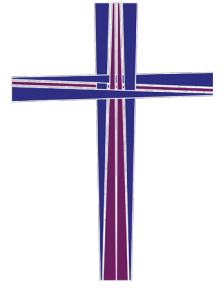


Bethany Lutheran & Trinity Lutheran

welcome you to worship!



Easter Sunday

April 4, 2021

8:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

We Gather

Prelude

"Hallelujah Chorus"

Susan Barta / Amy Brekke

Welcome

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever. Amen.

Opening Hymn

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

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Apostolic Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

God of mercy, **we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

We Hear God's Word

First Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. ⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away

from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how 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. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²He 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. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed.

Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Gospel Reading

Mark 16:1-8

The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the 16th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹When 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]. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But 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. ⁷But 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.” ⁸So 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.

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

Message

Pastor Peter Muschinske

Hymn of the Day

“Hallelujah Chorus”

Bethany Easter, 2017

Apostles’ Creed

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 to the dead. 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.

Prayers of Intercession

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Sharing of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

Offering

Bethany Text Giving Available: 715-303-3484

Offering Music

"ABCs with I AM a C"

Kid's Choir, 2019

Offering Prayer

God of love, **you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also 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.**

Thanksgiving at the Table

Lord's Prayer

We join our voices together in the Lord's Prayer. Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

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

Communion Music

"The Lord's Prayer"

Jan Wick, Bell Solo

Prayer after Communion

We Are Sent

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Hymn

"Thine Is the Glory"

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Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Opening Hymn

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
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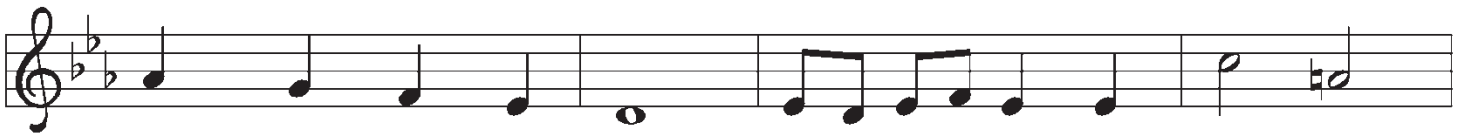
Thine Is the Glory



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave-clothes
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain



where thy bod - y lay.
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Easter Memorials and Honorariums

World Hunger In Memory of:

Benjamin James Jacobson by Larry & Winnie Carlson
Gene, Eileen and Randy Giddings by the Seymour
families

Ruth Lynum and Carol Bergum by Leon & Vivian Mundt
Our parents, Elmer & Edythe Johnson and Merton &
Harriet Vrieze by Eldon & Nancy Vrieze
Merial Wiesner by Candace Falk, Tim Lange and Carol
Scheurer

Music Fund In Memory of:

Our sisters, Kathy Malone Goza and Janice Knudson
Oliver by Lind & Carol Knudson
Our parents, Elmer & Edythe Johnson and
Merton & Harriet Vrieze by Eldon
& Nancy Vrieze
Charles Maynard Wiesner by Can-
dace Falk, Tim Lange and
Carol Scheurer

Radio Fund In Memory of:

Our sisters, Kathy Malone Goza
and Janice Knudson Oliver
by Lind & Carol Knudson
Our parents by Ron & Bonnie
Dahl
Eugene Gohl by Ione Gohl and
family
Our parents, Elmer & Edythe John-
son and Merton & Harriet Vrieze
by Eldon & Nancy Vrieze
Maynard Wiesner by Candace Falk, Tim
Lange and Carol Scheurer
“Byrd” Lange by Candace Falk and Tim Lange

Good Samaritan Fund In Memory of:

Our parents by Ron & Bonnie Dahl
Our parents, Elmer & Edythe Johnson and Merton &
Harriet Vrieze by Eldon & Nancy Vrieze
Dick Scheurer by Candace Falk

LunchBox (Good Samaritan Fund) In Mem- ory of:

Marvin Olson by wife, Edith and family

Mission Jamaica In Memory of:

“Jake” Jacobson by Martha Jacobson

ELCA Disaster Resonse In Memory of:

