

A scenic landscape featuring a bright sun rising over a range of mountains. The foreground is a field of purple flowers, and the sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and purple. The text is overlaid on the lower half of the image.

*Christ the Lord*  
*is risen today,*  
**ALLELUIA!**





# WELCOME TO BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025*

## **Welcome**

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you as we gather to hear God's holy Word and celebrate the meal of Holy Communion. We are blessed by your presence. As God welcomes all people through the saving grace of Jesus, so do we seek to welcome all God's people to be together in Christ – to love, to grow, and to serve.

Should you have no church home, you are invited to consider Bethany. If you have questions for the pastor or church office, please call at 630.879.3444 or visit our website at [www.bethanybatavia.org](http://www.bethanybatavia.org). Welcome!

## **Assistance in Worship**

For those who find it difficult to stand or prefer to sit during any part of the service, please feel free to remain seated.

## **Children's Resources**

Children's worship bulletins are available in the narthex and from the ushers.

## **Nursery**

While not staffed, the nursery is open for parents who may find it helpful. The nursery is located on the sanctuary level, where you will find a changing table, rocking chair and some toys. You can still hear the worship service through a speaker in the room. Ask an usher if you need assistance.

## **Cell Phones and Pagers**

Please silence all cell phones and pagers. Thank you.

## **Easter Breakfast**

Please join us after Worship for our Annual Easter Breakfast Youth Fundraiser.

## **Holy Communion**

In Holy Communion the crucified and risen Christ is present, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. All are invited to the table where Christ himself is host.

## **As We Gather:**

We often fear what we do not know or understand. For the guards and the women at the tomb on that Easter morning, nothing made sense. The stone was rolled away from the tomb and the one whom they had seen die was supposedly alive. An angel appeared before them so brightly that they were almost blinded. The earth shook beneath their feet for the second time in a few days. What was happening now? Was God about to exact revenge? It is impressive that the women put aside their bewilderment and responded with faith. Proclamation quickly becomes their calling, and their faith is soon rewarded when they are suddenly met by Jesus. They are now able to see that joy has triumphed. Christ is risen! Alleluia!

*Alleluias return to the liturgy today. You will notice the chest where the Alleluia banner was kept during Lent is open today and the children will help bring back the Alleluia!*



# + GATHERING +

**PRELUDE:** Festival Prelude  
The Rejoicing  
Easter Bells

Marc-Antoine Charpentier/S.D.Wolff  
George Frideric Handel/S. D. Wolff  
Michael Ryan

*We rise and face the processional cross for the hymn.*

**ENTRANCE HYMN:** Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds **ELW #367**



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 there - praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has  
set fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has  
and heart and will on things a - bove that we  
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!



## **EASTER ACCLAMATION**

P Christ, the Lord, has risen from the grave!

C **And because he lives, we too shall live.**

P “Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your power?  
O death, where is your sting?”

C **“Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”**

P Christ is risen!

C **He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

## **APOSTOLIC 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.**







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!

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, 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.

**C Amen.**

*We sit.*

## **CHILDRENS MESSAGE**

### **+ WORD +**

#### **FIRST READING: Acts 10:34–43**

<sup>34</sup>Then Peter began to speak to them: "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 118:1–2, 14–24

*The choir sings the Refrain once; the congregation repeats and joins in singing twice each time thereafter.*

### REFRAIN



- L Give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good;\*  
his mercy en- | dures forever.
- C **Let Israel | now proclaim,\***  
**“His mercy en- | dures forever.”**
- L The LORD is my strength | and my song,\*  
and he has become | my salvation.
- C **There is a sound of exulta- | tion and victory\***  
**in the tents | of the righteous:**
- L “The right hand of the | LORD has triumphed!\*
- The right hand of the LORD is exalted!
- The right hand of the | LORD has triumphed!”
- C **I shall not | die, but live,\***  
**and declare the works | of the LORD.**

### REFRAIN

- L The LORD has pun- | ished me sorely,\*  
but he did not hand me o- | ver to death.
- C **Open for me the | gates of righteousness;\***  
**I will enter them; I will offer thanks | to the LORD.**
- L “This is the gate | of the LORD;\*
- he who is right- | eous may enter.”
- C **I will give thanks to you, for you | answered me\***  
**and have become | my salvation.**
- L The same stone which the build- | ers rejected\*  
has become the chief | cornerstone.



