

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, so that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

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; he will swallow up death forever. ⁸Then 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

PSALM: Psalm 16

¹Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

²I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.”

³As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.

⁴Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.

⁵The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

⁶The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.

⁷I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

⁸I keep the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

⁹Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

¹⁰For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.

¹¹You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

¹⁵Now 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, ²through 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. ³For 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, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five

hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But 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. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

GOSPEL: Mark 16:1-8

¹⁶When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. 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.

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Today: March 31st

Easter Sunday

7:00-Easter Sunrise Service
@UMC Easter Breakfast to
Follow

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:30-Worship w/communion

Monday: April 1st

4:00-W/M Mtg
7:00-Handbell Rehearsal

Tuesday: April 2nd

8:30-Prayer Group
9:30-Tuesday Coffee @ BLC

Saturday: April 6th

8:00-Mens Group

Sunday April 7th

Second Sunday of Easter

9:15-Adult SS
9:30-Youth SS
9:30-Coffee Fellowship
10:30- Worship w/Communion
4:00-Laurens Care Center Svc
5:00-6:30-Youth Group @ FCC

Prayer Concerns: Bethany Lutheran Church members, nursing home residents, Iowa storm victims, those battling COVID-19, Vilma Woodtke, Gina Ehlers, Pete Runneberg, Myra Walstead, Elizabeth Dunbar, Bob Winkelmann, Linda Booth, Monica Isom, Don Ehlers, Lisa Anderson, Rodolfo Rezarin, Ely Kleszczelski, Bill Alexander, Eli Honer, Dorothy Sandvig, Helen Dodge, Pastor James Puotyual, Carol Schmidt, Gloria Bell, Cenon Zarzoso, Patricia Bentsen. Our youth, parents & teachers, our military & missionaries.

Lectors: Shawn & Riley Oxenreider
Ushers: March 31st-Dean & Eloise Armstrong
April 7th -Tom & Rhonda Shewell
Acolytes: Bethany Youth

Weekly Budget Needs: \$2817.00
Faith Promise \$1196.00 Worship 38
Sunday School \$7.00 Youth 8 Adult 4
Lenten \$177.90 Maundy Thursday 24

Birthdays: April 1st-Linda Galbraith, Elizabeth Runneberg; 2 - Julian Johnsen; 3-Shirley Pedersen
Anniversary: March 31st -Tom & Elaine Anderson

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

Altar Flowers:

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

ORDER OF THE SERVICE

PRELUDE/ RINGING OF THE BELL

Welcome and Announcements

*HYMN *Christ Arose* CH 357

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SERMON **Pastor David Klappenbach**

HYMN *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* LBW 151

*Nicene Creed P. 64

*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH
Leader: "...Lord, in your mercy."

Response: "in your mercy, hear our prayer."

*THE PEACE

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

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*DISMISSAL

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March 31, 2024
Resurrection of Our Lord
Easter Day

He has Risen
He has risen indeed, Alleluia

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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!