

Bethesda on the Bay Lutheran Church

Third Sunday of Easter

Hymnal Supplement, *Now the Feast and Celebration*

April 14, 2024

10:00 AM

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*GATHERING SONG The Day of Resurrection! ELW 361

*GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

*KYRIE

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

***NOW THE FEAST AND CELEBRATION**

Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion

sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;

praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has
 freed and u-nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

2 Pow-er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon-or and
 glo-ry to Christ for-ev-er.

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of
 God; to make all things new.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM My Kindness Shall Not Depart from Thee Rob Gardner

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING

Acts 3:12-19

¹²[Peter] 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.”

The reading may be concluded: The Word of the Lord.

The assembly responds: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 4

Refrain:



Tone:



¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender | of my cause;
you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and | hear my prayer.

²**“You mortals, how long will you dishon- | or my glory;
how long will you love illusions and seek | after lies?”**

³Know that the LORD does wonders | for the faithful;
the LORD will hear me | when I call.

⁴**Tremble, then, and | do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence up- | on your bed. R**

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

⁶**Many are saying, “Who will show us | any good?”
Let the light of your face shine upon | us, O LORD.**

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

⁸**In peace, I will lie | down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD, make me | rest secure. R**

SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-7

¹See 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 ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel

Congregation:

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Optional Repeat

*GOSPEL

Luke 24:36b-48

The gospel is announced

The holy gospel according to St. John

Glory to you, O Lord.

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] 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.”

The gospel concludes: The gospel of the Lord.

The assembly responds: Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

*HYMN OF THE DAY

Day of Arising

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*NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*PRAYERS OF INTERSESSION

P: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

A: O God our holy one, you feed our deepest hungers. As we share the holy meal that is the body and blood of Jesus given for us, lead us to share all that we have, and find, in generosity, abundant life. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

A: O God our creator, you bring forth all life on earth. Calm storms, bring water to parched places, and protect the climate, that this planet would sustain life in all its variety. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

A: O God our savior, you offer wisdom and guidance beyond all human knowledge. Instruct lawmakers, judges, and elected officials to make decisions grounded in your justice and care for all people. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A: O God our elder, you care for all your children. Encourage those who are in times of transition, facing the loss of old ways and routines and anticipating change. Guide those who journey in grief, hope, and uncertainty (*especially*). God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A: O God our center, you bring all people together in you. Help us to remember our identity and purpose in our ministry (*ministry context may be named*). Move us to love our neighbors as ourselves and to share in beloved community. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

A: O God our resting place, your Son Jesus promised that we are held in your love forever. We remember our beloved who have died. As we remember and share their love, comfort those who mourn. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.
Amen.

*PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Greet one another as you are comfortable sharing God's peace.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

OFFERING SONG

As the offering is brought forward to the altar, the congregation sings.

Refrain *Congregation:*

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;
so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be
gath-ered in - to one in you.

Verses

1. As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst when
2. Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come *to Refrain*
may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

*OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One,
you call us to believe and bear fruit.
May the gifts that we offer here
be signs of your abiding love.
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.
Amen.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.

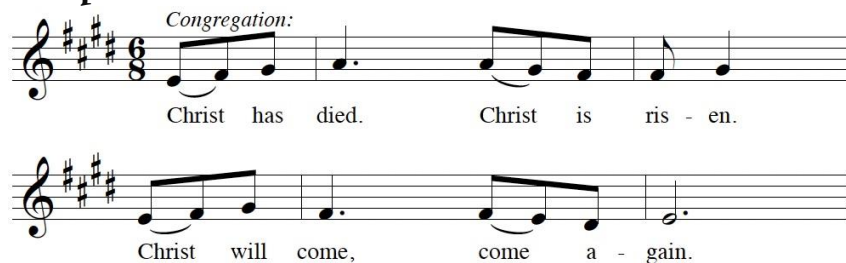
*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

The presider continues with the eucharistic prayer.

Presider sings: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come, come again.

Congregation Responds:

Congregation:

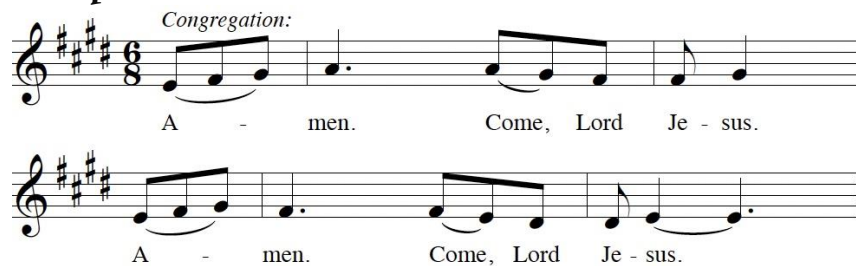


Christ has died. Christ is ris - en.
Christ will come, come a - gain.

Presider sings: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Congregation Responds:

Congregation:

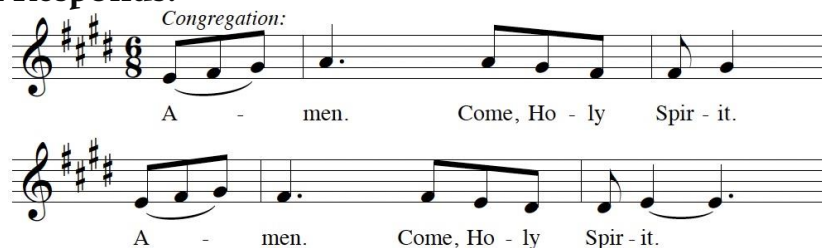


A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.
A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.

