

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024 – 10am

Modern Worship, ELW Setting 4



Prelude Music

Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

C: Amen.

P: Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P: Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

P: Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P: At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Gathering Song:

Psalm 23

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want. He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters, His goodness restores my soul.

And I will trust in You alone, and I will trust in You alone; For your endless mercy follows me, Your goodness will lead me home.

He guides my ways in righteousness, and He anoints my head with oil; And my cup, it overflows with joy, I feast on His pure delights.

And I will trust in You alone, and I will trust in You alone; For your endless mercy follows me, Your goodness will lead me home.

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And though I walk the darkest path, I will not fear the evil one; For You are with me, and Your rod and staff are the comfort I need to know.

And I will trust in You alone, and I will trust in You alone; For your endless mercy follows me, Your goodness will lead me home.

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: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

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

Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray together,

C: O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Acts 4:5-12

Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he can proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.

5 The next day the rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, 6 with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. 7 When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" 8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, 9 if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, 10 let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. 11 This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' 12 There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 23

1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

2 **The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

3 You restore my soul, O Lord, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

4 **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

6 **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia (Setting 4)

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel: John 10:11-18

In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.

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

Jesus said: 11 “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12 The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. 13 The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. 16 I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. 17 For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. 18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Peggy Burns, SAM

Song of the Day:

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ELW #502

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 *(Let us give one another a sign of peace according to your comfort level.)*

Offering

Offering Song:

Zeke Clemons

Offertory:

Come to the Table

ELW #481

Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray.

C: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

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.

Final Blessing

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ✠ bless you now and always.

C: Amen.

Sending Song:

Have No Fear, Little Flock

ELW #764

Dismissal

A: Alleluia! Go in peace.

Rejoice and be glad.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



Bethlehem April 21, 2024
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

4/21—Sage Hill
4/22—Sharon Stowe

4/23—Linda Williams
4/25—Sandy Parkinson

4/26—Roy Dumond

Worship Servants for April 21

Worship Leader—Peggy Burns

Assisting Minister—Barbara Wright

Lector—Jill Fenton

Musicians: David Husser, Zeke Clemons, Phil & Denice Bossardet

Today's altar flowers are donated: by *Barbara & Leonard Graf in Celebration of their 57th Wedding Anniversary*

Hospitality—Dan/Laura Hahn

A/V—Jim Monroe, Barbara Oster, Acker Family

Cookies/Coffee— Gail Goldsmith, Barbara Wentzloff; Mary Ann Tanis

Welcome Table— VOLUNTEER

Bell Ringer—Tim Goebel

Altar Guild—NO COMMUNION

Tech Support—Julia Acker

Counters—Kate Holtfreter, Cindy Cuba

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE: We often find the front door and/or the kitchen door unlocked when there is no one in the building. Please be sure that the doors are locked when you leave.

Please Note:

Barbara Oster/Administrative Assistant works 9:00am-2:30pm on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

Phil Anderson/Bookkeeper works 8:30am-12:30pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Alanna Steffunick/Ministry Coordinator works 9:00am-2:30pm – in the office on Tuesday and Thursday and from home on Wednesday

Offerings: The offering plates are now 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.

The April issue of the STAR is now available. The May issue will be distributed on Sunday, April 28th. 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>.

The April/May/June Christ In Our Home is now available. Please take a copy for yourself and also for friends and family.

Sunday School and Adult Education (Youth Room)- every Sunday at 9:15am.

Looking for a link to last month's full Council minutes? Type this address/url into your web browser to get the latest approved minutes from Council: bethlehemtc.org/Council-Minutes OR you may call the office to request a copy.

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.

Prayer Requests:

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

The next Third Thursday service will be a Behold Our Light service on May 16th at 7:00pm. The service will be livestreamed. The BLC Fellowship Committee will be providing a meal at 5:45 p.m. Please come early and share in fellowship and stay for the service. This will be our last Third Thursday service until September.

Norm Fred has helped a previously homeless couple for a few years. They are proud people and do not like to be given charity but they will accept help in the form of donated cans that they can recycle for money. Please bring in your recyclables in for them. **Leave them by the garage.** These are nice people. There, but for the Grace of our God, go we.

Spotlight on Zeke: So many of us enjoy Zeke's talents with religious music, but did you know that he plays other kinds of music at various locations in the Traverse City area? Here is a list of his engagements in the next month that are close to TC:

Fri 05/17—MiddleCoast 6:00pm

Thurs 5/30—Brady's Bar 6:30pm

Fri 5/31—Grand Traverse Resort

FOR BOOK CLUB MEMBERS: The book club will discuss *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride during a dinner meeting at 5:30 on Tues Apr 23 at The Cottage.