**C This is | the LORD's doing,\*  
and it is marvelous | in our eyes.**

**L On this day the | LORD has acted;\***  
we will rejoice and be | glad in it.

REFRAIN

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1–11**

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.**

*We stand.*



This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and  
 sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has  
 sprung to life this mor - row. Had Christ, who once was  
 slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our faith had been in  
 vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -  
 ris - en; but now has Christ a - ris - en!

**HOLY GOSPEL:** John 20:1–18

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb.

<sup>2</sup>So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” <sup>3</sup>Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup>The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon



Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup>and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup>for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples returned to their homes.

<sup>11</sup>But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; <sup>12</sup>and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup>They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." <sup>14</sup>When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup>Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"<sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*We sit.*

**SERMON**

Pastor Jeffrey Mikyska  
John 20:1–18





*We stand.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** Thine Is the Glory

**ELW #376**



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  
greet 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!

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939  
Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759



## NICENE CREED

L Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the  
Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the  
church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*



- L Kindle new life in your church. Encourage all who seek creative ways to share the good news of Christ's resurrection. Bless mission developers and new ministries, that their work plant seeds that flourish. God of grace,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- L Nourish new life in all of creation. Shower forests and grasslands, deserts, and mountains with life-giving rains. Grant us delight in your glory that shows forth in all that grows this season. God of grace,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- L Empower new life among the nations. As you raised Jesus from the dead, bring new hope for peace and reconciliation in places of war and strife. Raise up leaders who are steadfast in their commitment to justice and transformation. God of grace,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- L Bring new hope among all who are in need, especially neighbors without homes or food, and those whose housing or food supply is at risk. Bring healing to all who are fearful, ill, or grieving. God of grace,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- L Awaken new life in this place. Open our hearts to ways you are calling us to be at work in the world and our community. Give us courage to boldly share your love for all people beyond our walls. God of grace,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- L Trusting in the promises of the resurrection, we remember with thanksgiving our beloved dead. Sustain us with a living hope until we are reunited with them and all the saints at the heavenly banquet. God of grace,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord.
- C **Amen.**



# + MEAL +

## PEACE OF CHRIST

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

*We greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*We sit.*

**OFFERING MUSIC:** Sing We with a Merry Heart

Robert Wetzler

Sing we with a merry heart, for Christ is risen from the dead,  
God raised him from the tomb in three days time as he had said.  
Suffering and death are conquered, He of men is now the head,  
Sing we with a merry heart for Christ is risen from the dead.

Shout we with a lusty cry that death is broken on this day,  
Blow the horn, and sound the trumpet; he has taken sin away.  
Free by his death for us, our hearts are full, our hearts are gay,  
Shout with a lusty cry, shout we on this day.

Sing we with a merry heart for God has given to us his Son,  
The pain of Calvary which he bore instead of us is done.  
The tomb is empty, bare, and clean; his Church is now begun,  
Sing we with a merry heart, for God his victory has won.

*We stand.*

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray.

C **Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever-living God.

But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord;

for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and the other women who approached the tomb, and with all the witnesses who have proclaimed Christ's resurrection throughout the ages,

with the earth and the sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels,

cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:





P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:  
Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.  
You have filled all creation with light and life;  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age:  
the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt,  
the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets;  
and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son,  
who proclaimed the good news in word and deed  
and was obedient to your will, even to the giving of his life.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup  
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.  
And, believing the witness of his resurrection,  
we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,  
that we who share in Christ's body and blood,  
may live to the praise of your glory  
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

