

## BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Vibrantly open to the spirit, Bethel Lutheran Church seeks to serve God  
and its neighbors by joyfully living into the good news of Jesus Christ.*

Sunday, April 9, 2023

Stefan Swanson, Interim Vicar

Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Day

Jan Smith, Accompanist

### GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

Prelude

Easter Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is Risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Behold the Light of Christ! **Thanks be to God!**

Welcome and Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, +one God...given new life. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism...the new creation.

**Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to  
your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

Satisfy the world's need...the Spirit reigns forever. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" ELW #365

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ...the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Kyrie (p. 138)

Canticle of Praise (p. 140) **This is the feast...**

Prayer of the Day

**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. Amen.**

Choir Anthem "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" by Craig Courtney

### WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

First Reading

Acts 10:34-43

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading Colossians 3:1-4 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Sermon

Special Music "Peace Like a River" and "Joy in My Heart" Sunday School

Gospel Acclamation (ELW p. 142) **Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?...**

The Gospel according to Matthew the twenty-eighth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading Matthew 28:1-10 The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!" ELW #377

Nicene Creed (p. 104)

Prayers of Intercession Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

### MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

Offering

Special Music "All Hail King Jesus with ("O Worship the King") Arr. by Stan Pethel

Offertory Prayer

**God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Jesus Christ, the wellspring of eternal life. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving (ELW p. 144)

Words of Institution

Hymn "The Lord's Prayer" Green Binder #134

Communion (ELW p. 146) **Lamb of God...**

Hymn "Bread of Life From Heaven" ELW #474

Prayer after Communion

### SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

Blessing

Sending Hymn "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!" ELW #385

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude "Majesty" by Jack W. Hayford Carl Overbye and Nicole Weisenburger

# WELCOME



Bethel Lutheran Church—April 9, 2023, Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Day

**OUR MISSION STATEMENT**—Vibrantly open to the Spirit, Bethel Lutheran Church seeks to serve God and its neighbors by joyfully living into the good news of Jesus Christ.

**QUESTIONS OR REQUESTS?** Please contact the church office at 320-395-2125 at [bethellutheranlp@gmail.com](mailto:bethellutheranlp@gmail.com) or [pastor@lpbethel.org](mailto:pastor@lpbethel.org). For emergency pastoral care needs, please call the church office first, and if nobody answers, call Vicar Stefan at 320-434-7113. Bulletin submissions due: Wednesdays at noon. Newsletter deadline: 25<sup>th</sup> of the month. **GivePlus Text 866-298-7547**

## TODAY—Happy Easter!

- **Hearing assist devices are available:** Speak to an usher for assistance.
- **Thank you** to those who shared their musical talents with us today!
- **Breakfast:** 9:00 am, Free will offering to support Bethel Youth Camperships, Thank you to the Church Council for hosting this event!

## MONDAY 4/10

- **Coffee hour:** 8:30 am-9:30 am

## TUESDAY 4/11

- **Vicar Stefan will be on vacation April 11-16**

## WEDNESDAY 4/12

- **Quilting:** 1:00 pm-4:30 pm
- **Choir practice:** 6:30 pm

## THURSDAY 4/13

- **MEFS Mobile Outreach:** 1:30-3:00 pm, Bethel parking lot

## SUNDAY 4/16 (2 Easter)

- **Worship:** 9:00 am
- **Adult Forum:** 10:00 am, Jeff Schmidt, Homeless Ministry
- **Family Game Night:** 5:00-8:00 pm at church. Please bring a hotdish or salad to share, your own beverage, and your favorite game to play.

**Thank you** for joining us for our Lenten meals this season! It was a great time of fellowship! Thank you, especially those who helped plan, prepare, and serve meals and cleaned up afterward! —Bethel WELCA

**Adult Forum-Twin Cities Homeless Ministry:** Join us after worship on Sunday, April 16, for an Adult Forum featuring guest Jeff Schmidt. Jeff will share his Outreach Homeless Ministry in the Twin Cities area. Jeff is a teacher in Hutchinson and began this grassroots ministry where he brings basic survival items to those living on the streets. Jeff will tell his stories of how he shares his faith and respectfully helps meet the basic needs of these individuals. If you would like to contribute to this Homeless Ministry, here is the Wish List:

Gently used or (new) hoodies, belts, backpack/bags, men's shoes/boots, sleeping bags, men's winter coats, and men's jeans.

New men's socks and underwear (boxers or boxer briefs), tarps, bungees, portable food and Powerade.

Hygiene items: shaving cream, powder (body or foot), tampons, toothbrush cases/covers, disposable razors, small mirrors, wipes (sm. pkgs.), deodorant, combs and picks, hairbrushes, Chapstick, washcloths, and soap cases.

**Thrivent Event:** A Lifetime Gift creator and facilitator, Shelly Halverson, will share her personal experiences, research, and learnings about how to prepare for the end of your life. On Tuesday, April 18, at 1:30 pm, at Faith Lutheran Church, Hutchinson, with refreshments. Also on Tuesday, April 18, at 5:30 pm at Peace Lutheran Church, Hutchinson, with a light meal. More information is on the bulletin board and flyers in the Narthex. RSVP by April 14.

**The SW MN Synodical Convention of Women of the ELCA** will be Friday, May 5 at Shetek Lutheran Ministries near Slayton, Minnesota. Make plans now to attend and join your sisters in Christ from all over the Synod as we gather to "Renew, Redo, and Rejoice!" Come to the one-day convention for worship, speakers, displays, and fellowship. Registration is \$35 and must be in by April 22. More information is posted on the bulletin board. Speak to Jill Duncan with questions or to register.

**April Book Club:** *Everything Isn't Terrible: Conquer Your Insecurities, Interrupt Your Anxiety, and Finally Calm Down* by Dr. Kathleen Smith

**Discussion date:** Wednesday, April 19, 7:30 pm

**May Book Club:** *Remember: The Science of Memory and the Art of Forgetting* by Lisa Genova **Discussion date:** Wednesday, May 17, 7:30 pm



Thank you to those who provided flowers to beautify our sanctuary today!

Judy & Eric Angvall—in honor of our children & grandchildren, & in memory of our parents

Lisa & Steve Klobe—in memory of our parents & grandparents

The Wick family—in memory of our loved ones

Jean & Pete Hallberg—in memory of Virgil Lenzmeier

Jean & Jerry Christenson—in memory of our parents

Jill & Brian Duncan—in celebration of our grandchildren, in memory  
of our parents, in honor of Kate & Tyler and Emily & Samuel

Diane & Dave Horsman—in memory of our parents

Cathy Houg & Carolyn Barr—in memory of Carroll & Florence Tutt

Elaine Olson—in honor of my children

Weisenburger family—in memory of Lloyd

Carol & Lloyd Wortz

Julie & Jeff Hanson—in honor of Dad, Bernie

Tamie & Ron Foust—in memory of our grandparents & in honor of our family

Jan Smith—in memory of Tim