Are you looking for something to do on Tuesday mornings? If so, the LWR Quilters could sure use some help in tying portions of the quilts. You don't have to know how to sew just know how to tie. They meet every Tuesday from 9:00-11:00am in the fellowship Hall. For questions, please call Betty Rutila 231-947-1013.

Game Night Let's get together and have some fun at Bethlehem Lutheran Church! Let's play games and have fellowships. Wednesday evening April 24th from 6:30 until 8:30. Bring your favorite game (or some will be provided) and bring a snack to share. Beverages and paper products will be provided. If you have any questions, ask Alanna or Gail.

SPRING GATHERING: **ALL women of Bethlehem** are invited to the Spring Gathering to be held here at Bethlehem on Saturday, April 27th from 10-3. There is a poster and signup sheet in the Narthex. Please consider joining us to become acquainted with other church women from the Northwest Lower Michigan Synod. We will have Bible Study, worship, craft, food and fun. For further information, please contact Nancy Ammann 946-8433.

GET A TREAT AND TAKE A SEAT!!! Remember that the final Sunday of each month we are moving our coffee hour into the Fellowship Hall. This allows each person to sit for a moment and perhaps visit with someone new. So, on that Sunday each month be sure to take a turn into the Fellowship Hall. We will have a reminder sign on the counter in the Gathering Space to help you remember. Thank you!

A Wonderful Easter Brunch Thank you everyone for attending the Easter Brunch. There was a nice variety and a lot of food. We had 60 people attend for food and fellowship. The Fellowship Committee would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped set up and clean up: Dan and Laura Hahn, Tina, Lincoln and Makena Dohm, Renee Wells, Mark and Kathie Bair, Barb Wright, Dale and Barb Wentzloff, Janet Landis, Cindy Monroe, Judy Block, John and Marilyn Halstead, Betty Rutila and Lindsey. I hope I didn't miss anyone. You are all such blessings.

Safety and Security: TORNADO AND BAD WEATHER DRILL BLC will present a Temple Talk on Sunday, May 5, to give instructions on a Severe Weather Drill. The drill will be held at the end of service with congregants moving to the basement hallway. If unable to go downstairs, we will ask you to move safely to the hallway by the classrooms outside of the Sacristy. This should take only a few minutes and we thank you in advance.

BIKE AND HIKE ADVENTURE Well Spring is here and nice weather is upon us so let's go outside and have some fun. The Social Ministry and Fellowship Committee has combined to plan some activities for this year. So we are planning a Bike and Hike Adventure on the Boardman Lake Trail. It will start at Medalie Park off of South Airport Road on May 4th at 10:00. Cheryl Wegener will start the group off with warm up and get to know each other games. She will lead the bike portion of the adventure for the whole 4 mile loop around the lake. Jana Rockne will lead a group of hikers around the whole loop and Cindy Monroe will lead a group who want walk a smaller distance. The hikers will be asked to pick up trash along the way and the bikers can help to clean up the park. Cindy Monroe is going to apply for a Thrivent Grant to supply a picnic after the adventure. There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex, so we know how many will be staying for lunch. We will have water available, but bring your water bottles. If you have any questions contact Gail Goldsmith.

DIRECTORY UPDATE: After 5 proofs, our directory has been sent to printing. We are hopeful that it can be completed within their expected 4 week timeframe, which should be mid-May.

Council Nominations open for council 2024. We have been blessed! Many of the council members have agreed to continue with another term. Have you been thinking this would be a good place for you to increase your involvement at Bethlehem? It involves a 3 year commitment to attend a meeting on the 3rd Tues of the month and perhaps one other meeting per month. The current members are hard-working and dedicated, and always ready with an intelligent question or a quick quip. If this sounds like your kind of people please contact the office at 947-9880 or contact any of the following: Pastor Paul, Cindy Monroe, Paul Wiermerslage, Jana Rockne, or Gary Ancinec. WE would love to have you on the TEAM!

STAR DELIVERY-WE FOUND A BETTER WAY!! All of us are aware that the price of postage keeps increasing. Since so many of you have returned to church we are returning to an "old" way and starting a "new" way of dispersing the STAR. You can pick-up a copy in church, or if you have reliable e-mail, you will receive an automatic STAR each month without any extra clicking. We know that neither of these ways are possible for some of you so simply contact the office at 947-9880 to request that mail delivery continues. We will change to these new ways at the end of June for the July issue.

Are you grieving something from a death or something else? It could be any kind of loss, and it hurts. We have a place for you here at Bethlehem on the 3rd Monday of the month from 6:00 to 7:00 in the library. If you have any questions please contact Peggy Burns at 231 392-6913.

Adult Bible Study: meets on Wednesdays from 9:30-11:30am in the Youth Room, with a study of the Acts of the Apostles.

