



Easter

AT BETHEL

APRIL 20, 2025

Bethel Lutheran Church - In-person and Online
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EASTER WORSHIP

April 20, 2025, 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

"Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain" by Wilbur Held

Call to worship

We know the fear of the upper room. We know the feeling of hard days and long nights.

We know the grief of the tomb, and the particular ache of saying goodbye.

We know the pain of Good Friday, and we know the darkness before dawn.

And still,

And still, we believe.

We believe that again and again,

The sun will rise.

Again and again,

God will draw near.

Again and again,

We will march toward justice.

Again and again,

The tomb will be empty.

Again and again,

Love will win.

Again and again,

God will lead the church.

Again and again,

And again and again,

We will be loved. The journey will not be perfect.

We will need to rise before dawn.

We will need angels along the way.

But again and again,

The sun will rise.

Again and again, we believe. Amen.

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.**

Christ is risen! **Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

Opening Hymn ELW 365

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



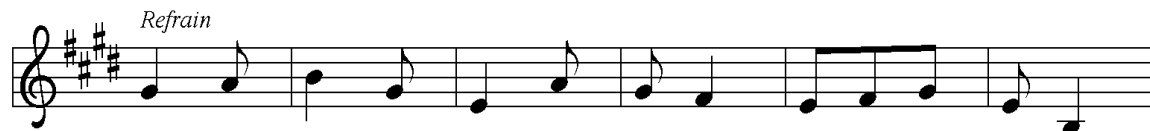
suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4
Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Dear Jesus, **thank you for always loving us. Thank you for the good news that you are alive again. Thank you for the new life that you give to us. Help us to live in this new life every day. Help us to tell others your good news. In the name of Jesus, 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 10:34-43 Inclusive

So Peter said to them, "I begin to see how true it is that God shows no partiality—rather, **that any person of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to God.** This is the message God has sent to the people of Israel, the Good News of peace proclaimed through Jesus Christ, who is Savior of all. You yourselves know what took place throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee with the baptism John proclaimed. You know how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how Jesus went about doing good works and healing all who were in the grip of the Devil, because God was with Jesus. We are eyewitnesses to all that Jesus did in the countryside and in Jerusalem. Finally, Jesus was killed and hung on a tree, only to be raised by God on the third day. God allowed Jesus to be seen, not by everyone, but only by the witnesses who had been chosen beforehand by God—that is, by us, who ate and drank with Christ after the resurrection from the dead. **And Christ commissioned us to preach to the people and to bear witness that this is the one set apart by God as judge of the living and the dead.** To Christ Jesus all the prophets testify, that everyone who believes has forgiveness of sins through this Name."

Word of God. **Word of life.**

Children's Message

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

Gospel Acclamation

Congregation:

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

go? You have the words of e - ter - nal

life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Repeat optional

Gospel

Luke 24:1-12 Inclusive

The Gospel of the Lord according to Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

On the first day of the week, at the first sign of dawn, the women came to the tomb bringing the burial spices they had prepared. They found the stone rolled back from the tomb; but when they entered the tomb, they didn't find the body of Jesus. While they were still at a loss over what to think of this, two figures in dazzling garments stood beside them. Terrified, the women bowed to the ground. The two said to them, "**Why do you search for the Living One among the dead? Jesus is not here; Christ has risen.** Remember what Jesus said to you while still in Galilee—**that the Chosen One must be delivered into the hands of sinners and be crucified, and on the third day would rise again.**" With this reminder, the words of Jesus came back to them. When they had returned from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and the others. The women were Mary of Magdala, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James. **The other women with them also told the apostles, but the story seemed like nonsense and they refused to believe them.** Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. He stooped down, but he could see nothing but the wrappings. **So Peter went away, full of amazement at what had occurred.**

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!

Text: Daniel Charles Damon, b. 1955

Music: CEDARWOLF, Thomas Pavlechko, b. 1962

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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.

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



Handbell Choir

"Llanfair" by Robert Williams, arr. Michael Bedford


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

Leader: *All:*




The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Leader: *All:*




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

Bethel Vocal Choir

"Jubilate Deo" (Psalm 100) by Dale Wood

Communion Hymn ELW 638

"Blessed Assurance"



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
 an - gels de - scend - ing bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
 watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long:



this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

Communion Hymn ELW 840

“Now Thank We All Our God”



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voic - es,
 2 Oh, may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,



who won - drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es;
 with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,
 the Son, and Spir - it blest, who reign in high - est heav - en,



who, from our moth - ers' arms, has blest us on our way
 and keep us all in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878
Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

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!** Go out this day, and every day, 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 535

"Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises"

Refrain— sung twice each time



Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -
Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our



bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your



ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la. *End*
prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.



