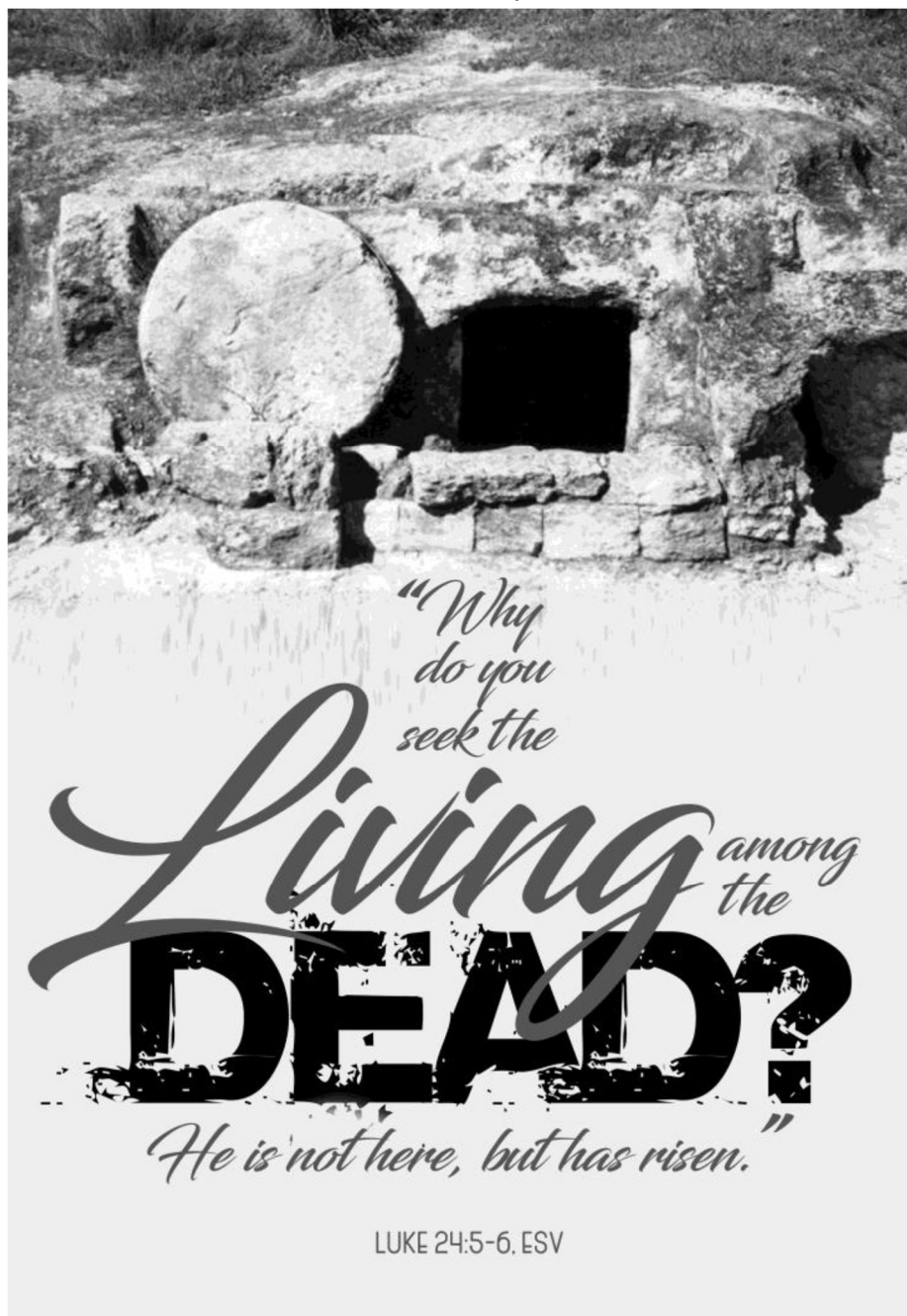


BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

March 31, 2024



Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

14531 Old Olga Road S.E.

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Linda Kirsch, Church Secretary

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love.

Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you give hope to someone going through a tough time?

