## Bethesda on the Bay Lutheran Church Sixth Sunday of Easter

Hymnal Supplement, *Now the Feast and Celebration*May 5, 2024
IO:00 AM

## **GATHERING**

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

**PRELUDE** 

Symphony No. 5, "Adagietto"

Mahler

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*GATHERING SONG That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright ELW 384

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

#### **PRESENTATION**

Candidates for baptism, sponsors, and/or parents gather with the ministers at the font. The assembly is seated.

The presiding minister may address the assembly in these or similar words:

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

## Sponsors for each candidate, in turn, present the candidates:

I present James Scott Will for baptism.

The presiding minister addresses parents or others who bring for baptism children who are not able to answer for themselves:

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have *your child* baptized into Christ?

Response: I do.

As you bring James to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with *him* among God's faithful people, bring *him* to the word of God and the holy supper, teach *him* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in *him* hands the holy scriptures, and nurture *him* in faith and prayer, so that *your child* may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life? *Response:* 1 do.

## The presiding minister addresses sponsors:

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture James in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: I do.

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

The presiding minister addresses candidates for baptism as well as the parents and sponsors of young children. The assembly may join in the responses.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Water may be poured into the font before or during the thanksgiving. At the font, the presiding minister begins the thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.** 

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

#### **BAPTISM**

The presiding minister baptizes each candidate. The candidate is immersed into the water, or water is poured on the candidate's head, as the presiding minister says:

James Scott Will,

I baptize you in the name of the Father,

and of the Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

*Laying both hands on the head of each of the newly baptized, the minister prays for each:* 

Sustain James with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of each of the baptized. Oil prepared for this purpose may be used. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says: James, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

#### **WELCOME**

A lighted candle may be given to each of the newly baptized (to a sponsor of a young child) as a representative of the congregation says:

Jesus said, I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me

will have the light of life.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

#### \*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.* 

\*BAPTISMAL HYMN We Know that Christ Is Raised ELW 449

## \*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.

## \*NOW THE FEAST AND CELEBRATION



## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which

exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM Father, Hear Thy Children Calling

Joyce Eilers

## WORD

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

#### FIRST READING

Acts 10:44-48

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

The assembly responds: Thanks be to God.

**PSALM** 

Psalm 98





Tone:



- <sup>1</sup>Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done | marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have | won the victory.
- <sup>2</sup>O LORD, you have made | known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight | of the nations.
- <sup>3</sup>You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the | house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory | of our God.
- <sup>4</sup>Shout with joy to the LORD, <sup>1</sup> all you lands;

lift up your voice, re- | joice, and sing. R

<sup>5</sup>Sing to the LORD | with the harp, with the harp and the | voice of song.

<sup>6</sup>With trumpets and the sound | of the horn shout with joy before the | king, the LORD.

<sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and | all that fills it, the world and those who | dwell therein.

8Let the rivers | clap their hands,

and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to | judge the earth.

<sup>9</sup>The LORD will judge the | world with righteousness and the peo- | ples with equity. **R** 

## **SECOND READING**

1 John 5:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

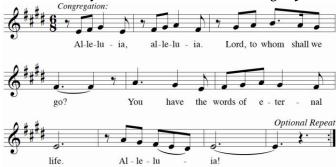
<sup>6</sup>This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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

The assembly responds: Thanks be to God.

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel



\*GOSPEL

John 15:9-17

The gospel is announced The holy gospel according to St. John

## Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] <sup>9</sup>"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may

be

complete.

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

The gospel concludes: The gospel of the Lord.
The assembly responds: Praise to you, O Christ.

## **REFLECTION**

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

\*HYMN OF THE DAY

Baptized in Water

ELW 456

## \*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: Your Holy Spirit falls upon all who hear the word. Fill your church with the gifts of your Spirit and give understanding hearts to those who strengthen our commitments with our ecumenical and interreligious partners. God of grace,

## hear our prayer.

A: You speak and the face of the earth is renewed. Revive your creation, that habitats and every kind of living thing might flourish. Protect endangered species and help us to care for all your creatures. God of grace,

## hear our prayer.

A: Your world is divided and the nations rage. Grant wisdom and vision to world leaders, that they may seek justice, peace, and the good of all. Strengthen international partnerships and cooperation. God of grace,

## hear our prayer.

A:Your children are in need. Comfort all those who suffer, especially those afflicted by anxiety, depression, and mental illness. Help us to be conduits of your love in our care for one another. (We pray especially for . . . .) God of grace,

## hear our prayer.

A: Your work is done in this place with our hands. Bless the ministries of this congregation (*ministries may be named*), that we may embody your love for the world. Inspire those who plan and lead worship, council members, committee members, and volunteers. God of grace, **hear our prayer.** 

A: Your blessed saints now rest in you. Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us (*especially*). At the last, bring us all together around your heavenly banquet table. God of grace,

## hear our prayer.

P: 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.

