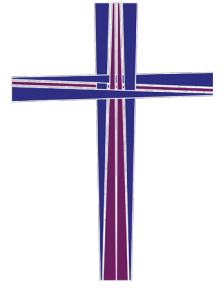


Bethany Lutheran & Trinity Lutheran

welcome you to worship!



Second Sunday of Easter

April 11, 2021

8:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

We Gather

Prelude

Susan Barta

Welcome

Worship Welcome Video

Matt & Kayelon Murphy Family

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

"Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing"

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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.

Hymn of Praise

"This is the Feast"

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Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, 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

Acts 4:32-35

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave

their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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

Second Reading

1 John 1:1--2:2

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

^{2:1}My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world

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

Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia"

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Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31

The holy gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

Pastor Chris Sesvold

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 Hymn

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

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Requested by Deb Slagstad in honor of those who have lovingly provided assistance to our worship services.

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

"Onward Christian Soldiers"

Vesper Bells

Prayer after Communion

We Are Sent

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Hymn

"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

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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!**

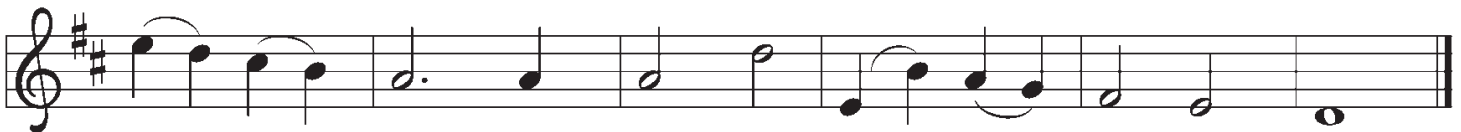
Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing



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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Hymn of Praise

Refrain



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.

Refrain



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

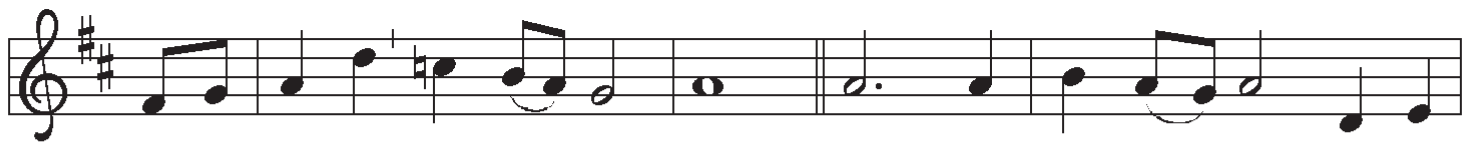


strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



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,

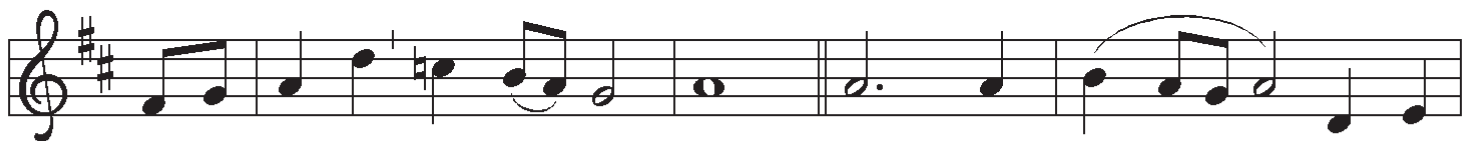


glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain



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

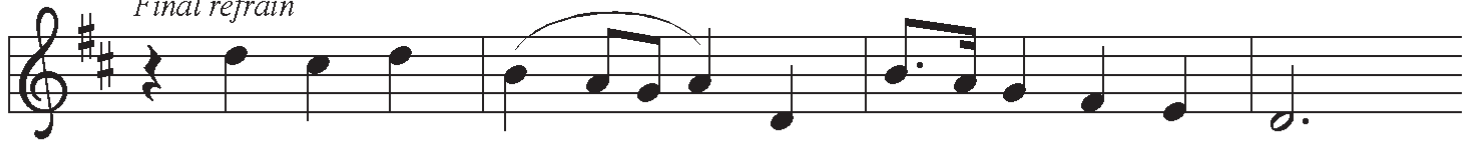


al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



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.

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.

Hymn of the Day: Verses 1-3

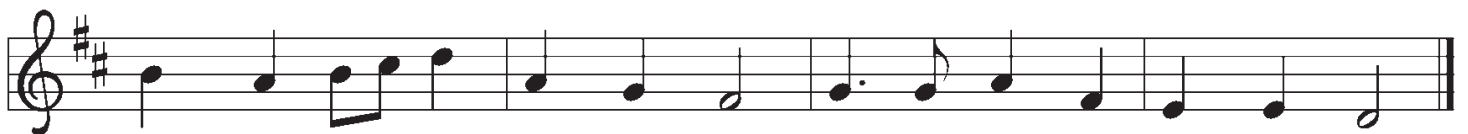
Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!



1 Hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lives! He is now the Liv - ing One;
2 Je - sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and mourn - ful sigh?
3 Je - sus lives! And thus, my soul, life e - ter - nal waits for you;



from the gloom - y halls of death Christ, the con - quer - or, has gone,
Christ who died our broth - er here lives our broth - er still on high,
joined to Christ, your liv - ing head, where he is, you shall be too;



bright fore - run - ner to the skies of his peo - ple, yet to rise.
lives for - ev - er to be - stow bless - ings on his church be - low.
with the Lord, at God's right hand, as a vic - tor you shall stand.

