



Easter

AT BETHEL

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Bethel Lutheran Church - In-person and Online

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EASTER SUNDAY

April 5, 2026, 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

Gathering Music

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" by Paul Tate

Call to Worship

Our Lord is One who turned things upside down and inside out.

One who dined with sinners, who befriended prostitutes and tax collectors.

One who was called a heretic, broke Sabbath rules, and changed water into wine.

One who was dead and now lives!

And the Lord bids us to follow this path of love.

To turn things inside out and upside down.

To go where the hurting is and help in the healing.

To turn water into wine and hate into love.

To go and be who we were created to be as Children of God,

knowing this to be true!

Christ is risen!

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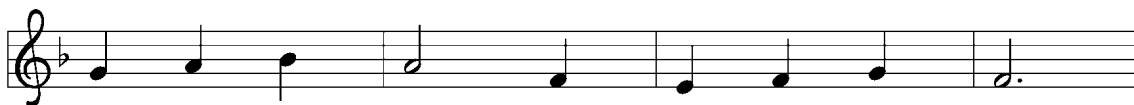
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Opening Hymn ELW 364

"Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"



M - fu - ra - hi - ni, ha - le - lu - ya,
 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.



m - ko - mbo - zi a - me - fu - fu - ka.
 Re - jice 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.



A - me - fu - fu - ka, ha - le - lu - ya,
 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.



m - si - fu - ni sa - sa yu ha - i.
 e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
 and in its con - quest his might did show.
 On - ly the grave - clothes are ly - ing there."

Refrain



Tu - mwi - mbi - e so - te kwa fu - ra - ha.
 Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.



Ye - su a - me - to - ka ka - bu - ri - ni.
Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.



Ka - shi - nda ki - fo, ha - le - lu - ya;
Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



ha - le - lu - ya, Ye - su yu ha - i.
Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

4 “Go spread the news: he’s not in the grave.
He has arisen this world to save.
Jesus’ redeeming labors are done.
Even the battle with sin is won.”
Refrain

5 Christ has arisen to set us free.
Alleluia, to him praises be.
Jesus is living! Let us all sing;
he reigns triumphant, heavenly king.
Refrain

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Music: MFURAHINI, HALELUYA, Tanzanian traditional
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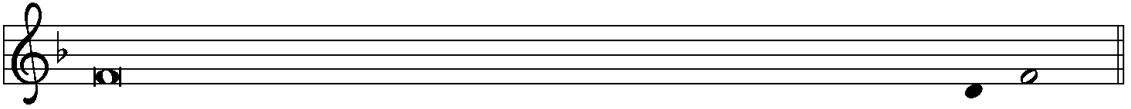
Greeting

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, we believe that God meets us here. We gather in the name of the Creator, and of the Savior, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Kyrie



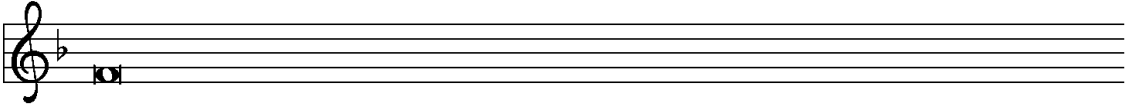
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



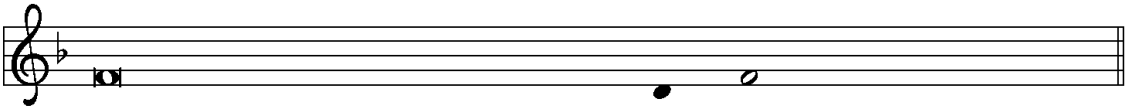
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



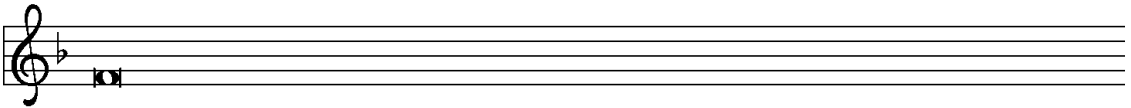
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



