 The Lord indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord.

20 “This is the gate of the Lord; here the righteous may enter.”

21 I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.

22 The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

23 By the Lord has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.

24 This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Second Lesson

Colossians 3:1-4

Easter means new life for us as it first meant new life for Christ. His resurrection reshapes the entire focus and motivation for our lives since we are now hidden with the risen Christ in God.

1 If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, 3 for you have died, and your life is

hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia

ELW #174

(Band will sing verse after refrain)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

Sorrow gives way to “fear and great joy” when two women are sent by an angel to proclaim the good news: Jesus is risen!

C: ...Glory to you, O Lord...

1 After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. 2 And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. 3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. 4 For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. 5 But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. 6 He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” 8 So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. 9 Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Paul Busekist

Apostle's 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 Intercession: response after each petition: **“hear our prayer.”**
(Before prayer) A: United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.... *(Conclusion)* P: Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **C: Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

Offering Song

Zeke Clemons

Offertory *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
 bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
 fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -

nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
 pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray.

C: Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

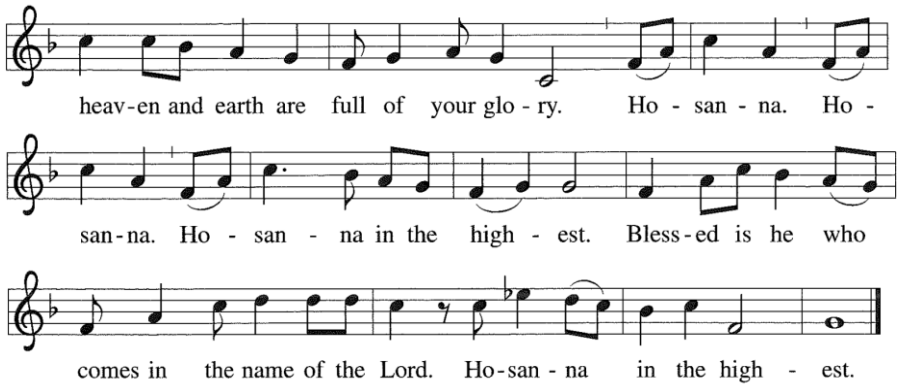
Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn...

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na. Ho-san-na. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

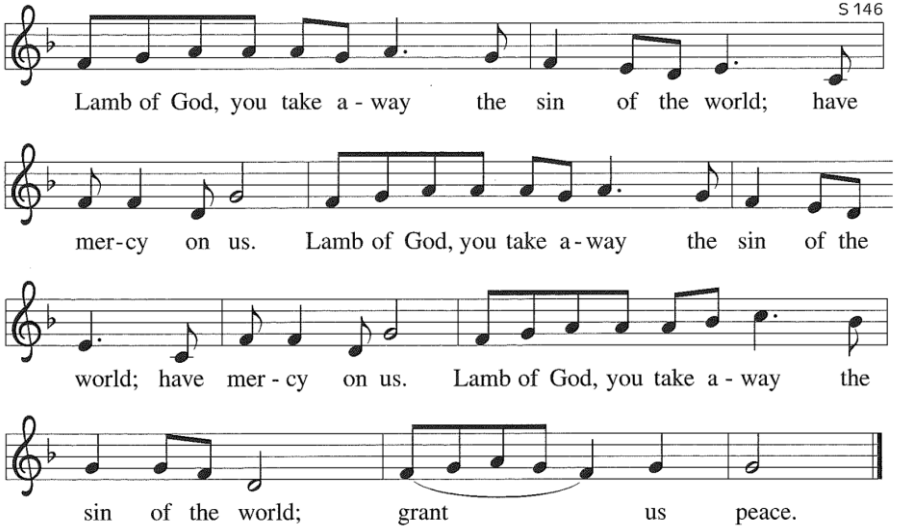
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the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

P: The gifts of God for the people of God. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Communion

Lamb of God

S 146



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion Hymns

I Am the Bread of Life (8:00am only) ELW #485
Welcome This Resurrection Day! (10:00am only) BLC Choir
Bread of Life from Heaven ELW #474

Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. C: **Amen.**

Post-Communion Canticle

Thankful Hearts



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom-is - es and lead your peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Prayer after Communion

A: Let us pray. Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name

C: **Amen.**

SENDING

Blessing

P: The God of all, who raised † Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

C: **Amen.**

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

C: Thanks be to God.

Preaching and Presiding: Pastor Paul Busekist

Organist: David Husser

Musicians: Zeke Clemons; Denice Bossardet

Easter Flower Dedications

In Memory of:

Kenneth & Hazel Lautner

by Tom & Cheryl Wegener

Nick Zlojutro

by Jane Zlojutro

Jean Hagstrom & Marian Charles

by The Word Family

Gerald Woodring

by Mary Woodring

**Roy & Arline Stowe, Mark Stowe,
Jim & Joan Hahn**

by Dan & Laura Hahn

**Jack & Irene Fred,
Jack & Ellen Wilkinson**

by Norm & Jane Fred

Our Parents

by Frank & Patti Wall

Fred J. Schmidt & Joseph Schmidt

by Janice & Nancy Schmidt

**Papa & Grammy
(Bill & Irene Downey)**

by The Acker Family

Jim Leibenguth

by Patty Leibenguth

My Parents and Grandparents

by Barbara Oster

Donald Gray

by Dick & Lois Gray

In Loving Memory of Jim Helman

by Sherri Helman & Family

**Frank & Wilma McCourt,
Virgil Bauer**

by Craig & Maureen Bauer

**Jack, Nancy, Rich, Russle &
Rodney Hengartner**

by Robert Hengartner

Our Loved Ones

by Jason & Shelly Nellist

Great Grandpa Swoveland

by Alanna and Sammy Steffunick

Daniel Morley

by Betsy Morley

**Our loved ones who have gone
on before us**

by Julie Cole

Our Parents

by Ron & Marilyn Dork

Rose Taylor & Our Parents

by Jim & Cindy Monroe

Easter Flower Dedications

In Honor of:

**Jim Hinds & the Christian Care
Committee for visits and flowers**

by John & Janet Stretlien

**All the blessed people of
Bethlehem**

by Barbara Oster

Loved Ones

by Barb and Dale Wentzloff

In Celebration of:

**Our blessed children Makena &
Lincoln**

by Tina & D J Dohm

Easter

by Ron & Sherryl Hellenga

My Family

by Barbara Oster

Our Bethlehem Family

by Tom & Jana Rockne

Easter

by Kristen Rivard

My Wonderful Family

by Cindy Hitesman

The Glory of God

by Bruce & Pamela Snyder

The Risen Christ

by Nancy Ammann

