

## BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Christ-centered family who serves by sharing God's love and hope with all.

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**EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 5, 2026 – 9:00AM**

*Please take this bulletin home with you ... as a reference for this week's calendar of events,  
a reminder of Bethany family and friends to keep in your prayers and other useful information.*

Prelude: *"The Day of Resurrection"* arranged by Dan R. Edwards

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Hymn: *"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"*

ELW #365

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

First Reading:

Acts 10:34-43

Psalm

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Second Reading:

Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel Acclamation: *"Alleluia! Lord to whom shall we go?"*

ELW pg. 142

Gospel

John 20:1-18

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: *"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice & Sing!"*

ELW #385

Nicene Creed

Prayers of the People

God of Grace, **hear our prayer.**

Sharing the Peace

Offering Received: *"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"* Janet Vogt

Tune: CORONATION by Oliver Holden

Offertory Hymn: *"Create In Me a Clean Heart"*

ELW #186

Offertory Prayer

Holy Communion:

Great Thanksgiving ELW pg. 144, Preface for Sundays, Holy, Holy, Holy ELW pg. 144, Words of Institution, Lord's Prayer ELW pg. 145, Communion Song - "Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world" ELW pg. 146, Distribution

Communion Hymns: *"Just as I Am Without One Plea"* William Bradbury, Arr. by Cindy Berry

Post Communion Prayer and Blessing

Dismissal:

Postlude: *"Festive Postlude on "Llanfair"* by Mary McDonald

### WORSHIP NOTES

Welcome to worship at Bethany Lutheran Church! It is our hope that you experience the love of Christ this morning and His presence during our worship service. A special welcome to visitors— please sign the guest book in the narthex. Everyone please sign the Fellowship Pad in your pew. The pads also have a space for our record of communion. Please be sure to mark this if you partake in Holy Communion. Thank you for filling out the Fellowship Pad! Large print bulletins and assistive listening devices are available. If you benefit from either of these, please speak with an usher.

This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, "God shows no partiality" (Acts 10:34): Christ's resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God's faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God's endless love. (Sundays and Seasons v.20240130.1140 Copyright © 2026 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.)

The liturgical color for Easter and the Easter season can be either white or gold or both. White symbolizes purity, holiness, respect and reverence. White is also used for the season of Christmas. Gold symbolizes what is precious and valuable, and so symbolizes majesty, joy, and celebration. Because of its brightness, metallic gold also symbolizes the presence of God.

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Each worship service comes together through the help of many people. Please consider being a worship volunteer. Find schedules at the Welcome Center and help fill in the blanks. Thank you for volunteering!

**Worship leaders today are:** Pastor Erma Wolf and Elina Leander Ozolins, pianist-organist.

**Many thanks to our worship volunteers:**

Greeters: Jaci Schreier, Arya Studer and Rhonda Pettitt, Reader: Deb Mechler  
Communion Servers: Twila Henning, Onalee Wright, Deb Mechler and Jaci Schreier  
Fellowship Hosts: Kirby and Sandi Schmidt, Ushers: Kent Backer  
Count: Sue Boblit, Everyone in the Audio/Visual Booth

***Worship is rebroadcast on SMU CH #2:***

*Tuesday-5pm, Wednesday-10am*

*or can be found on You Tube (Search Bethany Lutheran Church, Spencer IA)*

## **PRAYER CONCERNS & REQUESTS**

### Health Concerns

Kirk Andersen, Cindy Heiter, Donna Jones, Carolyn Kruger, Jill Meyer, Sylvia Moore, Liz Vulk, Bruce Iverson, Lee Youde

Jim Hiemstra (Francis Hiemstra's brother), Lois Sanchez (Deb Mechler's sister), DeAnna Bensen (Bill Bensen's mother), Loren McIntire (Jaci Schreier's uncle), Jacob Huber (Danny & Candy Huber's grandson), Peace in All Nations



### **THANK YOU!!!**

The Bethany Altar Guild extends many thanks to these folks who shared an Easter lily in honor or memory of a loved one for our Easter worship service today:

Twila Henning in loving memory of Mel Henning  
Kent, Lisa, and Mike Baker in memory of Connie Baker  
Jody Vollmer in loving memory of Jim Vollmer  
Janna Reis in loving memory of Jim Reis  
Danny and Candy Huber in loving memory of Jamie Huber  
Dan and Ann Sorenson in loving memory of Lason, Sorenson, Wobborack & Morrison Families  
Marc and Connie Heien in loving memory of Ben Heien  
Mary Fiedler in loving memory of Gary and Edna Lundquist  
Jaci Schreier in loving memory of Grandpa Merv and Mark Moffitt  
Sara Falline in loving memory of Tony Hill  
Dale & Sandi Witt in loving memory of loved ones  
Ellen Sorenson in loving memory of loved ones  
Francis & Judy Hiemstra in loving memory of loved ones

## **CALENDAR**

### Sunday, April 5 – Easter/Resurrection Sunday

9:00 am Easter Sunday Worship with Holy Communion

10:15 am Easter Egg Hunt

### Wednesday, April 8

10:00 am Bible Study & Prayer Group

6:00 pm Confirmation Class

### Thursday, April 9

9:00 am Fun & Fellowship

### Saturday, April 11

7:30 am Men of Bethany Bible Study

### Sunday, April 12

9:00 am Worship followed by Fellowship

10:15 am Sunday Kidz



### **ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE**

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