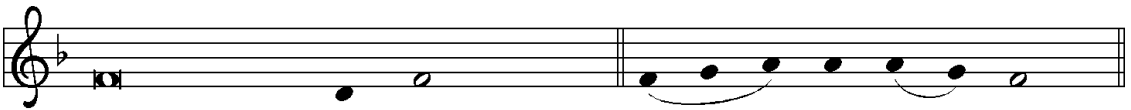
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



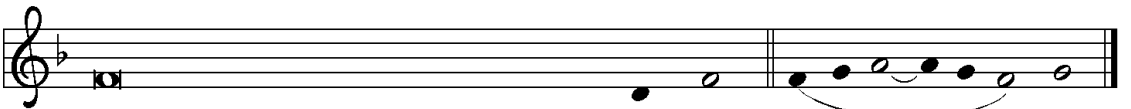
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



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

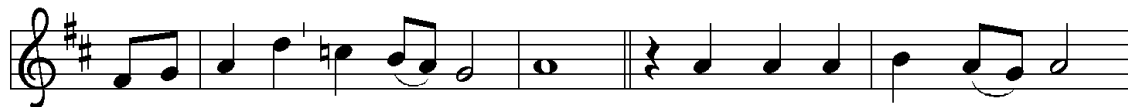


Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

This is the Feast



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



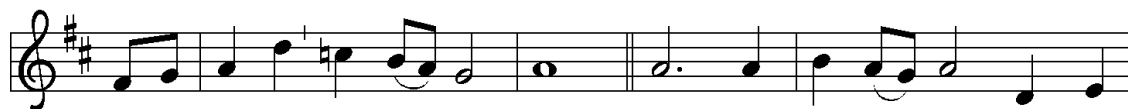
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

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



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

Gospel

John 20:11-18 *Inclusive*

The Gospel according to John, the twentieth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Meanwhile, Mary stood weeping beside the tomb. Even as she wept, she stooped to peer inside, and there she saw two angels in dazzling robes. One was seated at the head and the other at the foot of the place where Jesus' body had lain. They asked her, "Why are you weeping?" She answered them, **"Because they have taken away my Rabbi, and I don't know where they have put the body."** No sooner had she said this than she turned around and caught sight of Jesus standing there, but she didn't know it was Jesus. He asked her, "Why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?" She supposed it was the gardener, so she said, **"Please, if you're the one who carried Jesus away, tell me where you've laid the body and I will take it away."** Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned to him and said, **"Rabboni!" — which means "Teacher."** Jesus then said, "Don't hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to Abba God. Rather, go to the sisters and brothers and tell them, 'I'm ascending to my Abba and to your Abba, my God and your God!'" Mary of Magdala went to the disciples. **"I have seen the Teacher!"** She announced. Then she reported what the Savior had said to her.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ACS 935

"Woman, Weeping in the Garden"



1	Wom - an,	weep - ing	in the	gar - den,	who has
2	Wom - an,	wait - ing	in the	gar - den,	af - ter
3	Wom - an,	walk - ing	in the	gar - den,	Je - sus
4	Wom - an,	weep - ing	in the	gar - den,	weep for
5	Wom - an,	danc - ing	from the	gar - den,	find the



pushed the stone a - side? Who has tak - en Je - sus'
 men have come and gone, af - ter an - gels give their
 takes you by sur - prise; when the gar - d'ner calls you,
 joy, for you have seen Je - sus, the Mes - si - ah,
 oth - ers and pro - claim Christ is ris - en as he



bod - y, Je - sus Christ the cru - ci - fied?
 wit - ness, si - lent - ly you watch the dawn.
 "Mar - y!" faith and joy meet in your eyes.
 ris - en; Christ, of whom the proph - ets dream.
 prom - ised; tell the world he knew your name!

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 Music: CEDARWOLF, Thomas Pavlechko, b. 1962
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Affirmation of Faith

by Rev. Sarah Speed

We believe that creation is inextricably linked.