Harley Barfknecht by Carol Barfknecht
Our parents, Elmer & Edythe Johnson and Merton &
Harriet Vrieze by Eldon & Nancy Vrieze

Flower Garden Fund In Memory of:

Ray Eidahl, Darrel Spencer and Vern Severson by Carol
Eidahl

Education Fund In Memory of:

Grandmas Barbara Ferkit by Jonathan and
Jordan Nelson

Malawi In Memory of:

Our parents, Elmer & Edythe
Johnson and Merton & Har-
riet Vrieze by Eldon & Nancy
Vrieze
Nancy Brunner by Candace
Falk

Quilting Fund In Mem- ory of:

Val & Helena Sulackow and War-
ren, Wanda and James Dahl by
Lynn and Marie Sulackow
Edna Lange by Candace Falk and
Tim Lange

WELCA In Honor of:

All women of all ages by Duke & Marlene Thurs

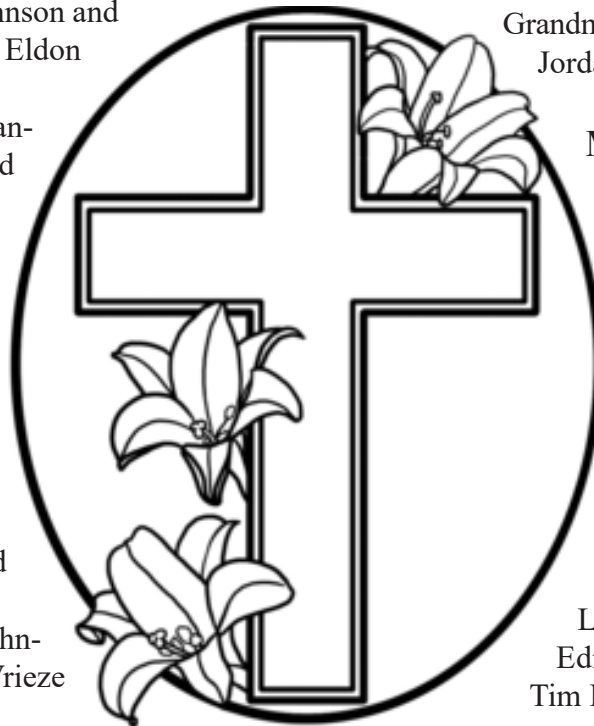
Youth Fund In Memory of:

Ben Jacobson by Candace Falk and Tim Lange

Radio Broadcast 8:00 a.m. Easter Sunday In Memory of Fred Swant by Fred Swant Family

Radio Broadcast Sunday, April 11, 2021

In Memory of husband, John E. Johnson by Alice
Johnson



The Bethany WeekAhead • April 4 - 10, 2021

Sunday **Easter Sunday!** 10:00 AM In-Person Worship/SA
4 8:00 AM Worship/Streamed Online & Radio 10:45 AM Children's Egg Hunt
9:45 AM Children's Egg Hunt 11:00 AM Drive-In Worship/Parking Lot

Monday
5 Office Closed

Tuesday 8:45 AM Staff Meeting/Zoom
6 12:00 PM Lunch Box/Parking Lot
6:00 PM Call Committee/Zoom

Wednesday 10:00 AM Word or words/Zoom
7 5:00 PM Here We Stand/Zoom

Thursday 9:30 AM Caring Community Coordinators/Zoom
8 5:00 PM Worship & Music/Zoom
7:00 PM AA/3F

Friday 8:00 AM Piano Tuning
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Saturday
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Main Level: CR-Conference Room GR-Gathering Room LI-Library NA-Narthex SA-Sanctuary NS-Nursery BR-Bell Room
Lower Level: LL-Luther Lecture FH-Fellowship Hall QR-Quilting Room YR-Youth Room *Upper Level:* 3F-3rd Floor

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Interim Pastor Peter Muschinske *Cell:* 314-703-1496
Pastor Luci Sesvold *Cell:* 715-225-0979

Weekly Worship Opportunities:

- Tune in every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. to WJMC FM 96.1 & AM 1240
- 8:00 a.m. worship is streamed live on Bethany's website and Facebook page
- Watch on local access cable channels 992 (Charter) & 993 (Mosaic) on Sundays at 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM and Thursdays at 7:00 PM
- In person 10:00 a.m. worship on Sundays. Reserve a spot through Bethany's website under the Signups tab or contact the church office at 715-234-9028 or lhullinger@bethanyricelake.org.