Alleluia means “praise the Lord.” The word Alleluia is traditionally not used and is “buried” during Lent. It is resurrected on Easter. Light all seven candles of the seven votive candles shaped like a cross that have been used during Lent. Consider using the candles as a centerpiece for Easter dinner. Write the word Alleluia on post-it notes or index cards. Place them around the candle cross. *Say: **Christ is risen; He is risen, indeed! Alleluia.*** *Then pray: **This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Amen.*** (Psalm 118:24)



IT IS GREAT TO HAVE YOU IN WORSHIP WITH US TODAY!

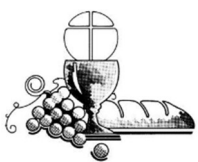
A Warm Welcome to our Guests and Members. We pray that God will richly bless you as we worship together.

Here at Bethlehem Lutheran, we believe in the teachings of the Bible as taught by Jesus and the apostles and strive to live our lives in accord with the gospel of Jesus Christ. We are all fellow sinners who live together in the mercy and grace of Jesus. Jesus is the heart and center of all that we say and do as we serve Him and live in Christian love with one another.

If you would like to learn more about this church, or are looking for a church family, please talk to our pastor or one of the ushers or elders. They would be happy to talk with you! Regardless of whether you join or not, we welcome you and your family to worship with us any time! Please sign our guest register in the lobby and fill out the Communication Card in the bulletin and place in the offering plate in the Narthex. Please include your local contact information and email. Members, please fill in your name for attendance. Thank you!

Should you have something we could privately pray about for you this week, we invite you to let our pastor or one of our members know so we can seek the Lord's face together.

Come visit us again sometime soon and may the Lord richly bless you!



ATTENDING COMMUNION AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the

forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of Bethlehem Lutheran Church LCMS and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are invited to speak with Pastor Karl Glander.

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

March 31, 2024

PRELUDE

✠ ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠

Theme of the Day: Today's goal is to both *profess* Easter and *possess* Easter. Easter happened. That's *profess*. Easter is happening in me. That's *possess*!

EASTER GREETING

P Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

BECAUSE HE LIVES

. . . *Duet*

(Please rise if able)

CALL TO WORSHIP

[During our sermon series on Exodus we are using psalms that celebrate Israel's deliverance from Egypt. On this Easter Sunday we employ selected verses from Psalm 118.]

[Begin softly and slowly get louder]

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation!

C The LORD's right arm has done marvelous things!

P The LORD's right arm is raised in triumph.

C The LORD's right arm has done marvelous things!

P We will not die; instead, we will live to tell what the LORD has done.

C The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

P This is the LORD's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

C This is the day the LORD has made.

P Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

C Christ is risen!

P He is risen, indeed!

(Please be seated)

HYMN

457 JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY

(stanzas 1–2)
(stanza 3 choir only)

1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

(Choir only)

3 But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!

(Please rise if able)

+CONFESSION OF SINS+

P Forgive me, merciful and mighty father,
when my besetting sins entangle me and
completely surround me.

C Who will rescue?

P Forgive me, Lord, when I am so eager to get but so reluctant to give; so ready to receive your gifts but so unwilling to bear the cross.

C Who will rescue?

P Forgive me, merciful Father, when I avoid making any commitment to you; when I doubt that you really see my sin; when I disobey your commandments and am satisfied with only living for myself.

C Who will rescue me?

P Forgive me, Lord, when I am quick to find fault but resentful when someone points out my faults; when I am so soon at play but so late in prayer.

C Who will rescue me?

P Father, forgive me when I rejoice in the temporary but think little of the eternal;

when I am so fond of being idle but show little passion for helpful service.

C **Who will rescue me from this body of death?**

*[You are invited to silently reflect on the fact that
though
our sin is great, Christ's love is greater.]*

P Who will rescue you and me from this body of death? Thanks be to God, he delivers us through Jesus Christ! By the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I, a called and ordained servant of the Word, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit. This is the day the LORD has made.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

HYMN

457 JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY

(stanza 4)

4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Almighty God and Father, through your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, you have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life. Grant that we who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

(Please be seated)

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS ARE ABOUT
VICTORY IN CHRIST'S RESURRECTION**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

EXODUS 15:1–18

The Song of Moses

15 Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying,

“I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;

the horse and his rider^[a] he has thrown into the sea.

