



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.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 28, 2024

Bethel Lutheran Church - In-person and Online
YouTube: @bethelmpls

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April 28, 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

"Lasst uns erfreuen" Anne Krentz Organ

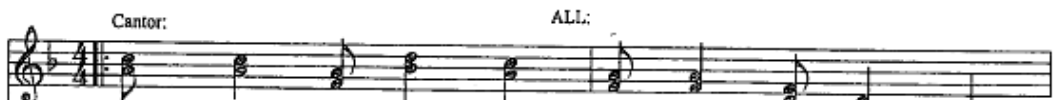
Welcome and Announcements

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 "Come to the Water, Come Here to Drink" Led by Bernie/Choir

Cantor: ALL:



1. All who are thirs - ty Come to the wa - ter
2. There is no cost for Food that sus - tains us.
3. Do not in - vest in What does not nour - ish.
4. In - cline your ear while God is a - mong us.
5. Give up your old ways: My ways are diff - erent.

Cantor: ALL:



All who are thirs - ty Come here to drink.
There is no cost for Food that de - lights.
Do not in - vest in What does not last.
In - cline your ear while God is at hand.
Give up your old ways: My way, not yours.

Those with no mon - ey Come to the wa - ter
 Why don't you eat the Food that sus - tains us
 Why spend your cash on What does not nour - ish
 Seek the new life, for God is a - mong us.
 Be - yond your think - ing: My ways, are diff - erent.

Those with no mon - ey Come here to drink.
 Why don't you eat the Food that de - lights.
 Why spend your cash on What does not last.
 Seek the new life, for God is at hand.
 Be - yond your think - ing: My way, not yours.

REFRAIN

Lis - ten to God and lis - ten well.
 Eat what is good and be ful - filled.

Do this so that you may live.
 Drink from the wa - ter of life.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Holy God, **you invite us into your story in ways we do not always understand. Yet, you know the depth of our faith connection with one another. Thank you for the invitation, our relationships, and your love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Now the Feast and Celebration ELW#167



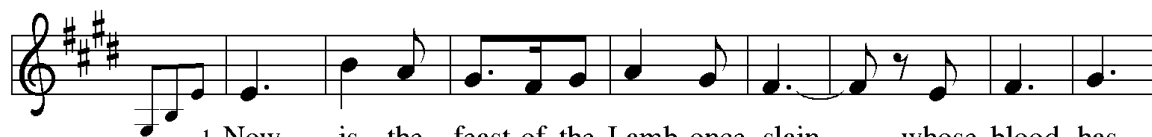
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



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



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

Refrain

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

God; to make all things new. *Refrain*

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WORD

Lesson

Acts 8:29-40 (First Nations)

While on the road, Lover of Horses (Philip) came across a man from Eyes of Fire (Ethiopia). This one had great authority because he was a trusted official of the female chief of Eyes of Fire and managed all her wealth and possessions. This man had travelled to Village of Peace (Jerusalem) to participate in the lodge ceremonies and was returning home. As this one was traveling, he was sitting in a fancy horse-drawn covered wagon and reading from the Sacred Teachings of the prophet Creator Will Help Us (Isaiah). The Spirit of Creator said to Lover of Horses (Philip), "Go and walk next to this covered wagon." So Lover of Horses (Philip) ran to where the man was and overheard him reading from the prophecies of Creator Will Help Us (Isaiah). "Do you understand what you are reading?" Lover of Horses (Philip) asked him. "How can I," the man answered, "unless someone guides me?" So he welcomed Lover of Horses (Philip) to sit with him. The man was reading these words from the Sacred Teachings: "Like a sheep led to the slaughter or like a lamb being sheared, he was silent and did not open his mouth. He was shamed and denied a fair trial. No one even imagined he had a future, for he was cut down in the prime of his life." "I ask you," the man said to Lover of Horses (Philip), "is the prophet speaking about himself or someone else?" Then Lover of Horses (Philip) took a deep breath,

opened his mouth, and began from that prophecy to tell him the good story about Creator Sets Free (Jesus) .As they traveled the road, they came to a watering hole. "Look!" the man said, "There is much water here. Why should I not participate in the purification ceremony?" "If from your heart you truly believe," Lover of Horses (Philip) answered, "you may." "I believe that Creator Sets Free (Jesus) is the Son of the Great Spirit," the man replied. He instructed them to stop the carriage, and they both waded out into the water, and Lover of Horses (Philip) performed the baptism ceremony for him. When they came up from the water, Creator's Spirit snatched Lover of Horses (Philip) away from the man's sight. So this one continued on his journey with a glad heart. But what happened to Lover of Horses (Philip)? He found himself in Strong Fort (Azotus), and as he walked throughout the territory, Lover of Horses (Philip) told everyone the good story until he arrived at Chief Village (Caesarea).

