

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 everyday 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 65:17-25

¹⁷ For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. ¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice for ever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. ¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. ²⁰ No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. ²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²² They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³ They shall not labour in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD— and their descendants as well. ²⁴ Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. ²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

PSALM: Psalm 16

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

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

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

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

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

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

⁷ I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. ⁸ I keep the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

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

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

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

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²²for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

GOSPEL: John 20:1-18

²⁰Early 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. ²So 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.’ ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and 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. ¹³They 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.’ ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?’ 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.’ ¹⁶Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to him in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni!’ (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus 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.” ’ ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Today: Sunday: April 20th
Resurrection of Our Lord
Easter Day
9:30-Worship w/Communion
& 1st Communion
**Monday-Thursday April 21-
April 24th Pastor & Family Gone**
Tuesday: April 22nd
8:30-Prayer Group
9:30-Morning Coffee @ BLC
Wednesday: April 23rd
7:00-Confirmation
Saturday: April 26th
9:00-IMD Council Mtg @ Mason City

Sunday: April 27th
Second Sunday of Easter
9:15-Adult SS
9:15-Youth SS
9:30-Coffee Fellowship
10:30-Worship w/Communion
6:00-Bethany Prayer Group

Prayer Concerns: Bethany Lutheran Church members, nursing home residents, storm/flood/fire victims, those suffering any illness, Amy Campbell, Myra Reese, Tami Hawk, Don & Brenda DeHaan, Dorothy Smith, Janelle Mason, Desiree Welty, Roberta Baker, Pastor John Mayer, Elizabeth Dunbar, Monica Isom, Don Ehlers, Bill Alexander, Eli Honer, Dorothy Sandvig, Gloria Bell, Helen Dodge, Patricia Bentsen. Our youth, parents & teachers, our military & missionaries.

Lectors: Becky Baker
Ushers: April 20th -Dean & Eloise Armstrong
April 27th -Tom & Rhonda Shewell

Acolytes: Bethany Youth

Weekly Budget Needs: \$2817.00
Faith Promise \$1869.00 Worship 44
Sunday School \$10.00 Adult SS 5 Youth SS 13
Lenten Soup Supper \$30.00 Lent \$349.00
Maundy Thursday Svc 21

Birthday:

Anniversary: April 24-Ken & Donna Sindergard

***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		
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Mary Magdalene	Becky Baker	
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*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH		
Leader: “...Lord, in your mercy.”		
Response: “hear our prayer.”		
*THE PEACE		
OFFERING <i>Open the Gates of the Temple</i>	Flor Johnsen	
*OFFERTORY PSALM <i>Let the Vineyards...</i>		P.66
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April 20, 2025
Resurrection of Our Lord
Easter Day

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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!