C **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**



P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

C **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.**

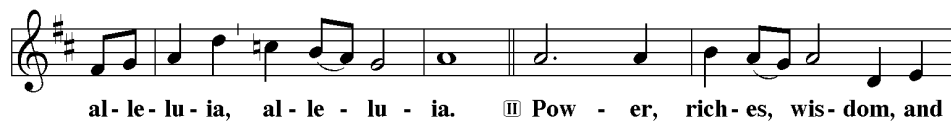
P These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

C **Thanks be to God.**

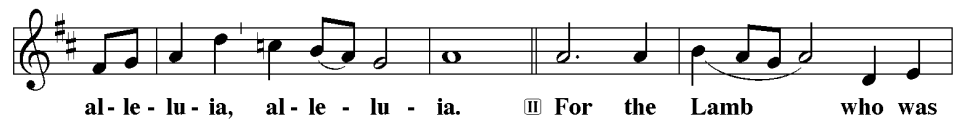
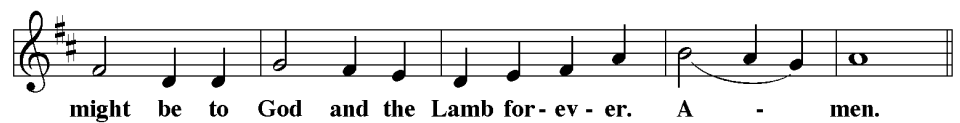
P All are welcome to the victory feast of the Lamb. Come, for all is now  
ready.

*We sit.*

## EASTER CANTICLE









## COMMUNION

*Our Lord Jesus Christ welcomes you to his holy banquet. The crucified and risen Christ is present in the Lord's Supper, giving us his true body and blood as food and drink. White grape juice, a non-alcoholic alternative, are the cups in the center of each wine tray, and gluten-FREE rice wafers are available upon request.*

## MUSIC FOR THE COMMUNION

**VOLUNTARY:** I Know that My Redeemer Lives

Anna Laura Page  
Grace Notes Bell Choir

**HYMN:** Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

**ELW #373**



- 1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" All on earth with an - gels say;  
2 Love's re-deem-ing work is done, fought the fight, the bat - tle won.  
3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has burst the gates of hell.  
4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious king! Where, O death, is now your sting?



raise your joys and tri - umphs high; sing, O heav'ns; and earth, re - ply.  
Lo! The sun's e - clipse is o'er. Lo! He sets in blood no more.  
Death in vain for - bids his rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.  
Once he died our souls to save; where your vic - to - ry, O grave?

- 5 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!  
Praise to thee by both be giv'n.  
Thee we greet triumphant now:  
hail, the resurrection, thou!
- 6 King of glory, soul of bliss,  
everlasting life is this:  
thee to know, thy pow'r to prove,  
thus to sing, and thus to love!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: ORIENTIS PARTIBUS, Pierre de Corbeil, d. 1222





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



- 1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's
- 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst; Je - sus their le - gions
- 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es glo - rious
- 4 Christ closed the yawn - ing gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high
- 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound-ed you, from death's sting free your



tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 has dis - persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!

*After the final stanza*



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

*We stand.*

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace.

C **Amen.**

L Let us pray.

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 reflect  
your love  
and show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**C Amen.**

## + SENDING +

### BENEDICTION

**P** Almighty God: Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us both now and  
forevermore.

**C Amen.**

### RECESSIONAL HYMN: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing **ELW #385**



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph  
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might-y stone is  
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which  
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with



of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:  
rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joice and say:  
can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:



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

Text: Cyril A. Alington, 1872–1955, alt.

Music: GELOBT SEI GOTT, Melchior Vulpius, 1570–1615

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## DISMISSAL

L Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

L Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord.