2 The LORD is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation;
this is my God, and I will praise him,
my father's God, and I will exalt him.

3 The LORD is a man of war;
the LORD is his name.

4 “Pharaoh's chariots and his host he cast into the sea,

and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea.

5 The floods covered them;
they went down into the depths like a stone.

6 Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power,

your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.
7 In the greatness of your majesty you overthrow
your adversaries;

you send out your fury; it consumes them like
stubble.

8 At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up;
the floods stood up in a heap;
the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea.

9 The enemy said, 'I will pursue, I will overtake,
I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill
of them.

I will draw my sword; my hand shall destroy
them.'

10 You blew with your wind; the sea covered them;
they sank like lead in the mighty waters.

11 "Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods?
Who is like you, majestic in holiness,
awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?"

12 You stretched out your right hand;
the earth swallowed them.

13 "You have led in your steadfast love the people
whom you have redeemed;

you have guided them by your strength to your
holy abode.

14 The peoples have heard; they tremble;

pangs have seized the inhabitants of Philistia.
¹⁵ Now are the chiefs of Edom dismayed;
trembling seizes the leaders of Moab;
all the inhabitants of Canaan have melted away.
¹⁶ Terror and dread fall upon them;
because of the greatness of your arm, they are
still as a stone,
till your people, O LORD, pass by,
till the people pass by whom you have
purchased.
¹⁷ You will bring them in and plant them on your
own mountain,
the place, O LORD, which you have made for
your abode,
the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have
established.
¹⁸ The LORD will reign forever and ever.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

1 CORINTHIANS 15:55–58

⁵⁵ “O death, where is your victory?
O death, where is your sting?”

⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HYMN

465 NOW ALL THE VAULT OF HEAVEN RESOUNDS

(Stanza Choir vs 1 congregation vs 2 all vs 4)

(choir)1 Now all the vault of heaven resound
in praise of love that still abound,
“Christ hath triumphed, hallelujah”;
sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear,
repeat their song of glory here,
“Christ hath triumphed, Christ hath

triumphed!"

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

C 2 Eternal is the gift he brings;
wherefore our heart with rapture sings,
“Christ hath triumphed, Jesus liveth!”
now doth he come and give us life;
now doth his presence still all strife
through his triumph; Jesus reigneth!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

ALL: 4 Adoring praises now we bring
and with the heavenly blessed sing,
“Christ hath triumphed! hallelujah!”
Be to the Father and our Lord,
to Spirit blest, most holy God,
thine the glory never ending!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

(Please rise if able)

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 28:1–10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the
twenty-eighth chapter.

☐ Glory to You, O Lord.

The Resurrection

28 Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.” ⁸ So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said

to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

APOSTLES’ CREED

**☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the
dead.**

**He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty.**

**From thence He will come to judge the
living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

SERMON [The Tenth Part in the Series Exodus:
Let My People Go!]

"Against All Odds!"

(Exodus 15:1–18)

. . . Pastor Karl

HYMN

461 I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES

(Stanzas 1-4, 8)

- 1** I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head.

- 2** He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;

He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.

3 He lives to bless me with His love;
He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need.

4 He lives to grant me rich supply;
He lives to guide me with His eye;
He lives to comfort me when faint;
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

8 He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

(Please rise if able)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed.

(Please be seated)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

805 PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

(Please rise)

- △ **1 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for at His Baptism Your voice from heaven revealed Him as Your beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit descended on Him, confirming Him to be the Christ. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

□SANCTUS□

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed

death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

**☐ Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

PAX DOMINI

☐ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

☩ Amen.

