

# Bethlehem Lutheran Church

We are called by God to follow Christ in  
love and service to all.



**Easter Sunday**  
**April 5, 2026**

We encourage children to feel welcome in church during worship. And we recognize that kids need to move and fidget while we share this time together. Tables and coloring pages are available to kids in both the front of the worship space and in the Commons. Parents, please feel free to let your kids move around as needed.

## Prelude

Claudius Cazan

## Releasing the Alleluias

*All children are needed up front!*

## Choir Anthem

**"Psalm 150"**

*Bethlehem Lutheran Choir*

*Assembly  
Refrain*



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal-le-lu - jah.

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*(please stand)*

## Easter Proclamation

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

**Amen.**

## Thanksgiving for Baptism

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Gathering Hymn

**“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”**

ELW# 367

## Welcome and Announcements

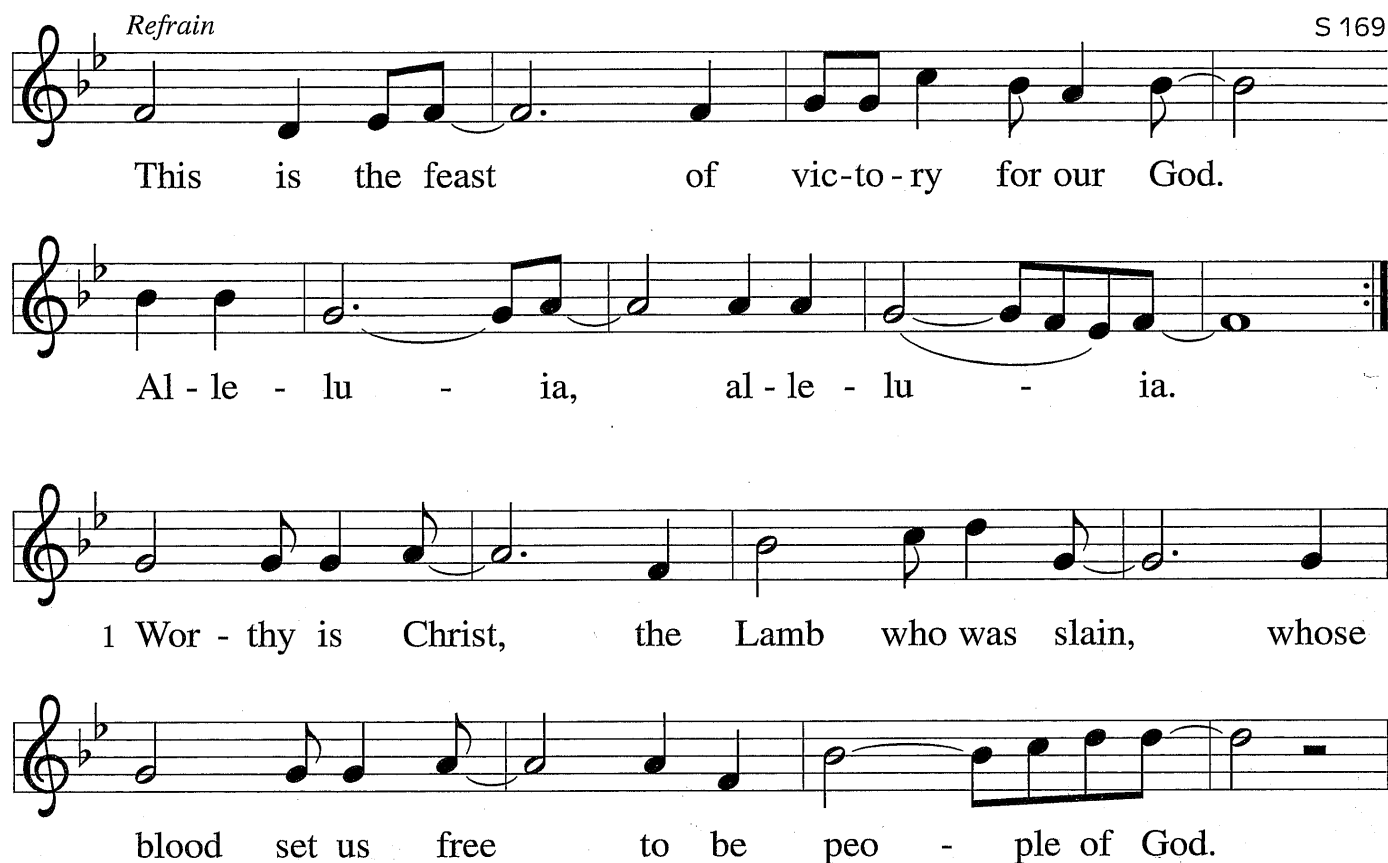
### Greeting

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.**

### Hymn of Praise

*Refrain* S 169



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



*Refrain*

hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to



*Refrain*

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*

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## Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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 every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

