

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world, rescuing us hopeless from the hopelessness of death. Grant your faithful people a share of the joys that are eternal. Through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lords, who live and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

FIRST READING: ACTS 3:11-21

¹¹While he clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's Portico, utterly astonished. ¹²When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. ¹⁷"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, ²⁰so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah appointed for you, that is, Jesus, ²¹who must remain in heaven until the time of universal restoration that God announced long ago through his holy prophets.

PSALM: Psalm 4

¹Answer me when I call, O God of my right! You gave me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

²How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame? How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?

³But know that the LORD has set apart the faithful for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him.

⁴When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent.

⁵Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

⁶There are many who say, "O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O LORD!"

⁷You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound.

⁸I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7

³See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. ⁴Everyone who commits

sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

GOSPEL: Luke 24:36-49

³⁶While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence. ⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

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| <p>Today: April 18th Third Sunday of Easter 9:15-Adult SS 9:30- Youth SS 10:30-Worship w/Communion & SS Sings 3:00-4H Club Mtg @BLC No Youth Group Monday April 12th 6:30-Discipleship Class Tuesday: April 13th 8:30-Prayer Group 9:30-Morning Coffee @ BLC</p> | <p>Sunday: April 25th Fourth Sunday of Easter 9:15-Adult SS 9:30- Youth SS 10:30-Worship 5:00-6:30-Youth Group @BLC</p> |
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Prayer Concerns: Bethany Lutheran Church members, nursing home residents, Iowa storm victims, those battling COVID-19, Scott Frye, Dorothy Sandvig, Hannah Brandt, Tom Steinkoenig, Pat Murray, Phyllis Anderson, Jennifer Edge, Pastor David Steffenson, Pastor James Puotyual, Carol Schmidt, Gloria Bell, Cenon Zarzoso, Helen Dodge, Patricia Bentsen. Our youth, parents & teachers, our military & missionaries.

Lector: Tom Anderson
 Ushers: 4-18-Jim Hodgell
 5-2-Myles Pedersen
 Acolytes: Bethany Youth

Weekly Budget Needs: \$2600.00

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| Faith Promise | \$5590.31 | Worship | 30 |
| Easter | \$ 7.00 | SS | 10 |

Anniversaries: 24- Kenny & Donna Sindergard

*Please note that the blue CH (Celebration Hymnal) is located under the pew in front of you.

Altar Flowers:

Offering Plate is located on the table in the rear of the sanctuary

An asterisk () indicates when to stand (for those who are able)*

ORDER OF THE SERVICE

PRELUDE/ RINGING OF THE BELL
 WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP OF PRAYER & MEDITATION

*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS P.56
 *HYMN “The Strife is O’er, the Battle Done” LBW 135
 *GREETING P.57
 *KYRIE P.57
 *HYMN OF PRAISE P.60
 *PRAYER OF THE DAY (bulletin-in unison)

MEDITATION ON GOD’S WORD

FIRST READING: ACTS 3:11-21
PSALM: Psalm 4 (bulletin – responsively)
SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7

*ALLELUIA VERSE P.62
 ***THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 24:36-49**
 *GOSPEL RESPONSES P.63
 CHILDREN’S SERMON: SS Sing
 SERMON **Pastor David Klappenbach**
 HYMN “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” LBW 130
 NICENE CREED P.64
 *PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Leader: “...Lord, in your mercy.”
Response: “hear our prayer.”

*THE PEACE

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

OFFERING / “Children of the Heavenly Father” LBW 474
 *OFFERTORY PRAYER P.67
 *THE GREAT THANKSGIVING P.68
 *WORDS OF INSTITUTION P.69
 *THE LORD’S PRAYER P.71
 *LAMB OF GOD P.72
 DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION
 *BLESSING P.72
 *POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE P.72

***BENEDICTION** P.76
 *HYMN “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” insert
 *DISMISSAL



April 18, 2021
Third Sunday of Easter

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TOGETHER IN CHRIST’S NAME

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To our visitors! Welcome to our Sunday Service. We are happy to have you sharing in our worship service and ask for the opportunity to meet you. We invite you to complete the visitor card in front of you. Please come again!

Welcome to our Communion Sunday Service.
All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. We are happy to have you sharing in our worship service and ask for the opportunity to meet you. We invite you to complete the Communion/Visitor card in front of you. Please come again!