



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 14, 2024

Bethel Lutheran Church - In-person and Online
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In gratitude, Bethel Lutheran Church amplifies God's grace, nourishes all creation, reaches out, and builds community.

- We are a Reconciling in Christ Congregation.
- Why a Public Church? To impact and enhance the community so that everyone feels a sense of love and belonging.

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April 14, 2024, 10:00AM

We welcome to the Lord's Table all people, without exception, who desire to receive the blessings of Christ's body and blood in this sacramental meal of bread and wine. If you are online, please prepare your own table with bread, wine, and/or a treat for anyone not receiving communion.

Boldface font indicates congregational response.

Worship leaders will indicate when to stand and sit, as you are able.

GATHERING

Prelude "Partita on Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!" Lynn L. Petersen

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

We gather before God with humility, **to confess our sins and turn back to our loving Savior.**

Time for silent reflection.

Holy and loving One, **we make mistakes, sin, and mess up with your love all the time. We are truly sorry and ask that you empower us to live our lives in ways that better reflect your life, love, mercy, and grace. Forgive us and help us each day we live. Amen.**

Friends, you are loved by God, blessed by the Savior, and accompanied by the Spirit. Your sins are forgiven. Your life is renewed. Together we celebrate God's unconditional love and grace! **Thanks be to God!**

Greeting

The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Opening Hymn ELW 383

“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna”



- 1 Christ is ris-en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!
- 2 Christ is ris-en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.
- 3 Christ is ris-en! Earth and heav-en nev - er - more shall be the same.



Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.
Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.
Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.



In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.
Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.
Tell its grim, de - mon - ic chor - us: “Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!”



Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.
Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na, ev - 'ry - one!

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: TURNBULL, Thomas Pavlechko, b. 1962

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. God of mercy, **we are sorry for any part we play in your story that moves others farther from you. Empower us to see the lonely, afraid, confused, and left-out, and help us to provide a radical and loving welcome for all, without exception! In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Now the Feast and Celebration ELW#167

Refrain




Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion




sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

Refrain

2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and

Refrain
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of

Refrain
God; to make all things new.

Text and music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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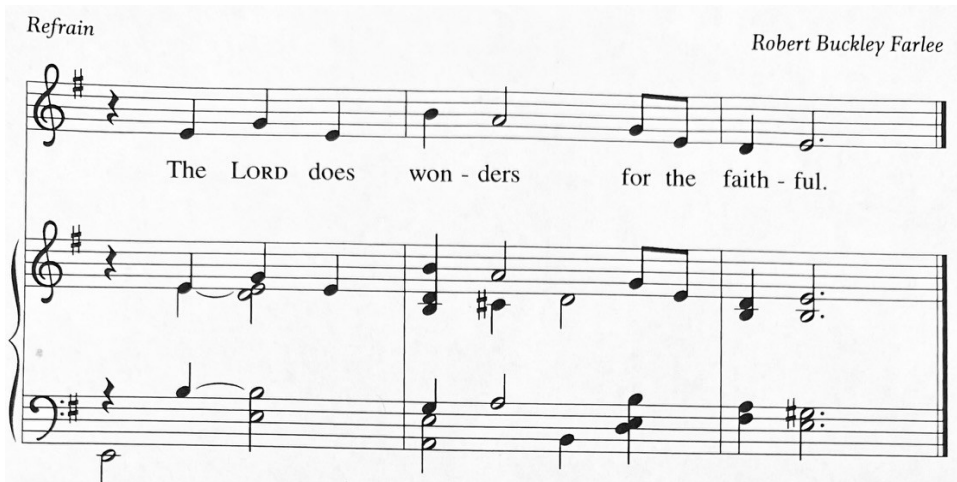
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WORD

Lesson

Psalm 4

Refrain Robert Buckley Farlee



The LORD does won - ders for the faith - ful.

Alternate tone PFW 53



- ¹ Answer me when I call, O God, defender ¹ of my cause;
you set me free when I was in distress;
have mercy on me and ¹ hear my prayer.
- ² **"You mortals, how long will you dishon- ¹ or my glory;
how long will you love illusions and seek ¹ after lies?"**
- ³ Know that the LORD does wonders ¹ for the faithful;
the LORD will hear me ¹ when I call.
- ⁴ **Tremble, then, and ¹ do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence up- ¹ on your bed. R**
- ⁵ Offer the appointed ¹ sacrifices,
and put your trust ¹ in the LORD.
- ⁶ **Many are saying, "Who will show us ¹ any good?"
Let the light of your face shine upon ¹ us, O LORD.**
- ⁷ You have put gladness ¹ in my heart,
more than when grain and ¹ wine abound.
- ⁸ **In peace, I will lie ¹ down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD, make me ¹ rest secure. R**

Children's Message

Children and the young at heart are invited to the front of the sanctuary.