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

**POSTLUDE:** Fanfare in C

Henry Purcell/S.D.Wolff





## LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Jeffrey Mikyska, Presiding Minister  
Laurel Doman, Worship Leader  
Alan Spear, Organist  
Tara Doman, Reader  
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Communion Asst's  
Evan Piccony, Alise Lopez, Acolytes  
Ralph Beck, Jon Habegger, Carole Benson,  
Bill Dreymler, Ushers  
Lane Stahl, Banner Bearer  
Ben Toles, Cross Bearer  
Festival Choir  
Grace Notes Handbell Choir

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**Code of Conduct:** At Bethany, we believe everyone should live a faithful life in service with charity, kindness and integrity, and treat others with respect and understanding, act responsibly, and serve as an example of Christian faith in action.

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## BRASS ENSEMBLE

Jazzmyn Bell, Jackson Venderbleek, Trumpet  
Andrew Davis, Julian Bradford, Trombone  
Molly Schuster, Horn  
Morgan Hutchens, Timpani





**In Memory Of:**

**Given By:**

Our Parents & Loved Ones ..... Ralph & Ruth Beck  
Nancy Bishop/ Phyllis Hunt ..... Sue Colella  
Mike's Father, Roger Doman/ Tara's Grandmother, Ethel Hollinger ..... Mike & Tara Doman  
Raymond & Leone Johnson; Parents & Grandparents .... Diane & Mary Helen Ekstam & Family  
Fred Ekstam, Husband of Diane & Father of Mary Helen, Karen & Peter .....  
..... Diane & Mary Helen Ekstam & Family  
Karl Bruhn, Spouse of Mary Helen ..... Diane & Mary Helen Ekstam & Family  
Joanne Dowell, Cousin of Diane Ekstam ..... Diane & Mary Helen Ekstam & Family  
Loved Ones ..... Norm & Nancy Freedlund  
Our Parents ..... Bill & Debbie Garrison  
Our Parents & Loved Ones ..... Dennis & Ellen Grashorn  
Frank & Agnes Henschler/ Art & Hillie Schultz ..... Ken & Judy Henschler  
Carl "Pa" Hirt ..... Brad, Anna & Bella Hirt  
Our Parents & Ann's Brother ..... Fred & Ann Holch  
Loved Ones ..... Dale & Julie Howard  
Rev. Ted & Marion Youngquist/ Family & Friends ..... Mary Karalis  
Our Parents ..... Rich & Nancy Kreis  
Don, Vi, & John Spaniol/ John & Shirley Nash ..... Jeff & Sandy Nash  
All Our Loved Ones ..... Jackie Page  
Loved Ones ..... Roger & Norma Pieratt  
Loved Ones ..... Tom & Dee Schuman  
David McConnaughay ..... Jerry & Marsha Schuster  
Loved Ones ..... Mal Seagren  
Joyce & Bill Toerpe ..... The Shannon Family

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Loved Ones .....	Thomassen Family
‘Papa’ – Gerry Beck.....	The Toles’ Family
Paul & Marilyn Wagenknecht.....	Pastor Jerry & Peg Wagenknecht
Elmer & Pauline Rohrbacher, Rich Rohrbacher.....	Pastor Jerry & Peg Wagenknecht
Jack .....	Bev Waterfield

**In Honor Of:**

**Given By:**

Family .....	Jan Bristow
Ellie & Jack.....	Mike & Katie Carter
Our Grandchildren, Tyler, TJ, Erin & Melanie .....	Ken & Judy Henschler
Family & Friends.....	Fred & Ann Holch
Family & Friends.....	Dale & Julie Howard
Our Grandchildren, Alek & Nicole Woo, Allie Davis.....	Steve & Jonelle Mickelson
Emily Henton & Tina Motter Birthdays.....	Jackie Page
Marilyn McConnaughay .....	Jerry & Marsha Schuster
Family .....	Virden Von Qualen

**In Celebration Of:**

**Given By:**

The Bethany Congregation.....	Altar Guild
Our Children & Grandchildren.....	Ralph & Ruth Beck
Life’s Blessings .....	Carole Benson
Our Children & Grandchildren.....	Bill & Debbie Garrison
Family .....	Jon & Marsha Habegger
Richard Tabor’s Life .....	Steve & Liesa Ritter
Blessings for Family.....	Ed & Diane Schalk
Owen & Molly .....	Jerry & Marsha Schuster
Our Granddaughter, Charley.....	Thomassen Family
Friends & Family.....	The Toles’ Family
Family .....	Dorothy Thorsen
My Grandchildren .....	Sue Walz

