**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 9:1-22**

9Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest 2and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. 3Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. 4He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” 5He asked, “Who are you, Lord?” The reply came, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. 6But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” 7The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. 8Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. 9For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.10Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” He answered, “Here I am, Lord.” 11The Lord said to him, “Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, 12and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.” 13But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; 14and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.” 15But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; 16I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” 17So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” 18And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, 19and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, 20and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.” 21All who heard him were amazed and said, “Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?” 22Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

**PSALM: Psalm 30**

1I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

**2O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.**

3O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

**4Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.**

5For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

**6As for me, I said in my prosperity, “I shall never be moved.”**

7By your favor, O Lord, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed.

**8To you, O Lord, I cried, and to the Lord I made supplication:**

9“What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?

**10Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper!”**

11You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

**12so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.**

**SECOND READING: Revelation 7:9-17**

9After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. 10They cried out in a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!” 11And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12singing, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”13Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” 14I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. 16They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; 17for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

**GOSPEL: John 21:1-19**

21After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. 2Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. 3Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. 4Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. 5Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” 6He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. 7That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. 8But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. 9When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. 10Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” 11So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. 12Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. 13Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. 14This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.15When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” 16A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” 17He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. 18Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” 19(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

**THIS WEEK AT BETHANY**

**Today: May 4th Sunday: May 11th**

**Third Sunday of Easter Fourth Sunday of Easter**

9:15-Adult SS 9:15-Adult SS

9:15-Youth SS 9:15-Youth SS

9:30-Coffee Fellowship 9:30-Coffee Fellowship

10:30-Worship w/Communion 10:30-Worshipw/SS program

6:00-Bethany Prayer Group Noisy offering

**Monday: May 5th**

4:00-W/M Mtg

7:00-Handbell Rehearsal

**Tuesday: May 6th**

8:30-Prayer Group

9:30-Tuesday Coffee @ Bethany

**Wednesday: May 7th**

7:00-Confirmation

**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, Tim Burton, Desiree Welty, Roberta Baker, Pastor John Mayer, Elizabeth Dunbar, Monica Isom, Bill Alexander, Eli Honer, Dorothy Sandvig, Gloria Bell, Helen Dodge, Patricia Bentsen.  Our youth, parents & teachers, our military & missionaries. Family of Don Ehlers

**Lectors:** Dean Armstrong

**Ushers:** May 4th -Dean & Eloise Armstrong

 May 11th -Kelly & Dawn Gordon

**Acolytes: Bethany Youth**

**Weekly Budget Needs: $2817.00**

Faith Promise 698.00 Worship 27

Sunday School $13.00 Adult SS 4 Youth SS 10

***Birthdays:*** May 7-Lacey Anderson; 8-Isabella Johnsen, Lori Hudson; 10-Carmen Shimon;

**\*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)*

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\*DISMISSAL

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 **May 4, 2025**

 **Third Sunday of Easter**

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*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!*