1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

Repeat stanza, then sing refrain



I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

Text: South African; tr. *Freedom Is Coming*, 1984
Music: HALELUYA! PELO TSA RONA, South African
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Dismissal

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

Sending Music

“Victory” arr. by Robert Powell



Ministers:	All Believers	Sacristy:	Marilyn Newborg
Presiding Minister:	Rev. Brenda Froisland	Ushers:	Susan Johnson and Jerry Johnson
Assisting Minister:	Sharon Rodi	Live Streaming:	Gene Rodi and Ted Allison
Lector:	Laurie Hauge	Hospitality:	Romell White
Cantor:	Bernie Asher	Altar Guild:	Barb Saunders and Barb Wandberg
Music Director:	Bernie Asher	Musicians:	Anne Phillips, Bethel Handbell Choir, Bethel Vocal Choir



Garden of Memories

Given by:

In Loving Memory of:

Bob and Barb Wandberg

Loved ones

Anna and Mike Wohnoutka

Linda and Gary Thone, Sandra and Anthony Haney

Romell White

Maurice White and other loved ones

Libby Krogh

Sister Rosy and b.f.f. Linda Thone

Ted and Ann Allison

Our daughter, Mari

Andrea Allie

Peggy Allie, Raymond Pikkarainen

Mary Chilvers and Pr Brenda

Our Parents

Jim and Margot Lair

Family and friends

Susan and Jerry Johnson

Uncle William (Bill) Johnson

*Aaron and Karen Warwick
and kids*

John and Sharon Warwick, Sue Woodard

Candice Hickenbotham

Loved ones



Garden of Memories

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

Marilyn Newborg

Edwin and Iola Erickson, parents

Anna Olsen

Jim and special family and friends

Don and Darlene Olson

Our dear friend, Marge Hauge

Grace Simons and family

Mike and Matt Simons

Ruth Aaskov

Christine Jensen

Barb Saunders

Milt and Leonora Kylo, Parents Bill and Edna Lee

Jeff and Jody Alberts

*Father/Grandpa Charles Alberts
Father/Grandpa Leroy Chiovitte*

Janet and Dean Anderson

Parents and brother John

Norma Lanning

Parents Norman and Anna, brother Paul

Gene and Sharon Rodi

Loved ones

Kelly Chilvers

My brother

Building Beloved Community



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MAY FUN NIGHT

Thursday, May 8, 5:30pm-7:30pm

Free Meal 5:30-6:15pm: Panini Sandwiches



Activity: Make PB&J sandwiches for
Native American Community Clinic

All are welcome, without exception!

For more information email bethel@bethel-mpls.org



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PRAYER list...

PRAY FOR BETHEL MEMBERS

David and Sue	Karen McBride
Dorumsgaard Ayers	Sharon Phillips
Joyce Hughes	Laurel Jorgensen
Jerry Johnson	Kevin Hoover
Darlene Olson	Gloria Condon
Leonard Phillips	Hundt Family
Gert Carlson	Puckett Family
Jan Walker	Darrell Dahl
Larissa Hoover	Walker Family
Libby and Dave Krogh	Cannon Family
Warwick Family	
Pikkarainen Family	

MORE PEOPLE OF GOD

- USAID workers around the world
- Victims of natural and human disasters
- People of Ukraine, Israeli 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 dying due to 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

Hunter (Susan and Jerry's niece's husband)
Marcus (Froisland Family friend)
Amber (Kelly Chilvers' friend)
Zach (Barb and Bob Wandberg's grandson)
Julian (Jan Walker's friend)
Kevin Johnson and family (Les' brother)
Beth (Dan Hauge's sister)
Kristian (Pr B's friend)
Jane (Ann Allison's sister)
Kathy (Krogh Family friend)
Steve (Pr B's brother)
Michael (Marilyn Newborg's brother)
Donovan (Angel Cannon's father)
Ian (Pr B's friend)
Laura (Sue Dorumsgaard Ayers' friend)
Rita (Sharon Phillips' friend)
Calvin (Angel Cannon's godfather)
Laura (Lisa Chovan Spence's sister)
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)
Andrea (Mona Falk's daughter)

BETHEL'S MISSION PARTNERS

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