**Just Because:**

**Given By:**

Thanks be to God! .....	Bill & Debbie Garrison
God’s Blessings.....	Lori Wilson



## LET US PRAY...

*We pray for all who are hospitalized in our greater community and for those who are serving them.*

**Please pray for those who are part of the life of Bethany who struggle with illness and other concerns:**

**Kurt Grashorn, Diane Ekstam, Bob Novy, Diane Garland, Dottie White,** Mary Bradtmueller, Sandy & Dale Christianson, Cindy Gustafson, Anna Jackson, Mike & Deb Hruby, Karin Johnston, Luke & Diane Land, Joan Munro, Mindy Nicoloff, Dorothy Patzer, Louise Pruitt, Maureen Scollen, George & Shirley Striedl, Bev Waterfield, Sandi Wilcox, Brigitte Winkler

**Please pray for those who are homebound and those in a care facility:**

Mark Anderson	Bria, Geneva
Shirley Grant	Harry J. Ekstam, Holmstad
Marie Holtz	Harry J. Ekstam, Holmstad
Bill Keele	Heritage Woods
Pam Klingberg	Heritage Woods
Wanda Krentz	Harry J. Ekstam, Holmstad
Jay & Carol Wierz	Harry J. Ekstam, Holmstad

**Please pray for all those serving in the military, especially those who are connected to our congregation.**

Owen Schuster, Steven Surdyski

**Please pray for our family and friends:**

**Peggy Jensen**

**Grace Pope**

**Alex Greiff**

**Greg Hall**

Kate and Family

Mick

Sherri Benson

Jan

Andrea

Joe Morgan

Laurie Lombardo

Mary Ellen Wolmer

Lisa Flyte

Phil Steadman

Bruce Rusev

Josh Schrepfer & Family

Fred Boehm

Cindy Smith

Andrea Young

Animals in Shelters

John Guidarelli

Nancy Bouloukos

Rich White

Holly Davison Davis

Kathy Wilson

Rev. Tim Robertson from Gloria Dei Church

Lilly

**Cousin of Jackie Page**

**Mother of Nan Phillips – Celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

**Friend of Pastor Jeff & Gail Mikyska**

**Friend of Bill & Debbie Garrison**

Friend of John & Karol Clark

Brother to Sandra (Jeff) Nash

Fox Valley Beekeepers

Sister of Sandra Nash

Neighbor of The Lumsden Family

Friend of Ed Schalk

Mother of Mia (Chris) Rusev

Requested by the Bond Family

Friend of Bethany

Friend of Don & Deb Hunt

Brother of Chris (Mia) Rusev

Friends of Julie Howard

Brother of Doug Boehm

Friend of Nan Phillips

Niece of Chris & Mia Rusev

Avy Lumsden

Husband of Niece of Lynn (Bill) Dreymler

Sister-in-Law of Tara Shannon

Son of Dottie White

Friend of Mark Waldron & Ian Gutierrez

Mother of Lori Wilson

Friend of Pastor Jeff & Debbie Garrison

Neighbor of Dorothy Thorsen



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 Sofie  
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 Rosi  
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 Ed Stahl

Friend of Beth Lawniczak Conley  
 Friend of Bob & Sue Novy, Jan Bristow & Marsha Habegger  
 Family Friend of Pastor Jeff and Gail Mikyska  
 Friend of Pastor Jeff  
 Brother-in-Law of Suzanne Grashorn  
 Friend of Bob & Sue Novy  
 Brother of Lois Benson  
 Friend of Sue DeLong  
 Friend of Lynn Dreymler  
 Friend of Janice Reynolds  
 Friend of Todd Toles  
 Brother-in-Law of Tom & Dee Schuman  
 Friend of Tom & Dee Schuman  
 Friend of Bethany Walking Group