Office Closed: The church office will be closed on Friday, April 2 and Monday, April 5 for Good Friday and the Easter holiday. If you have an emergency, the pastors can be reached at 314-703-1496 (Pastor Peter) or 715-225-0979 (Pastor Luci).

Spring Devotionals: The April-June 2021 *Portals of Prayer* and *Christ in Our Home* devotional booklets are available in the bin outside the door and on a table near the office.

Mailbox / Dropbox: Po-TAY-toe, po-TAH-toe, what's the difference? Bethany has a USPS mailbox mounted on a support under the carport. We ask that people do not leave items in the mailbox as it is ONLY for US mail. If you have a donation or items to drop off, the church is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and you can put your donation in the dropbox outside the office door. Donations or items that need to be dropped off on a Tuesday or Friday when the church is locked, can be given to Amanda. Her cell number is posted on the door. If you have any question, please contact the office at lhullinger@bethanyricelake.org or 715-234-9028.

Easter Lilies Available: Bethany will have 36 Easter lilies decorating the altar on Easter Sunday, April 4. After Easter worship is done, these lilies will need a home! If you would like to take a lily, please do so. Bethany will be taking free-will donations for lilies to help offset their cost.

God's Calling a Just You: In mid-February, I, and several other Bethany members, virtually attended the Northwest Synod's Walking Together conference. The

theme for this year was Justice. At the end of the event, I found myself asking "What's next?" How can I learn more about the justice issues discussed?

The phrase "God's Calling a Just You" floats around in my head. The desire to be part of a study group committed to developing a deeper understanding of justice issues through listening, learning and prayer intrigues me. The idea of joining others to discern God's calls to action in today's world feels challenging but necessary.

Is seeking a better understanding of issues facing our society important to you? Are you interested in discussing what you learn with others? Does discerning God's call and cultivating "a Just You" capture your heart and mind? If so, please call or email Bea Evans at 262-565-3327 or beaevans2@gmail.com.

Safely Regathering Task Force Update: As of mid-week, the average Covid daily new case number for Barron County is 6.3 per 100,000 population keeping the county in the "Community Spread" category. The Safely Regathering Task Force on Monday recommended to the Church Council that we move from Phase 2 to Phase 3 of regathering. Included in the recommendation is to follow Barron County Public Health guidelines for increasing capacity for worship services and use of other rooms in the complex as well as lengthening the duration of in-person services, returning the option of "live" readings and prayers by the assistant ministers and adding some further options for music.

The first four cases of the more contagious and virulent B.1.1.7 British variant of the virus were detected in Barron County this week. This reminds us to continue the Barron County Public Health guidelines of masking when indoors in public, maintaining six-foot distancing, practicing good hand hygiene and pressing forward on our vaccination efforts.

If you have questions, do not hesitate to reach out to one of our members or contact Mark Nymo, chair of the Safely Regathering Task Force, at nymomtn@gmail.com. Also check the COVID-19 page on Bethany's website.

Reconciling in Christ Update: For general information - to date, Bethany Lutheran Church has not contributed any monetary donation to Reconciling Works and there is nothing in the current budget to do so. For any questions regarding RIC, please direct them to anyone on the Task Force, including Laurie Carlsen, chair.

From the Call Committee: The call committee is in full motion and we had our third meeting this week. An initial draft of the ministry site profile (MSP) is almost complete. The report from the Transition Task Force (TTF) and the Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT) have proven valuable in formulating solid insight for Bethany and our Senior Pastor candidates through the MSP.

Please consider attending the Transition Task Force forum on April 11 at 10:45 a.m. and see the work that has been done as we move forward in this important time.

The next step is to complete the final draft of the MSP and submit it to the church council. Once the MSP receives final approval, it is forwarded to the Synod. The Call Committee will continue to provide updates as we move forward and we invite you to contact any of the committee members during the call process. Your prayers and involvement are appreciated.