*(be seated)*

## First Reading

Acts 10:34-43

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



## Second Reading

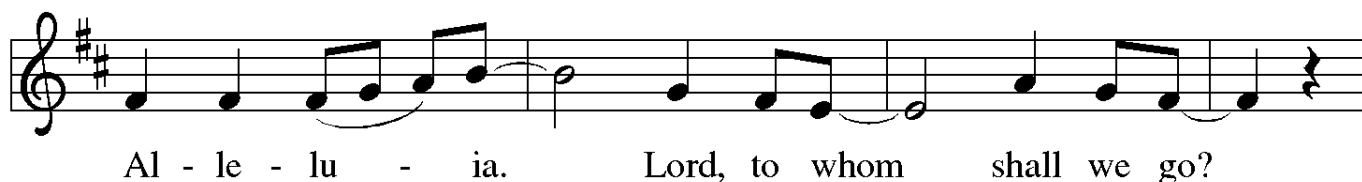
Colossians 3:1-4

<sup>1</sup> If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup> for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*(please stand)*

## Gospel Acclamation



## Gospel Reading

Matthew 28:1-10

The Gospel according to Matthew, the 28th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup> For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been

raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.”<sup>8</sup> So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples.<sup>9</sup> Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him.<sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(be seated)*

## **Children’s Sermon**

### **Sermon**

### **Hymn of the Day**

**“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”**

ELW#365

*(please stand)*

### **The Prayers**

Trusting in the power of Christ’s resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

*After each portion of the prayers:*

Merciful God,  
**Receive our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**Amen.**

### **Sharing of the Peace**

*Greet one another with a word of welcome and peace.*

*(be seated)*

## Offering

Thank you for your offerings today. As Christ comes to us in the bread and cup of the holy table, we present ourselves through our own sacrifice of generosity to love and serve our neighborhood and the whole world. You can also give online at [www.bethluth.org/give](http://www.bethluth.org/give) as a one time donation or as a recurring gift. Use this code to access the giving site.



*(please stand)*

## Offertory Prayer

Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus,

**Amen**

## The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

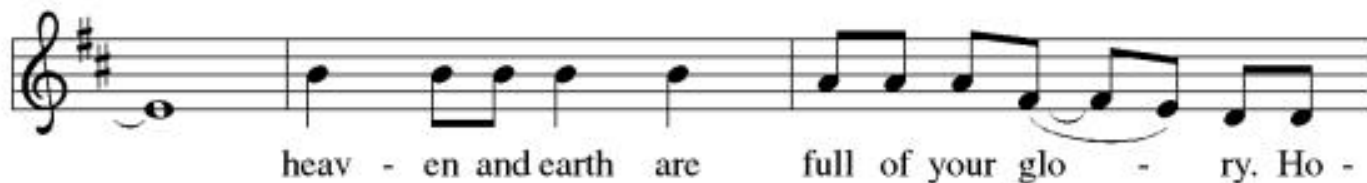
Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Sanctus





comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

### The 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.

*(be seated)*

### Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -



way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## **Distribution of Holy Communion**

*All are welcome at the table of Christ. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available.*

## **Communion Hymns**

**“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”**

ELW# 362

**“The Day of Resurrection!”**

ELW# 361

**“Alleluia! Jesus is Risen”**

ELW# 377

*(please stand)*

## **Communion Blessing**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

Let us pray.

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,

**Amen.**

## **The Benediction**

Almighty God bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **Sending Hymn**

**“Thine is the Glory”**

ELW# 376

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Praise the Lord.  
Alleluia! Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

Claudius Cazan

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### You Are Invited!

We will be holding a lite Easter Brunch downstairs in our Fellowship Hall after worship with an Easter Egg Hunt for the children. All are welcome!



### Thank You

A big thank you today to our musicians, Jerry Schultz and Marty Weimer. Also, to everyone who volunteered to help with worship, Easter Brunch, and the Easter Egg Hunt.



**If you ordered an Easter lily, please take it with you today.  
We do not donate them.**

## BLC Scholarships

It's that time of year again when high school seniors are looking towards their future college plans. Did you know that BLC awards scholarships to qualifying students to help with their college expenses? If you are interested in finding out more information, head to our website—[www.bethluth.org](http://www.bethluth.org) to access an application packet to see if you are eligible.



## Fabric and Sheets Needed

The quilters are requesting any fabric and/or flat sheets you may be willing to part with. They are low on fabric and can always use sheets to use as backing for their quilts. Please consider looking in your linen closet for any extras you might be able to donate and drop off at the church or church office. Thank you!



## FLBC Adult Spirituality Retreat 2026— Word Play!

**April 12-14**

Come play with words with Pastor Holly Johnson, an ELCA pastor serving at Spirit Garage in Minneapolis. Pastor Holly spent her recent sabbatical reclaiming a creative writing voice, and has some ideas to share if you also love to write (or think you might love to write) but can't always come up with the time, energy or anything to write about. Our sessions will be spent exploring different ways to play with writing, mostly focused on poetry and memoir, using ideas gleaned from Maggie Smith, Julia Cameron, Jeff Tweety, and more. In addition to sessions with Pastor Holly, explore God's creation at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp, with worship, devotions, Sauna, labyrinth, and time to relax in your own ways. A great retreat for church council members to explore their call to serve in their daily life and mission and their role in the church. Contact FLBC for more information.