☐ AGNUS DEI ☐

☩ Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

618 I COME, O SAVIOR, TO THY TABLE

**1 I come, O Savior, to Thy table,
For weak and weary is my soul;
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able
To satisfy and make me whole: **Refrain****

**ref Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!**

2 Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning
That sinners may salvation see
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning;
So I, a sinner, come to Thee. **Refrain**

3 Unworthy though I am, O Savior,
Because I have a sinful heart,
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never,
For Thou my faithful shepherd art: **Refrain**

4 Weary am I and heavy laden;
With sin my soul is sore oppressed;
Receive me graciously and gladden
My heart, for I am now Thy guest. **Refrain**

**ref Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!**

5 What higher gift can we inherit?
It is faith's bond and solid base;
It is the strength of heart and spirit,
The covenant of hope and grace. **Refrain**

617 O LORD, WE PRAISE THEE

1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore
Thee,
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish
Our weak souls that they may flourish:

O Lord, have mercy!

May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,
That our sins and sorrows did carry,
And Thy blood for us plead
In all trial, fear, and need:

O Lord, have mercy!

2 Thy holy body into death was given,
Life to win for us in heaven.
No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;
May this feast thereof remind us!

O Lord, have mercy!

Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee
That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.
All our debt Thou hast paid;
Peace with God once more is made:

O Lord, have mercy!

3 May God bestow on us His grace and favor
That we follow Christ our Savior
And live together here in love and union
Nor despise this blest Communion!

O Lord, have mercy!

Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;
Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;
Give Thy Church, Lord, to see
Days of peace and unity:

O Lord, have mercy!

643 SENT FORTH BY GOD'S BLESSING

1 Sent forth by God's blessing,
Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.
The Supper is ended.
O now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of His teaching,
Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us,
His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.

2 With praise and thanksgiving
To God ever-living,
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing,
In love ever caring,
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.
With Your feast You feed us,
With Your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living
With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

(Please rise if able)

□NUNC DIMITTIS□

**☉ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in
peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast prepared before the face of
all people,**

a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P Christ is risen!

C He is risen, indeed!

P This is the day the LORD has made!

All: We will rejoice and be glad in it!

CLOSING HYMN

469 CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n today!"
Saints on earth and angels say;
Raise your joys and triumphs high;
Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply.

2 Love's redeeming work is done,
Fought the fight, the battle won;
Lo! Our Sun's eclipse is o'er;
Lo! He sets in blood no more.

3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
Christ hath burst the gates of hell.
Death in vain forbids His rise;
Christ has opened Paradise.

4 Lives again our glorious King!
Where, O death, is now thy sting?
Once He died our souls to save;
Where thy victory, O grave?

5 Soar we now where Christ has led;
Foll'wing our exalted Head.
Made like Him, like Him we rise;
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!
Praise to Thee by both be giv'n!
Thee we greet triumphant now:
Hail, the Resurrection Thou!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE



EASTER

How many different words can you make using these letters?

Make your own design on these eggs. Then color them!



DID YOU KNOW?

Eggs are a sign of new life, just like our new life in Christ!

JESUS IS LORD!



HAPPY EASTER!



You can have new life too! Use the alphabet code and your Bible to solve the puzzle and find out how.

Can you find 9 other symbols of new life on this page? Circle each one, then color them!

Use the grid to draw the other side!

"IF YOU C _____ WITH YOUR
3 15 14 6 5 19 19

MOUTH THAT _____ IS LORD AND BELIEVE IN
10 5 19 21 19

YOUR _____ THAT GOD RAISED HIM FROM THE
8 5 1 18 20

DEAD, YOU WILL BE _____"
19 1 22 5 4

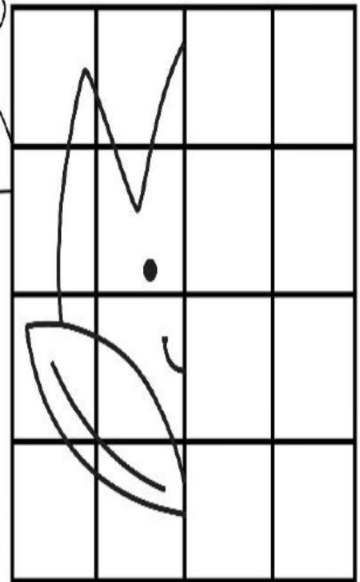
ROMANS 10:9, ESV

He is not here, for...