## **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.* 



## **\*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.

Presider: Congregation:

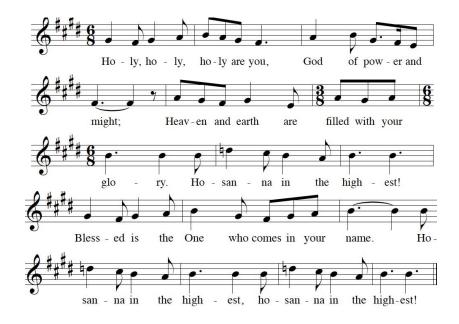


## \*PREFACE

## The presiding minister continues.

It is our duty and delight....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## \*HOLY

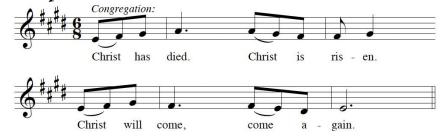


## \*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

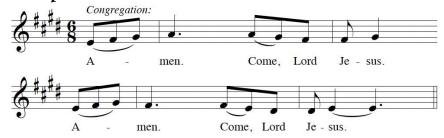
The presider continues with the eucharistic prayer.

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

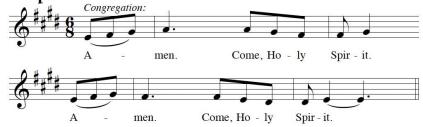
## **Congregation Responds:**



Presider sings: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. **Congregation Responds:** 



Presider sings: Amen. Come Holy Spirit. Amen. Come Holy Spirit. Congregation Responds:



## \*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.

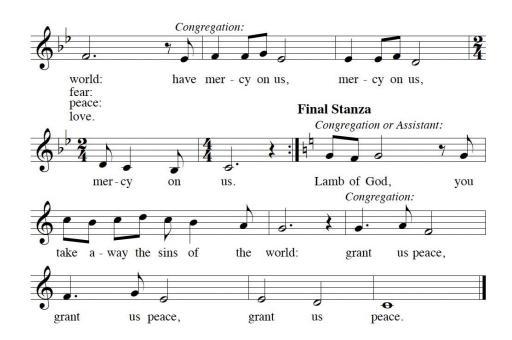
Come and eat at God's table.

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 minsters will come to you and serve you the sacraments. If you need gluten free, indicate to the pastor.

## \*LAMB OF GOD





COMMUNION HYMNS Baptized and Set Free ELW 453 Christ Is Alive Let Christians Sing ELW 389

## \*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.

**\*SENDING HYMN** I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

ELW 815

## \*DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE "La Cygne"

Saint-Saëns

## **Leading Worship Today**

The Rev. Angela Freeman	Senior Pastor
Deacon Marla Wood Kay	Interim Minister of Christian Formation
Eric Richardson	Minister of Music
Dr. Matt Chiu	Organist
Lisa Hanson	Assisting Minister
Liza Heinig	Lector
Lucy & Kate Heinig	Acolyte
Randy Risch, Jim Rohn	Ushers
Marianne Schmidt	Altar Guild
Chris Kiel & Emerson Emser	Tech Team
Emerson Emser	Sound

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Next week's readings: First Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm: Psalm 1; Second Reading: 1 John 5:9-13; Gospel: John 17:6-19.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God by Marianne Schmidt.

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

**CONNECT CARD** – There are connect cards in the pew pockets. If you are a guest, have a prayer intention or anything else to share, please fill out a card and drop it in the collection basket. There are also opportunities listed for ways to get involved!

**NAME TAGS** are available for all worshipers as desired. Thank you for wearing your nametag and helping us build community and fellowship. If you do not see your nametag hanging in the Narthex or you simply need a new one printed, please contact the church office. There are also guest name tags for any guest attending worship.

## SPRING FUNDRAISER WALK IN SALE

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

It's time to think 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. 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.

WELCOME TO THE NEWEST MEMBER OF THE FAMILY OF FAITH, James Scott, child of Ben and Alexa (Pohlkamp) Will, who is received today through the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Blessings and welcome to his family, friends, and sponsors gathered here today. May Christ bless you as you already are a blessing to this community of faith!

## 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 the website <a href="mailto:loraincoopministry.com">loraincoopministry.com</a>, or after worship April 21 and 28. Contact Michele Gillum at <a href="mailto:michelegillum@gmail.com">michelegillum@gmail.com</a> or 440-864-4156 with questions. You do not need to be present to win.

## 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. Do not forget you can also "check in" on your various social media accounts and help tell the story of our shared ministry! Invitations for your friends to share in worship and other activities are always welcome as well!

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY GROUP

The Women's Ministry Group would like to invite the women of the congregation to our next meeting scheduled for Monday, May 13 at 7pm. We will gather in the lounge for fellowship and project planning. This is a wonderful opportunity to gather and learn more about your fellow sisters in Christ at Bethesda.

## PEANUT BUTTER COLLECTION

Redeemer Crisis Center is in immediate need of jars of peanut butter. This is a weekly staple for families in need and the prices at the food bank have become very high. A collection bin will be in the narthex through May 12th. Thank you in advance for donating.