## Mother's Day on the Lake

FLBC will be hosting 3 seatings for their famous Mother's Day Brunch. Contact the camp by May 3rd to secure a spot. 406-752-6602.



## FLBC Youth Summer Camp Registration is Open

All programs at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp are designed to be a fun highlight of the summer, while providing opportunities for growth in faith, leadership, and friendship. Campers experience these gifts through a wide range of carefully crafted programs and activities, while maintaining safety as a #1 priority. There are Cooking camps, Choir camps, Theatre Camps, Basketball Camps, Art Camps, and much more! If you are interested in finding out more about what FLBC has to offer, go to their website at [FLBC.net](http://FLBC.net) or call 406-752-6602.



## Easter Lily Dedications

Gabe, Jinn, Hadley, & Harper Mariman	In honor of Paul and Margaret Mariman. In honor of Timothy Jude Mariman.
Greg & Lori Adkins	In honor of our parents Ken & Carolyn Babcock andd Mary Meister. In memory of Fred Adkins and Bob Meister.
Vickie Cunningham	In honor of my dad, Solon Cunningham.
Brigitte, Bryan, and Beth	In honor of the Reinhold, Hannelore, & family.
Marsha Solak	In honor of Meghan, Ashleigh, Michael, & Matt. In memory of Walter C Solak. In memory of Buzz and Jane Minteer and Millie and Sitch Solak.
Mark & Julie Miller	In memory of Evelyn Vajen.
Debbie Snyder	In honor of my family.
Jan & Rick Ulvin	In memory of our parents and brother. In honor of our children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.
Karen & Fonda Fischer, Norm & Lauri Baldwin, Marilyn & Ed McCollom, and Barb & Duane Goulet	In memory of our Dad: Merle Baldwin and in honor of our Mom: Jeannie Baldwin.
Terry Brosten	In memory of my wife, Nancy Brosten.
Ed & Marilyn McCollom	In honor of the Baldwin , Fisher, and Goulet families.
Jeannie Baldwin	In loving memory of my husband, Merle and mother, Cora Larson.
Dawn & Ron Sicard	In memory of Ruth Strnad and Mildred Sicard. In honor of Carol, Susan, and Debra.
Carol Eckholt	In memory of Dale Shawhan.
Bill & Lauri Erickson	In memory of Subrina Wood and our departed brothers- Brian, Mark and Michael. In honor of our parents and grandparents.
Paul & Mary Thompson	For all of our family and the many blessings we have.
Lynette Lorenzen	In honor of Marc Lorenzen.
The Mohl Family	In loving memory of Arnie Mohl.
Scott & Jana Thompson	In memory of Robert and Carolyn Cranfill. In celebration of Oliver Scott Thompson.
John & Linda Erfle	In honor of our children and grandchildren: Kim, Liam & Landon Seidel. Tim, Stacie, Noelle, & Simon Erfle. Joe, Kirsten & Barry Erfle.
Anonymous	In honor of Lee Ann Larson, Marian Larson, Barbara Larson, and Linette Larson.



## Prayer Concerns: Illness/surgery:

Erika Hauser, Gaye Bech, Linda Cincis, Duane Benson, Helen Yonge, Bob Martens, Brigitte Okamoto, and Kelly DeVoll.

### A Special Thank You To Our Assisting Ministers:

<u>Assisting Mnstr/Reader:</u>	Anna Ofstad
<u>Cantor:</u>	Tony Nelson
<u>Communion Setup:</u>	Cindy Galvin, Marianne Gielow
<u>Communion Asst:</u>	Jana Thompson, Charlene Singley, Jana Pursell, Lynette Lorenzen, Bev Taylor
<u>Usher:</u>	Terry Brosten
<u>Power Point:</u>	Gwen & Oscar Jones
<u>Acolytes:</u>	Grace & Ellie Wangerin

### This Week at Bethlehem

#### SUNDAY

9:00am  
10:00am  
11:00am

#### 04/05 Easter Sunday

Worship  
Brunch and Children's Easter Egg Hunt  
Worship at Eidsvold

#### MONDAY

10:00am  
6:00pm

#### 04/06

Respite, FH  
Feeding the Flathead, FH

#### WEDNESDAY

6:45am  
10:00am  
10:30am  
7:00pm

#### 04/08

Men's Breakfast and Bible Study, FH  
Respite, FH  
Spinner's  
Choir Practice

#### THURSDAY

9:00am  
9:00am  
12:30pm  
5:30pm

#### 04/09

Quilter's  
Knitter's  
Ukelele Practice, FH  
Flathead Valley Community Orchestra, FH

#### SUNDAY

9:00am  
10:30am

#### 04/12

Worship / Sunday School  
Bell Choir Practice



## Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Pastor Scott Thompson  
Pastor Lucy Schottelkorb

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