Friend of Bob & Sue Novy  
 Daughter/Son-in-Law of George & Shirley Streidl  
 Sister-in-Law of Val Schalk  
 Parents of Suzanne Grashorn  
 Friend of Bob & Sue Novy  
 Friend of John & Laura Peterson/Marty Offutt-Gruber  
 Friend of Tom & Dee Schuman  
 Sister of Tara Shannon  
 Friend of Fred & Ann Holch  
 Great Niece of Ken & Judy Henschler  
 Friend of Ann Holch  
 Friend of Paulette Smigo  
 Friend of Julie Howard  
 Son-in-Law of Shyla Carbone  
 Friend of Bob & Sue Novy  
 Friend of Linda Sullivan  
 Friend of Luke & Diane Land  
 Friend of Beth Richard  
 Friend of Schuman Family  
 Daughter of Ann Holch  
 Son of Aaron Anderson

Lynn Dreymler's brother  
 Teri Figura  
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 Daughter of Louise Pruitt  
 Friend of Pastor Jeff  
 Friend of Ann & Fred Holch  
 Daughter of Shirley Streidl  
 Father of Nicki McVey  
 Sister of Sue & Bob Novy  
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 Father of Dan Stahl



Please pray for those who mourn the passing of:

Arthur Hartwig

Dave Pelkey

Rev. Gary Heedum

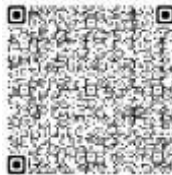
Rodney Waller

Father to Sandy Voss & Dear Friend of the Mikyska Family

Uncle of Jacob (Allison) Dallen

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## THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

### Sunday, April 20 – Easter Sunday

9am .....	Easter Sunday Worship.....	Sanctuary
10am .....	Coffee Hour .....	Fellowship Hall
10am .....	Easter Breakfast Fundraiser .....	Fellowship Hall/Kitchen
10:30am.....	Easter Egg Hunt.....	Meet in Fellowship Hall
10:30am.....	Sunday School.....	Main Church Building/2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor

### Monday, April 21 – OFFICE CLOSED

8:30am.....	Bethany Walking Group .....	Ministry Center Gym
7pm.....	Troop 6 Leaders .....	Lower Level

### Tuesday, April 22

8:30am.....	Bethany Walking Group .....	Ministry Center Gym
9am .....	Quilters/Prayer Shawl Ministry .....	Fellowship Hall
6:30pm .....	Girls BSA Troop 606 .....	Vlahn Room/Gym

### Wednesday, April 23

8:30am.....	Bethany Walking Group .....	Ministry Center Gym
6pm.....	Confirmation.....	Chapel
7pm.....	Council .....	Library
7pm.....	Men's Basketball.....	Ministry Center Gym
7pm.....	Youth Group .....	Chapel

### Thursday, April 24

8:30am.....	Bethany Walking Group .....	Ministry Center Gym
6pm.....	Bell Choir.....	Balcony
6:30pm .....	Boy Scout Troop 6.....	Gym/Vlahn Room
7pm.....	Viljan Lodge.....	Fellowship Hall/Kitchen
7pm.....	Festival Choir.....	Sanctuary

### Friday, April 25

8:30am.....	Bethany Walking Group .....	Ministry Center Gym
4:15pm .....	Swedish American Children's Choir.....	Choir Room/Library
5pm.....	Community Supper.....	Fellowship Hall/Kitchen

### Saturday, April 26

7:30am.....	Men's Basketball.....	Ministry Center Gym
8am .....	Scam and Fraud Seminar .....	Fellowship Hall
10am .....	Al-Anon .....	Library
10am .....	Al-Ateen.....	Lower Level
8pm.....	AA.....	Fellowship Hall

### Sunday, April 27

9am .....	Worship.....	Sanctuary
10am .....	Coffee Hour .....	Fellowship Hall
10:30am.....	Sunday School.....	Main Church Building/2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
2:30pm .....	Hesed House Preparation.....	Kitchen