CrossTalk with your Church Council:

CELEBRATE OUR STRENGTHS
CONFIRM PRIORITY GROWTH AREAS
FOCUS \$25,000 OF OUR 2020 BUDGET SURPLUS
ON PRIORITIES

Come provide your church leaders some guidance in a CrossTalk discussion hosted by Church Council.

Date: Sunday, April 18, 2021

Time: 10:45 a.m. following the 10:00 a.m. service

Place: Gathering Room

We want to CrossTalk (discuss) Bethany's ministry accomplishments, challenges and future(s) as described by you and summarized by the Transition Task Force and Church Council. Don't miss this opportunity to lead by sharing your thoughts and ideas!

Register for in-person attendance through the Signups tab on Bethany's website. Contact the office for the Zoom information.

Word or words: zoomversations on our life of faith:

To be a part of conversations (zoomversations!) on the first and third Wednesday mornings of the month at 10:00 a.m., please email Pastor Peter at pastorpeter@bethanyricelake.org so he can provide links for essential background/pre-session preparation. Post-session applications will be up to all of us as Disciples of Jesus Christ! The next conversation is Wednesday, April 7, 2021!

Ushers Needed: Will you support Bethany by ushering during worship? You can sign up online to usher. The signup link can also be found on the Signups tab of the Bethany website.

You will be given instructions and training for your role. If you have any questions, please contact Amy Brekke at brekke.amy@gmail.com or Mark Nymo of the Safely Regathering Task Force at nymomtn@gmail.com.

Special Music: Amy is always looking for more people to be involved in Bethany's Music Ministry. If you are interested in providing special music or have ideas you would like to share, please contact Amy Brekke at brekke.amy@gmail.com or 715-651-6991.

Follow Along with Worship: The Sunday bulletins are available on Bethany's website homepage and archived on our bulletin publications page! We invite you to print a copy or follow along on your device with our order of service.

Sunday School Lessons are available online: Even though we are not meeting in person at the moment, you can still participate in Sunday School! The lessons are posted on Bethany's website under the At-Home Resources page. The page is password protected, due to copyright, so please see the email from Angie Buchli for the password. If you did not receive the email and password, please contact Angie at abuchli@bethanyricelake.org.

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Prayer Ministry

New Prayers for Members:

Ongoing Prayers for Members: Sandie Anderson • Ray Arnevik • Red Axtell • Jaquan Bever • Laif Bever • Ron Debner • Jim Hagen • Lee Haight • Kevin Jacobson • Doug Karis • Maci Lundequam • Alyssa McCullough • Dick Moe • Regina Mueller • Leon Mundt • Randy Read • Shirley Stokes • Lynn Sulackow • Virginia Tronstad • Ray Vaughn

New Prayers for Family & Friends of Members:

Ongoing Prayers for Family & Friends of Members: Bonnie Brandt • John Jaros • Clara Kern • Paul Klancher • Marianne Koser • Charlie Lawton • Mark Loehlein • Gloria Mattakat • Colin McCann • Bruce Olson • Kaye Olson • Nolan Passint • Mary Simma • Holly Thompson • Kelly White (Anderson) • Paul Wilker

Active Military Duty: Tanner Ely • Alex Kusilek • Jonathan Marsh • Ethan Nieman • Alain Pierre • Jason Randall • Abby Ring

Radio Broadcast: Sponsored in memory of Fred Swant by Fred Swant Family

Sympathy and Grief: Marlene Thurs and family upon the death of her sister, Joan Marquardt. Barb Johnson and family upon the death of her mother, Elaine Branham.

You may make requests for the Prayer Ministry by calling the church office at 715-234-9028. You can also email bethany@bethanyricelake.org or fill out a request form on Bethany's website.

Prayers for Our Home Members

Sandie Anderson • Edie Berg • June Brunette • Irene Christianson • Foster Dunwiddie • Pauline Eidahl • Donna Gagner • Elaine Gonske • Betty Granum • Nancy Herbert • Esther Honetor • Alice Johnson • Sid & Carolyn Johnson • Dick Moe • Lois Nefstead • Randy Read • Nadyne Reiten • Janie Riggs

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