

# Resurrection of Our Lord

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*Bethany's Mission Statement: Reaching out in Worship, Fellowship, Learning and Love - we are God's people.*

We are so glad you chose to worship with us this morning. We hope everyone feels welcome as we strive to serve and strengthen each other in faith toward God and in love toward all. Now, as you wait for the service to begin, please relax, enjoy the music, and quiet your heart before God.

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*ELW indicates that hymns or liturgy are taken from Evangelical Lutheran Worship—red hymnal*

## PRELUDE

Welcome, Announcements, Birthday/Anniversary Bank  
*(money given to Bethany's Human Concerns Fund)*

## We Gather to Acknowledge God's Presence

*(Please stand)*

**OPENING HYMN**

*"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"*

**ELW Hymn 365**

## 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.**

# HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*

Assisting minister



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

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



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

*Refrain*



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



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



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

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God,

**C: you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHOIR ANTHEM

*“Soli Deo Gloria”*

*Praetorius*

## We Listen to God’s Word

*(Please be seated)*

**FIRST READING**

**Acts 10:34-43**

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

## Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

L: Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;  
God's mercy endures forever.

C: **Let Israel now declare,  
"God's mercy endures forever."**

L: The LORD is my strength and my song,  
and has become my salvation.

C: **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:  
"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"**

L: The right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

C: **I shall not die, but live,  
and declare the works of the LORD.**

L: The LORD indeed punished me sorely,  
but did not hand me over to death.

C: **Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

L: "This is the gate of the LORD;  
here the righteous may enter."

C: **I give thanks to you, for you have answered me  
and you have become my salvation.**

L: The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

C: **By the LORD has this been done;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

L: This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

## SECOND READING

## I Corinthians 15:1-11

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup>through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup>and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand)*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Gospel according to Mark the 16th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord**

**SERMON TEXT****Mark 16:1-8**

<sup>1</sup>When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." <sup>8</sup>So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**    *"A Lord And A Church That Can Never Die"*    **Pastor Pete Hagglund**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*"Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"*

**ELW Hymn 364**

# We Respond to God's Word

## THE APOSTLES' CREED *(unison)*

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 into hell.  
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.

*(Please be seated)*

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

*(Please be seated)*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Each petition concludes:*