Presider sings: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come, come again.

Congregation Responds:

Congregation:



A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.
A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.

*LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.**

Amen.

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ is made known to us
in the breaking of the bread.

Come and eat at God's table.

You are invited to either come forward to the altar or remain in your seats today to receive communion. You can decide your own comfort level. Pre-filled elements available at the ushers stand when you came in.

If you come forward, you are invited to stand or kneel at the altar railing. The pastor and assisting ministers will come to you and serve you the sacraments. If you need gluten free, indicate to the pastor.

*LAMB OF GOD

Congregation: *Congregation or Assistant:*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
you break the chains of ha - tred and
you are the way of jus - tice and
you are the way of mer - cy and

Congregation:

world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
 fear:
 peace:
 love.

Final Stanza

Congregation or Assistant:

mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

Congregation:

take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence ELW 490
 Seed That on Earth Is Dying ELW 330

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A: Let us pray.
 Shepherding God,
**you have prepared a table before us
 and nourished us with your love.
 Send us forth from this banquet
 to proclaim your goodness
 and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,
 our redeemer and friend.
 Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

***BLESSING**

The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
 The God of resurrection power,
 the Christ of unending joy,
 and the Spirit of Easter hope
 † bless you now and always.
Amen.

*DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Leading Worship Today

The Rev. Angela Freeman	Senior Pastor
Deacon Marla Wood Kay	Interim Minister of Christian Formation
Eric Richardson	Minister of Music
Judy Fesko	Pianist
Laura English	Assisting Minister
Bob Fleig	Lector
Kaitlyn Lembke	Acolyte
John Menzies, Scott Wilkinson	Ushers
Ladonna Woods	Altar Guild
Chris Kiel & Scott Pohlkamp	Tech Team
Emerson Emser	Sound

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Next week’s readings: First Reading: **Acts 4:5-12**; Psalm: **Psalm 23**; Second Reading: **1 John 3:16-24**; Gospel: **John 10:11-18**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO NEED THEM. SPEAK WITH AN USHER OR PASTOR FOR ASSISTANCE.

NURSERY space is available for families and children who need a little respite from the busy activities during worship. Bethesda welcomes joyful noises of all ages during worship; however we know that sometimes we need a little rest as well. The nursery is open all morning we just request that one grown up remain with the child(ren) at all times.

RESTROOMS AND CHANGING TABLE are available in the nursery, which is just past the church offices and main restrooms down western hallway. An additional changing table is available in the unisex restroom near the parking lot doors all the way down the western hallway.

WIFI & DIGITAL BULLETIN

Bethesda's Guest Wi-Fi password: BethesdaBay

You can help save a few trees! Worshipers are invited to access Bethesda's worship bulletin and announcements using their smart devices. The bulletin is always available on the church website homepage www.bethesdaonthebay.org or found in the weekly email announcements.

CHURCH OFFICE COMMUNICATION

Main Office and Chrissy: info@bethesdaonthebay.org

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Deacon Marla: cyf@bethesdaonthebay.org

Church Office hours Monday – Thursday 9:00am – 2:00pm

SPRING FUNDRAISER WALK IN SALE

May 1 - June 15th at Dean's Greenhouse in Westlake

It's time to start thinking spring! Dean's Greenhouse, 3984 Porter Road, Westlake, will be offering a Walk-in Fundraiser this summer. Shop at Dean's for all your spring and summer gardening supplies; flowers, vegetables, pots, mulch, soil, decorative items. Just mention Bethesda on the Bay Lutheran Church at check out, and 30% of your order total will come back to support the Youth Ministries of Bethesda. Shop any time between May 1st and June 15th! Thank you for supporting this fundraiser.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE EASTER RECEPTION!

A sincere thank you from Marianne Schmidt to all who provided pastries for the Easter reception! There was such a nice spread of goodies to enjoy! Thank you also to those who helped with set up and clean up, as well as a huge thank you to Marianne and Lisa Hanson for helping to organize!

PROJECT ISAIAH 43 *Bethesda hosting our synod friends!*

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2:00 PM

Project Isaiah 43 events are occurring throughout the Northeastern Ohio Synod and include a brief presentation time but will be heavily focused on conversations as we think together about the future of Lutheran Christianity. Each congregation is invited to send at least four people who may or may not include a rostered staff person - in fact, we are especially desiring the insights of congregation members!

Bethesda is hosting an event on Sunday, May 5 at 2pm. *If you are free to attend on behalf of Bethesda ~ and/or ~ if you can help with a few hospitality needs for that day, please reach out to Pastor Angela.*

LORAIN COOPERATIVE MINISTRY FUNDRAISER

Explore your community. Love your neighbor. Lorain Cooperative Ministry is holding a Spring Destination Raffle on May 5th at Christ Lutheran Church. Check out our great prize packages. Tickets are 1 for \$5 or 5 for \$20. All money raised will support our programs.

Tickets are available online on our website loraincoopministry.com, or after worship April 21 and 28.

Contact Michele Gillum at michelegillum@gmail.com or 440-864-4156 with questions. You do not need to be present to win.

LOST AND FOUND

There are three pairs of glasses that have been found. They are in the church office on the counter - if you have lost your glasses, please take a look. There is also a mostly blue Easter basket which is in the church office.