We belong to one another in an undeniable way.

We are bone of bone and flesh of flesh, life breathed into dust.

We believe that God invites us to live into that truth — to love without abandon,

to see the good in one another, to trust that all belong to God.

We know that this life of connection is easier said than done, which is why we gather in this place, together, generation after generation, to be reminded: We see God in each other.

This we believe.

Prayer Updates

Prayers of the People

In this moment, we open the doors of our lives to the call of our Creator, the God of all people, who invites us to become more than we can ask or imagine.

A brief silence.

Each petition ends with a response:

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

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident that you will turn to us and be gracious to us and all people, without exception. **Amen.**

Peace

The peace of 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 Square scan the QR code. To pay with PayPal, please visit our website: Bethel-mpls.org.

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Bethel Vocal Choir

“Easter” by Jeanne Sittler

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. O God, **maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

MEAL

The 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.

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a single melodic line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has one measure.

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 the one who

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a single melodic line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has three measures, the second has three measures, and the third has three measures.



comes in the name of the Lord. 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.**

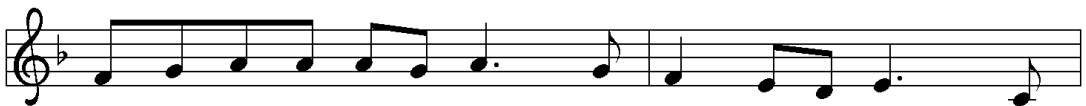
Lord's Prayer

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. 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 Hymn ELW 389

"Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing"

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: TRURO, T. Williams, *Psalmody Evangelica*, 1789

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Communion Hymn ELW 826

"Thine the Amen"



1 Thine the a - men thine the praise al - le - lu - ias an - gels raise
 2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly thine the prom - ise let there be
 3 Thine the tru - ly thine the yes thine the ta - ble we the guest
 4 Thine the king - dom thine the prize thine the won - der full sur - prise
 5 Thine the glo - ry in the night no more dy - ing on - ly light



thine the ev - er - last - ing head thine the break - ing of the bread
 thine the vi - sion thine the tree all the earth on bend - ed knee
 thine the mer - cy all from thee thine the glo - ry yet to be
 thine the ban - quet then the praise then the jus - tice of thy ways
 thine the riv - er thine the tree then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly



thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry thine the har - vest then the cup
 gone the nail - ing gone the rail - ing gone the plead - ing gone the cry
 then the ring - ing and the sing - ing then the end of all the war
 thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry then the wel - come to the least
 then the ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee



thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
 gone the sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
 thine the liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
 then the won - der all in - creas - ing at thy feast at thy feast.
 thine the splen - dor thine the bright - ness on - ly thee on - ly thee.

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926
 Music: THINE, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929
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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. God of our salvation, **we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Help us become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation. Amen.**

SENDING

Benediction

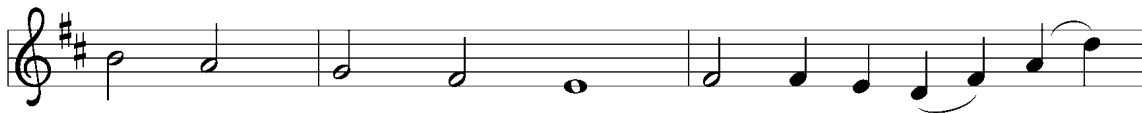
Christ is risen! **Christ has risen indeed, Alleluia!** Go out this day, and always, praising and thanking God for this incredible news. You are blessed in the name of our faithful and loving God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Blessed to be a blessing! **Amen.**

Sending Hymn ELW 619

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives" Vs 1, 2, 7, 8



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to
4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,
guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort
wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.
me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
he lives, and I shall conquer death;
he lives my mansion to prepare;
he lives to bring me safely there.

