

## **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**

<sup>11</sup>While he clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's Portico, utterly astonished. <sup>12</sup>When 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? <sup>13</sup>The 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. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And 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. <sup>17</sup>"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, <sup>20</sup>so 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, <sup>21</sup>who must remain in heaven until the time of universal restoration that God announced long ago through his holy prophets.

## **Psalm: Psalm 4**

<sup>1</sup>Answer 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.

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

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

**<sup>4</sup>When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent.**

<sup>5</sup>Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

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

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

**<sup>8</sup>I 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**

<sup>3</sup>See 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. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, 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. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. <sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know

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

### **Gospel: Luke 24:36-49**

<sup>36</sup>While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look 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." <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence. <sup>44</sup>Then 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." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And 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

**Today: April 14<sup>th</sup>**  
*Third Sunday of Easter*

9:15 – Adult SS  
9:30 – Youth SS  
9:30-Coffee Fellowship  
10:30 – Worship

**Monday: April 15-17** Pastor  
@ STS Retreat

**Tuesday: April 16<sup>th</sup>**  
8:30AM – Prayer Group  
9:30AM – Tuesday coffee at BLC

**Thursday: April 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday: April 21<sup>st</sup>**  
*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

9:15-Adult  
9:30 – Youth SS  
9:30-Coffee Fellowship  
10:30-Worship/w Communion

11:30-Potluck  
5:00-6:30-Youth Group @ FCC

**Prayer Concerns:** Bethany Lutheran Church members, nursing home residents, Iowa storm victims, those battling COVID-19, Velma Woodke 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. Family of Richard Roate

**Lector:** Shirley Kruse

**Ushers:** April 14<sup>th</sup>-Linda Galbraith & Michelle Gordon  
April 21<sup>st</sup>-Julian Johnsen Family

**Acolytes:** Bethany Youth

**Weekly Budget Needs: \$2817.00**

Faith Promise \$1249.00      Worship 33  
Sunday School \$0.00      Youth 0      Adult 4  
Easter \$112.00

**Birthdays:**

**Anniversary:** April 18-Tom & Rhonda Shewell

\*\*\*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 (as able)*

### ORDER OF THE SERVICE

PRELUDE/ RINGING OF THE BELL /  
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WORSHIP OF PRAYER & MEDITATION

\*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS P.56  
\*HYMN *Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia!* **LBW 128**  
\*GREETING P.57  
\*KYRIE P.57  
\*HYMN OF PRAISE P.59  
\*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: **1John 3:1-7**

\*ALLELUIA VERSE P.62

\*THE HOLY GOSPEL: **Luke 24:36-49**

\*GOSPEL RESPONSES P.63

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

**Pastor David Klappenbach**

HYMN *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds* **LBW 143**

APOSTLES' CREED P65

### OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

OFFERING / Processional "Offertory Psalm" P.75

\*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Leader: ...Lord in your mercy

Response: **Hear our prayer.**

\*THE LORD'S PRAYER P.76

### OUR SENDING

\*BENEDICTION

\*HYMN *The Day of Resurrection* *insert*

\*DISMISSAL

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**April 14, 2024**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**

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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 and give to an usher. Please come again!

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