The Zoom Book and Bible Study: meets on Wednesdays from 1:30-3:00pm. The next book will be *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger with the first discussion on Wednesday, April 24th. This group will be transitioning into a hybrid class with not only Zoom participants but anyone who would like to attend in-person in the Youth Room. If you are interested in this book and need a copy, please contact Barbara Oster in the office.

Are you looking for the Caring Table for your donations? It has been moved inside the coat room to the right. Also, the area for the Oleson and Family Fair receipts is in the lower cabinets below the mailboxes (under the A-B-Cs...). The cabinet door is marked with the receptacle inside.

Coffee and Cookies on Sunday: Remember that treats and a hot drink on Sunday are appreciated by all. Please take a moment to sign up to bring cookies or some other tasty treat on the Sunday that works best for you. Or sign up to prepare the coffee to give our loyal volunteer Mary Ann Tanis a day off. As requested by some of our new members there is a plan in the works to usually have the final Sunday of the month be a time when we join in the Fellowship Hall. We can sit at a table and chat with someone new while we munch on a treat. Enjoy this experience in April!!

New member gathering to be scheduled: Please contact Pastor Paul, the office at 947-9880 or Cindy Monroe at cmonroe@chartermi.net if you are considering membership at Bethlehem. The next gathering will be scheduled for April or May.

Name tags: Your name tags are in your mailboxes. Please retrieve them so you can proudly wear them on Sunday mornings. We often have visitors and with so many recent new members it helps them if they can see a friendly face and attach a name to it.

Food Pantry: It will be SPRING by the time you read this so hopefully we will not need to be concerned about the cold damaging any of our food. Please start looking for staple items when they are on sale and bring your extras to the coat room. Your generosity is so appreciated.

A big thank you to all who have turned in Olesons' slips. On April 8th, we received a check from Olesons for \$206.60. Olesons' slips never expire. Please continue to turn in your Olesons receipts to Bethlehem. Thanks so much!!!

Hoop's Pet Food Pantry: This is the only pet food pantry in NW lower Michigan. They primarily provide dry food, wet food, treats, cat litter and toys for mostly dogs and cats but they will support any type of pet to the best of their ability. Please visit them at the Square Deal Country Store, 900 Woodmere Ave, TC from 11:00am – 2:00pm on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month with your donations OR you may leave donations in the tub on our "donations" table in the coat room. The volunteers have expressed their appreciation when receiving our donations.

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, weekly emails and on our Facebook Events Page! If there is something you'd like featured or included in any of these, please reach out to alanna.steffunick@bethlehemtc.org If you are not getting the weekly emails for any reason, please contact Alanna.

Please consider signing up for Altar Flowers for a Sunday service. Please 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 Administrative 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.

Safety and Security: Locking the Doors The doors were locked during services beginning in February for a 3 month trial. This will continue until the end of April. Your feedback regarding locking the door during worship services will help the church council proceed with a more long term plan. This will also assist the committee members to determine how we can best monitor the doors during services. In order to monitor the doors our volunteer force will need to increase significantly. There is a sign up sheet in the Gathering Space. The committee members are Gail Goldsmith, Maureen Bauer, Jana Rockne and Jan Stretlien, we would be happy to answer any questions.



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

Sunday, April 21

9:15am—Sunday School
9:15am—Adult Education (YR)
10:00am—Worship Service (S)
1:00pm—Confirmation Class (YR)

Monday, April 22

10:00am—Sustaining Endowment (Zoom)
10:00am—Luttinen Visitation (GS)
11:00am—Luttinen Funeral (S)
12:00pm—Luttinen Luncheon (FH)

Tuesday, April 23

Bulletin articles due today

9:00am—Property Work Group
9:00am—LWR Quilters (FH)
5:30pm—Book/Supper Club (Offsite)
5:30pm—Vision Team (Library)

Wednesday, April 24

9:30am—Baby Pantry Winter to Summer (FH)
9:30am—Adult Bible Study (YR)
11:30am—Music Rehearsal (S)
1:00pm—Johnson SG (Offsite)
1:30pm—Zoom Bible Study
6:30pm—Game Night (FH)

Thursday, April 25

5:30pm—ACA (Library)

Friday, April 16

WELCA Set-Up for Saturday (FH & S)

Saturday, April 27

9:00am—WELCA Spring Gathering (FH & S)

Sunday, April 28

9:15am—Sunday School
9:15am—Adult Education (YR)
10:00am—Worship Service (S)
11:15am—Coffee/Cookies in Fellowship Hall



GAME NIGHT



Wednesday, April 24th
6:30 - 8:30pm



All ages invited!
Bring your favorite game and a snack to share!



Dance by Donation
\$10 / person suggested

PayPal



Bayside Travellers

Contra Dance

SATURDAY

May 11th, 2024

Beginner Workshop 7pm Dances 7:30 - 10:30pm

Live Music
by
Woodland Celtic
&
dances called by
Larry Dyer

LOCATION:
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