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

Children's Message

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

Lesson

"My Church Family" by Ann Weems

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ACS 957

"Take Me to the Water



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|---|-------------------------|---|------------------------------|---|------|
| 1 | Take me to the wa | - | ter, take me to the wa | - | ter, |
| 2 | I . . . love . . | - | sus, I . . . love . . | - | sus, |
| 3 | He's . . my . . | - | ior, he's . . my . . | - | ior, |
| 4 | Glo - ry, hal - le - lu | - | jah. Glo - ry, hal - le - lu | - | jah. |



take me to the wa - ter to be bap - tized.
 I . . . love . . . Je - sus, oh, yes, I do.
 he's . . . my . . . Sav - ior, oh, yes, he is.
 Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah to be bap - tized.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: TAKE ME TO THE WATER, African American spiritual

Creed

by Daniel Sire

I believe in God, the source of all life, wholeness, and love.

I believe that God is revealed in Jesus Christ.

I believe that in his life, Jesus reveals God in grace, mercy, forgiveness, and justice.

I believe that in his death, Jesus reveals God's determined presence in the world even in the face of hatred, violence, and pain.

I believe that in his resurrection, Jesus reveals God calling us to abundant life both now and forever; life beyond our fearful and fragile imaginations.

I believe that God lives among us, within us, and through us by the power of the Holy Spirit.

I believe that God moves us to be together in communities of faith, hope, and love.

I believe these things not out of certainty but out of faith; as one who trusts in the reality of God revealed in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit.

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.

*Online worshipers, please send checks directly to:
Bethel Lutheran 4120 17th Ave S, Mpls, MN 55407
Thank you for your generosity!*



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

The musical notation is written on two staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. The first staff is divided into two sections: 'Leader:' (measures 1-4) and 'All:' (measures 5-8). The lyrics under the first staff are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.' The second staff is also divided into 'Leader:' (measures 1-3) and 'All:' (measures 4-6). The lyrics under the second staff are: 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.'

Leader: *All:*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is
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

5
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..

The musical score is written on three staves. The first staff is in 4/4 time and contains the first line of lyrics. The second staff starts at measure 5, changes to 2/4 time, and contains the second line of lyrics. The third staff starts at measure 10 and contains the final line of lyrics. The key signature is one flat (Bb).

Communion Hymn TFF 84

“Where Charity and Love Prevail”



- 1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
- 2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear God's char - i - ty we learn;
- 3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;
- 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.

5 For love excludes no race or clan
that names the Savior's name;
his family embraces all
whose Father is the same.

6 We now forgive each other's faults
as we our own confess,
that we may love each other well
in Christian gentleness.

Text: Latin hymn; tr. Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.
Music: MARTYRDOM, Hugh Wilson, 1764–1824

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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 367

"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
set heart and will on things a - bove that we
and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876–1947, alt.

Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623

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Dismissal

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

Sending Music "Christ the Lord is Risen Today, Alleluia!" Hermann Schroeder

Ministers:	All Believers	Sacristy:	Marilyn Newborg
Presiding Minister:	Rev. Brenda Froisland	Ushers:	Dave Krogh and Norris Lovstuen
Assisting Minister:	Kristin Cleary	Live Streaming:	Gene Rodi and Ted Allison
Lector:	Anna Wohnoutka	Hospitality:	Alice Evenson
Cantor:	Sarah Berke	Altar Guild:	Barb Saunders and Barb Wandberg
Music Director:	Bernie Asher	Musician:	Anne Phillips and Bethel Choir

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JOIN BETHEL'S 125th Anniversary Choirs



ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN

We want you to:

- **Sing in the choir**
- **Play handbells**
- **Play an instrument**

If you are interested in singing in the choir, playing in the handbell choir or would like to play another instrument during the 125th Anniversary worship service on Sunday, June 9 at 10:00am, please contact Bernie at music2023@bethel-mpls.org

Help wanted for landscaping!

Bethel has been blessed with a beautiful courtyard and surrounding gardens. We need your help to keep things looking wonderful!

With our 125th anniversary just around the corner many areas need a major sprucing up. Now is the time to lend a hand! No experience necessary. Join us for a day or on an ongoing basis.

**Thank you for your consideration!
Contact Anna Olsen, Norma Lanning, or Sharon Rodi for details.**



Join us for our free
**COMMUNITY
FUN NIGHT**



MAY FUN NIGHT

Thursday, May 9, 5:30pm-7:30pm

Free Meal at 5:30-6:15pm: Pancakes and Sausages

Activity: Make a gift for a loved one for Mother's Day



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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)

BETHEL'S MISSION PARTNERS

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| ❖ Bancroft Neighborhood Association | ❖ Bread of Life Deaf Lutheran Church (BOLD) |
| ❖ ReconcilingWorks | ❖ Casa de Oracion - Pentecostal |
| ❖ Mpls Area Synod | ❖ Nokomis Healthy Seniors |