Text: Carl B. Garve, 1763–1841; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–1897, alt.
Music: FRED TIL BOD, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

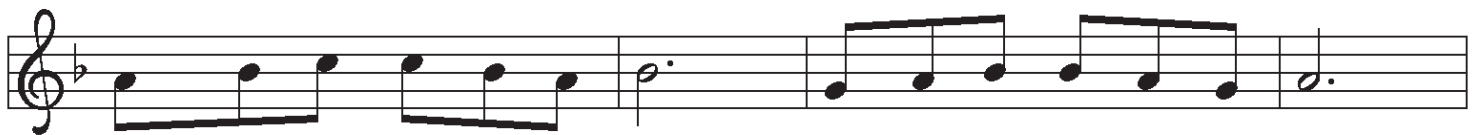
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Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

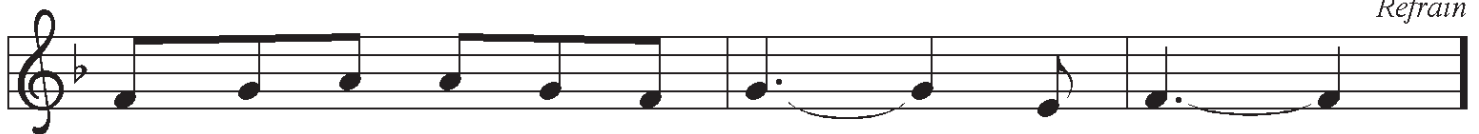


us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



- 1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,
- 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
- 3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
- 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet:

Refrain



mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
all these are neigh - bors to us and you.
this is the way we will live with you.

Text: Tom Colvin, 1925–2000, alt.

Music: CHEREPONI, Ghanaian folk tune, adapt. Tom Colvin

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Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

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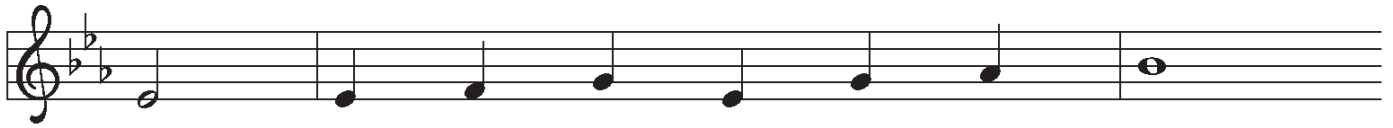
Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623

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Offering Hymn

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!

The Bethany WeekAhead • April 11 - 17, 2021

Sunday
11 8:00 AM Worship/Streamed Online & Radio
Sunday School Lesson Available Online
10:00 AM In-Person Worship/SA
10:45 AM First Communion Class/GR
11:00 AM Club 9

Monday
12 **Good NewsBreak Deadline**
12:00 PM Green Team/CR
1:00 PM Quilting/QR
6:00 PM Property Committee/Zoom

Tuesday
13 8:45 AM Staff Meeting/Zoom
10:30 AM Executive Committee/Zoom
12:00 PM Lunch Box/Parking Lot

Wednesday
14 5:00 PM Here We Stand/Zoom
6:30 PM Personnel Committee/Zoom

Thursday
15 5:30 PM Stewardship Committee/Zoom
6:30 PM Synod Assembly/Zoom
7:00 PM AA/3F

Friday
16

Saturday
17 8:30 AM Synod Assembly/Zoom

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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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. ***Bethany will continue to follow the county guidelines of wearing masks and physical distancing at worship and for all activities inside the building.***

Baccalaureate: We will be celebrating Baccalaureate on Sunday, May 16! There will be a special worship for graduates and their families at 11:00 a.m. Bethany members can tune in to the live stream to celebrate with them! ***SENIORS: Please have your senior photos in to the church office by April 14.*** They can be emailed to lhullinger@bethanyricelake.org.

Confirmation: Bethany Confirmands will affirm their baptism on Sunday, May 23! There will be a special 11:00 a.m. worship for confirmands and their families. Bethany members can tune in to the live stream to celebrate with them!

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 still has Easter lilies that need a home! If you would like to take a lily, please do so. Bethany is 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: The daily average of new Covid cases in Barron County is at 12.3 per 100,000 population. This metric has bumped us back up into the Accelerated Spread category for the past three days. The infection rate and the percent of positive Covid tests are also on the rise. Barron County hospitalizations for Covid are also up in April. Hopefully, these are short term increases, but we will continue to carefully follow these metrics to determine if we would make any different recommendations for movement between phases. The good news is that vaccination rates are also increasing with 30.7% of Barron County residents having had their first dose of Covid vaccine and 19.2% having completed their vaccinations. Vaccines, masking, distancing and hand hygiene continue to be critical in our quest for a return to normal worship and normal lives!

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 nearing completion of the first draft of the Ministry Site Profile. This week we are working on a section that highlights the most attractive activities and programs of Bethany. You can help us by sending us what it is that makes that list for you. Send responses to: lutheran-bethany21@gmail.com.

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. Please consider attending the CrossTalk on April 18 at 10:45 a.m. (*Please note the corrected date. There is only one meeting, not two.*) The Call Committee will be attending, as this information is integral to their mission.

The next step is to complete the final draft of the MSP and submit it to the church council. 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

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: The 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!

Please add April 18 in-person Sunday worship services and CrossTalk to your calendars.

Register for in-person attendance through the Signups tab on Bethany's website. To attend the event via Zoom, please contact the office.

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.

Updated Contact Information: Bethany members, if any of your contact information has changed, please update the office! We need the most up-to-date information in order to keep you up-to-date in return. Or, if you're able to log in to ShelbyNext, you can update your information yourself. We would be more than happy to help you learn how to do this. If you are interested, just contact the office at bethany@bethanyricelake.org.

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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Sundays 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM; Thursdays 7:00 PM

Prayer Ministry

New Prayers for Members: Carolyn Kochel

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 husband, John Johnson by Alice Johnson.

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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