Lesson

Acts 3:12-16 (First Nations)


When Stands on the Rock (Peter) saw all the people, he lifted up his voice to give the people an answer for the healing of the crippled man. "Fellow Tribal Members," he said to them, "you should not be amazed at us, or think that we are holy enough to make a crippled man walk. It was the one who walked with Father of Many Nations (Abraham), He Made Us Laugh (Isaac), and Heel Grabber (Jacob)--the Great Spirit of our ancestors, who has done this. The Giver of Life has honored Creator Sets Free (Jesus), the one who served him and did all he asked. The same one you turned over to Spear of the Great Waters (Pilate), when he wanted to release him. But you turned your back on the Holy and Upright One and then asked for a violent murderer to be set free. In doing so you killed the Maker of Life! But the Giver of Breath brought him back to life from the dead! This we have seen with our own eyes. It is only because of Creator Sets Free (Jesus), and all that his name represents, that this man stands before you healed and strong now. You can see for yourselves what trusting in Creator Sets Free (Jesus) has done for him."

Word of God. **Word of Life.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ELW 837

"Many and Great, O God"



Wa - kan-tan - ka ta - ku ni - ta - wa tan - ka - ya
1 Man - y and great, O God, are your works, mak - er of
2 Grant un - to us com - mu - nion with you, O Star - a -

qa o - ta. Ma - hpi - ya kin e - ya - hna - ke ca,
 earth and sky. Your hands have set the heav'ns with stars;
 bid - ing One. Come un - to us and dwell with us;

ma - ka kin he du - o - wan - ca. Mni - o - wan
 your fin-gers spread the moun - tains and plains. Lo, at your
 with you are found the gifts of . . . life. Bless us with

ca - sbe - ya - wan - ke cin, he - na o - ya - ki - hi.
 word the wa - ters were formed; deep seas o - bey your voice.
 life that has no . . . end, e - ter - nal life with you.

Text: Joseph R. Renville, 1779–1846; para. Philip Frazier, 1892–1964, alt.
 Music: LAC QUI PARLE, Dakota tune

Prayer Updates

Prayers of the People

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news. *A brief silence.*

Each petition ends with a response:

Lord, receive our prayer, **and in your love, answer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**

Peace

The peace of the risen Jesus is with you always. **And also with you.**

Offering

For checks and cash offerings, please place them in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary. For members, if you are making a cash donation, place it in an envelope with your name on it. For online giving through PayPal scan the QR code on the next page.

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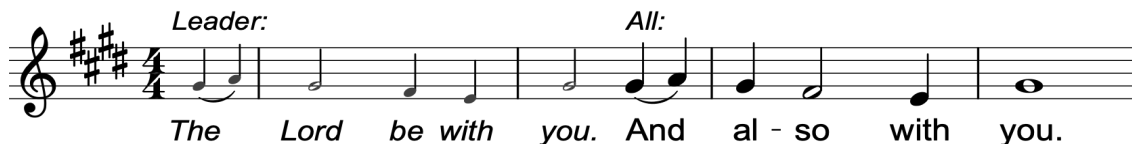


Offering Prayer

Let us pray. 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 witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true Savior. Amen.**

MEAL

The Great Thanksgiving



right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and

might; heav - en and earth are filled with your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

For as often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the mystery of faith, that **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Lamb of God

Lamb of God you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us,
break the chains of ha - tred and fear:
are the way of jus - tice and peace:
are the way of mer - cy and love

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mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

10
world: grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace..

Communion Hymn ACS 1069

"God Bestows on Every Sense"

- 1 God be - stows on ev - 'ry sense beau - ty as hope's
- 2 Catch a fleet - ing glimpse of grace in an un - ex -
- 3 Vi - brant pic - tures in our dreams, brushed with crys - tal
- 4 In a burnt and black - ened field bro - ken ground be -
- 5 God makes all cre - a - tion new, turn - ing back what



ev - i - dence: signs of what the earth will
 pect - ed place: just a taste, the small - est
 col - or schemes, van - ish from a wak - ing
 gins to yield ti - ny, frag - ile sprouts of
 peo - ple do, build - ing up what we de -



be just be - yond what we can see.
 crumb of the ban - quet yet to come.
 mind, leav - ing just a trace be - hind.
 green: hints of for - ests yet un - seen.
 stroy, sing - ing sor - row in - to joy.