HE IS RISEN!

Matthew 28:6





Serving the Lord with Gladness

Rev. Karl P. Glander

Organist: Holly Bell

Pianist: Cheryl Nelson

Duet: Cheryl Nelson and Douglas Johnson

Adult Choir: Pastor Karl Glander, Sandy Grage, Steve Hempel, Debbie Jackow, Douglas Johnson, Emmy Larson, Cheryl Nelson, Pam and Paul Rugenstein, Lillian Taylor, Mary and Tim Tobeck, Betty Willis

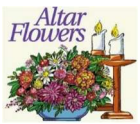
Elder: Greg Murray

Altar Guild: Emmy Larson, Betty Willis

Ushers: Sam Harrison, Steve Hempel, Klaus Naumann

Reader: Mickie Naumann

Acolyte: Jake Stecklein



The Flowers on the Lord's Altar were given to the *Glory of God* by Schafer's for Sharon's birthday on March 28th. Happy birthday!



Birthday Greetings!!

4/4: Joann Erdman

4/5: Douglas Johnson



Thank you to everyone who helped with Easter Breakfast this morning.



Thank you to everyone who donated Easter Candy and money for the Easter Egg Hunt

Attendance

Worship Service – 93

Maundy Thursday – 37

Good Friday – 45

Adult Bible Class – 20

Sunday School – 7

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

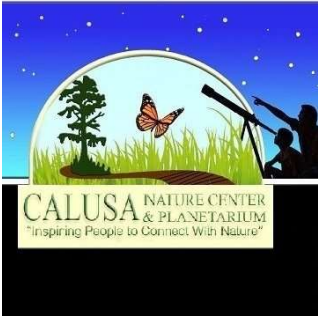


Easter Egg Hunt

Following the 10:30 service



**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY ~ April 3, 2024,
at 10:30 a.m.**



**Calusa Nature Center &
Planetarium, Fort Myers, FL**

3450 Ortiz Ave, Fort Myers

For youth group and anyone in the
congregation

Fee covered by youth group

Date: Saturday, April 6th, 2024

We will be leaving Bethlehem Lutheran Church at
9:00 A.M. and returning at 2:45 P.M.

Bring Sack Lunch, drinks will be provided,

Spending money optional, Dress for weather, wear
gym shoes (closed toed and heeled) with socks

Please let Sandy know if you plan to attend so
there will be enough drinks and we have a rough
number of attendees. Thank you!

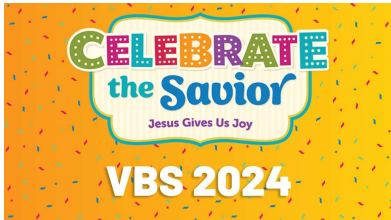


CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE

We are updating the church
directory. Directory update forms are available in
the Narthex to report any changes in your address

or contact info. Please place the forms in the collection plate.

Looking Ahead



Vacation Bible School Food

Items grapes, sliced apples, cheese sticks and blocks, (bring in June only). Thank you for donations and cash donations so far, If you're not able to be here but would like to help please make out a check to Bethlehem and put VBS in the memo, it will be very much appreciated. Thank you! **VBS is June 17th – 21st.**

Ham Dinner



Thursday, April 11th,
4-7 pm

Ham, scalloped potatoes, coleslaw, baked beans, bun,
drink, and delicious dessert

\$10.00 adult \$5.00 child

Eat in or take out

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Gary and Pam Barkhaus (2) *In Celebration of Gary and Pam Barkhaus Anniversary on May 1*

Holly Bell (2) *in Loving Memory of †Gary Bell and †Bill and Jean Hutchings*

Kathy Brown (2) *in Loving Memory of †Mark Brown*

Richard and Terri Gerlach (2) *To the Glory of God for all our blessings*

Dennis and Sue Hartmann (2) *In Celebration of Jesus Resurrection*

Greg and Yvonne Murray (2) *in Loving Memory of our daughter and son-in-law †Kim and †Jeff Miller and our parents the †Murray's and the †Vick's*

Cheryl Nelson *in Loving Memory of all †family and friends that have passed*