## **GRADUATE RECOGNITION**

We would like to continue the Bethesda tradition of recognizing all graduates in the display near the welcome desk outside the sanctuary. If you have a high school or college graduate, or a graduate of a vocational or certification program and would like to be featured in the showcase, please email the following information to Deacon Marla at <u>deaconessmarla@gmail.com</u>:

- Name
- · Where graduating from
- · Degree, if applicable
- · Future plans
- · Any special honors they would like highlighted
- · A current photo. 5x7 is preferred. Photo does not have to be a professional photo, and it can be mailed or dropped at church, or emailed. Emailed photos will be printed from church copy machine so will not be photo grade.

The display will begin in late May or early June, so please submit graduate information as soon as possible. Thank you! We hold in prayer all who are in these last days of Spring classes and finals!

## **MUSIC NEWS**

Our thanks to the individuals who volunteered their time and vocal talents to help lead worship service this past year, most especially the members of the choir. Individuals who would care to sing or play an instrument during the offertory this summer should contact Eric Richardson or Chrissy Morscher via the office. The choir will resume in the fall.

## **CHURCH OFFICE COMMUNICATION**

Main Office and Chrissy: info@bethesdaonthebay.org Pastor Angela: pastor.angela@bethesdaonthebay.org

Deacon Marla: cyf@bethesdaonthebay.org

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

## BEATITUDES EXPLORATION

## Sundays beginning May 19th, 11:15 am

Join a small group to explore the Beatitudes, or Jesus's Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7), which Luther once said creates an impossible standard though he later found good things to say. The program consists of six sessions which will take place May 19, June 2, June 9, June 16, June 23 and June 30 from II:15 am to I2:15 pm in the lounge. No session on May 26. Note the changed start date!

Each session lasts one hour and consists of viewing a video segment and discussion. No homework, no quizzes and no attendance taken! The program gathers scholars, activists and theologians, several of whom have written books about the Beatitudes. The content should provoke thought and discussion. Mark & Mary Beth Larsen will facilitate. Please sign up in Narthex indicating whether you will attend in person or by Zoom. If childcare would be helpful, please let the church office know the week before so arrangements can be made.

## **CHURCH COUNCIL TEAM CHAIRSPERSONS**

Thank you to Bethesda's elected church council members who serve among us and keep our common mission central to our shared ministry. Each Church Council members serves on one of three over-arching Ministry Teams to help care for and oversee the ministry of the congregation. Council members decide each year among themselves who will serve on what team. This year's Teams are listed below along with the chairperson for the Team. Feel free to connect with that Chairperson if you should have any questions or desire to become involved in any aspect of the ministry!

**Spiritual Life Team** – Laura English, Chairperson; Lisa Hanson, Lynne Zeidler, Alison Gregory **Mission & Ministry Team** – Jerry Keil, Chairperson; Scott Pohlkamp, Malena Hanson, Emerson Emser

**Finance & Administration Team** – Randy Risch, Chairperson, Mark Larsen, Bill Zeidler, Dave Petro

Church Council photos and names of members along with meeting minutes can be found on the bulletin board outside the church office. Meeting Minutes are summarized in the announcements each month. Please see any Church council member or Pastor Angela with any questions or feedback.

## WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

Gather weekly on Wednesday at 10:00am for Bible study and discussion about the assigned scripture we hear on the approaching Sunday morning. No expertise needed. Share together in open conversation, prayer and fellowship.

## PEACEMAKERS CANCER CARE QUILTERS

The Peacemakers is an outside group that meets at Bethesda Thursdays at 9:00 am, now through May 30, 2024. They quilt and donate their quilts to the Moll Cancer Center. New quilters and sewers are welcome anytime. The sewing technique is straight-seam. They also have projects you can do at home! If you are interested in learning more or joining the group, contact the office or show up on Thursday!

## THE CLEVELAND POPS ORCHESTRA CHORUS CONCERT

**Avon Lake United Church of Christ, 32801 Electric Blvd., Avon Lake, May 5**<sup>th</sup> **at 4 pm** Choral Connections: All That Have Life & Love. Featuring Scott Ewings and members of the POPS Chorus. This is a non-ticketed event, open to the public. Free-will donations will be accepted at the door.

## WESTSHORE CHORALE & ORCHESTRA CONCERT

**Avon Lake High School Performing Arts Center, 175 Avon Belden Rd, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm** Two revered Classical Masterpieces: Hayden's Theresa Mass and Vivaldi's Gloria, will be performed. Tickets are available online at <a href="https://www.westshorechorale.org">www.westshorechorale.org</a> or at the door. Cost is \$20 for adults. Students are free. Handicap accessible.

## STAMP OUT HUNGER FOOD DRIVE ON MAY 11

Bethesda's letter carrier, Vince, has asked us to let everyone know that Stamp Out Hunger food drive is taking place on May 11. To participate, customers are asked to fill a bag with healthful, nonperishable food items and place it by their mailbox for mail carriers to pick up. During the drive, postal employees collect the food and donate it to local food banks and pantries.