Text: Adam M. L. Tice, b. 1979
 Music: ALL CREATION NEW, Anthony Giamanco, b. 1958
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Post Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthens you in faith, holds you in God's grace, forgives your sins, and empowers you to love all others.

Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray. Shepherding God, **you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet so we can proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our Redeemer and Friend. Amen.**

SENDING

Benediction

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!** The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope blesses you now and always. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn ELW 391

"This Joyful Eastertide"



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
 2 My flesh in hope shall rest and for a sea - son
 3 Death's flood has lost its chill since Je - sus crossed the



sor - - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has
 slum - - ber till trump from east to west shall
 riv - - er. Lov - er of souls, from ill my



sprung to life this mor - - row.
 wake the dead in num - - ber.
 pass - ing soul de - liv - - er.

Refrain



Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our



faith had been in vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -



ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en.

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848–1934
 Music: VRUECHTEN, Dutch folk tune, 17th cent.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sending Music

“Trumpet Tune in C” James Biery

Ministers:	All Believers	Sacristy:	Marilyn Newborg
Presiding Minister:	Rev. Sally Ankerfelt	Ushers:	Dean Anderson and Dave Sunde
Assisting Minister:	Susan Potratz	Live Streaming:	Gene Rodi and Ted Allison
Lector:	Jerry Johnson	Hospitality:	The Wohnoutkas
Cantor:	Sarah Berke	Altar Guild:	Barb Saunders and Barb Wandberg
Music Director:	Bernie Asher	Musician:	Anne Phillips

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PRAYER list...

PRAY FOR BETHEL MEMBERS

Ted Allison	Karen McBride
Warwick Family	and Jon
Pikkarainen Family	Sharon Phillips
Larissa Hoover	Gert Carlson
Sue Dorumsgaard	Laurel Jorgensen
Ayers	Kevin Hoover
Mike and Grace	Gloria Condon
Simons	Hundt Family
Cannon Family	Teondre Martinez
Cole Mann-Entzel	Puckett Family
The Walker Family	Andy Martinson
Sharon Rodi	Doris Christianson
Libby Krogh	Darrell Dahl
Lynn Vaughn-	Marge Hauge
Arradondo	Crystal Vaughn's
Sarah Psick	Family

PRAY FOR OUR RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Steve (Pr B's brother)
Michael Erickson (Marilyn Newborg's brother)
Laura (AnnE's sister)
Angela (Tom and AnnE's granddaughter)
Donovan (Angel Cannon's father)
Ian Cook (Pr B's friend)
Amy Lynn D (Sue Dorumsgaard Ayers' sister)
Amy Lynn H (Sue Dorumsgaard Ayers' friend)
Laura (Sue Dorumsgaard Ayers' friend)
Rita Zdon (Sharon Phillip's friend)
Calvin (Angel Cannon's godfather)
Sandie (Anna Wahnoutka's aunt)
Kristian Clauser (Pr B's friend)
Laura Chovan (Lisa's sister)
Wayne (Karen Warwick's dad)
Trent and Michelle Halvorson (Norma's Family)
Darlene (Jeff Alberts' mom)
Susan (Mike Condon's sister)
John Hundt (Kathy Hundt's brother-in-law)
Andrea (Mona Falk's daughter)

MORE PEOPLE OF GOD

- Victims of natural and human disasters
- People of Ukraine
- All of us regarding COVID-19, RSV, Flu, Mpox
- Black and Brown Lives
- Indigenous Lives
- Asian Lives
- Refugees, Migrants and Asylum Seekers
- Palestinians in Gaza
- Israeli Citizens
- People dying due to gun violence

MEMBERS, RELATIVES and FRIENDS IN THE SERVICE

Alec M. Cullen (Tom Keating's nephew)
Katrell Bishop (Pr B's nephew)
Adam Froisland (Pr B's nephew)
Dwana Froisland (Pr B's niece)
Sean Young (Pr B's godson)
Evan Harrison (Pr B's great nephew)

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