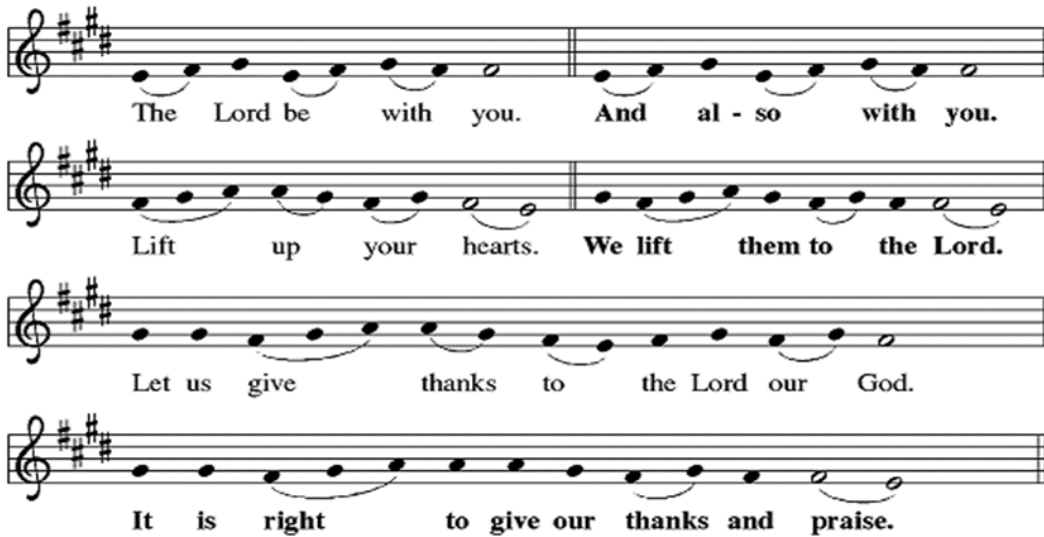
P: God of Grace,

C: **hear our prayer.**



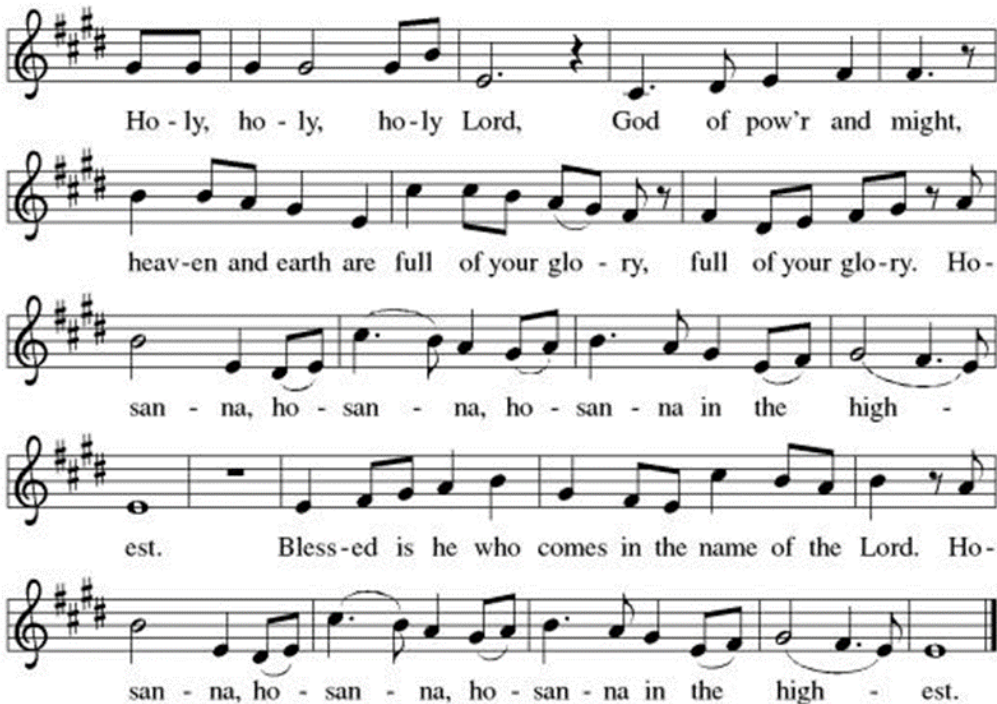
# We Share in the Holy Meal

*(Please stand)*



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.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...  
...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

# WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

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.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

*(Please be seated)*

## 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, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

## DISTRIBUTION BY INDIVIDUAL GLASSES

*(Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.)*

*All who believe in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament are invited to commune. Children who do not commune are welcome to come for a blessing. You will be given a wafer. The glasses of dark liquid are wine; the middle ring is juice. There is a bowl of water if you would like to remember your baptism. You may contribute to our World Hunger offering in the plate provided.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

*“Now the Green Blade Rises”*

**ELW Hymn 379**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ’s resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son’s resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: **Amen.**

## 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.**

## CLOSING HYMN

*“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!”*

**ELW Hymn 377**

## THE DISMISSAL

P: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Lector:	Jessica King
Usher:	Susan Swanson
Communion:	Mike Hopp; Julie Wischmeier
Greeters:	Sharon Martindale
Missionary Support:	Open
Altar Flowers:	Easter Lilies
Remember in prayer:	Bonnie Darrah, Jim & Bev Felland, & Genieve Hingst

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A Cry Room for infants is available up the stairs and to the right.  
Ask one of our ushers for help.

Please join us for coffee and donuts in the fellowship  
hall following the worship service. We would like to  
get to know you and offer our friendship.

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## ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Today:	<b>Resurrection of Our Lord</b> 9:00 a.m.   Worship with Holy Communion 10:55 a.m.   Lutheran Church of Hope Service
Monday:	<b>Office Closed in observance of Easter</b> <b>Noon</b> Retired School Personnels Luncheon
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> Nurses meeting <b>Parking lot maintenance begins</b>
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>Parking lot maintenance all day</b>
Next Sunday:	<b>Second Sunday of Easter</b> 9:00 a.m.   Worship with Holy Communion <b>10:15 a.m.</b> <b>Church Outreach meets</b> 10:55 a.m.   Lutheran Church of Hope Service

## PARKING LOT MAINTENANCE

Property Committee will be conducting parking lot maintenance on April 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>.  
Volunteers are needed, the more, the merrier! If you would like to volunteer, please  
contact Joe Gerdes or a member of the property committee, if they are available.

## CHURCH OUTREACH DONATION

Church Outreach will be conducting a different donation each month to help the  
homeless and disadvantaged. This past month has been toilet paper, April  
donations will be jams and jellies! Thank you, everyone for your generosity!

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Aaron Morehead will be hosting a pancake breakfast at Bethany after worship on Sunday, April 14! Thank you for supporting him as he ventures to the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans this summer!

**CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE**

We are going to be updating our Church Directory soon to keep current for 2024. If you have changed phone numbers, moved recently, or have an email address you would like to update, please send it to the office. You may call the office with this information, leave a note on the office desk, or email us at [bethanyburlington@msn.com](mailto:bethanyburlington@msn.com).

**WEBSITE OVERHAUL**

The church is looking for someone to do a complete overhaul of our website so that it is easier to access/view on a cell phone. If you, or someone you know, are website tech savvy, please contact the office @ 319-752-3621 during office hours. Thank you!

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