8 He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Savior, still the same;
what joy this blest assurance gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738–1799, alt.
Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

Dismissal

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

Sending Music

“Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain” by Wilbur Held

Ministers:	All Believers	Musicians:	Anne Phillips, Vocal Choir
Presiding Minister:	Rev. Brenda Froisland	Sacristy:	Stephanie Johnson
Assisting Minister:	Susan Johnson	Ushers:	Sarah and Doug Psick
Lector:	Stephanie Johnson	Live Streaming:	Gene Rodi and Ted Allison
Cantor:	Bernie Asher	Hospitality:	Alice Evenson
Music Director:	Bernie Asher	Altar Guild:	Barb Saunders and Barb Wandberg

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Garden of Memories

Given by:**In Loving Memory of:**

Bob and Barb Wandberg

Parents and grandparents

Wohnoutka Family

Linda and Gary Thone, Sandie and Lee Haney

Romell White

Maurice White and other loved ones

Ed Sunde

Mary Sunde

Ted and Ann Allison

Mari Lea Allison, loved daughter

Andrea Allie

Mom and Raymond Pikkarainen Sr.

Mary Chilvers and Pr Brenda

Our parents -- Belva and Henry, Betty and Bill

Gene and Sharon Rodi

Our parents

Jim, Erin, and Teddy Gaines

Family and loved ones

Psick Family

Dad, Bumpa, and grandparents



Garden of Memories

Given by:

Marilyn Newborg

Anna Olsen

Don and Darlene Olson

*Grace Simons, Katie Simons,
Kellie Riley, and families*

Ruth Aaskov

Barb Saunders

Jeff and Jody Alberts

Janet and Dean Anderson

In Loving Memory of:

Edwin and Iola Erickson, parents

Jim Olsen and special family and friends

In memory of our dear friends Dave and Gerry Giese

Mike and Matthew Simons

Christine Jensen

*Parents and loved ones
Andrew Martinson*

*Dad Charles Alberts
Dad Leroy Chiovitte*

Parents and Sheila Nelson

PRAYER

list...

PRAY FOR BETHEL MEMBERS

Bob Wandberg	Karen McBride
Meredith LaCount	Laurel Jorgensen
Anna Olsen	Gloria Condon
Dave and Libby Krogh	Hundt Family
Barb Saunders	Puckett Family
Hoover Family	Darrell Dahl
Leonard Phillips	Walker Family
David and Sue	Cannon Family
Dorumsgaard Ayers	Warwick Family
Joyce Hughes	Pikkarainen Family
Gert Carlson	

MORE PEOPLE OF GOD

- People struggling with mental illness and their loved ones
- Victims of natural and human disasters
- People of Ukraine, Israeli Citizens, Iranian Citizens, and Palestinians in Gaza
- All of us regarding COVID, RSV, Flu, Mpox
- Black, Brown, Indigenous, and Asian Lives
- People without homes
- Refugees, Migrants and Asylum Seekers
- People affected by gun violence

MEMBERS, RELATIVES AND FRIENDS IN THE SERVICE

Katrel Bishop (Pr B's nephew)
Adam Froisland (Pr B's nephew)
Evan Harrison (Pr B's great nephew)

PRAY FOR OUR RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Bill (Barb Wandberg's brother)
Lennon (Cole and Bryan's niece)
Sonia (Gene Rodi's sister)
Beth (Dan Hauge's sister)
Vince and Carrie (Kelly Chilvers' friends)
Andrea and Sage (Candy Hickenbotham's family)
Ethylmae Ross (Gloria Condon's aunt)
Ian (Pr B's friend)
Eric (Pr B's and Mary's family friend)
Julian (Jan Walker's friend)
Kevin Johnson and family (Les' brother)
Kristian (Pr B's friend)
Steve (Pr B's brother)
Michael (Marilyn Newborg's brother)
Donovan (Angel Cannon's father)
Rita (Sharon Phillips' friend)
Calvin (Angel Cannon's godfather)
Wayne (Karen Warwick's dad)
Trent and Michelle (Norma's family)
Darlene (Jeff Alberts' mom)
Susan (Mike Condon's sister)
John (Kathy Hundt's brother-in-law)

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