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Third Sunday of Easter – April 19, 2026 – 9:00 AM

Prelude: *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"* Ludwig van Beethoven  
arranged by Joel Raney, Tune: HYMN TO JOY -Bethany Bells and Piano

Welcome & Announcements

\*Confession & Forgiveness **ELW pg.94**

\*Gathering Hymn: *"That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"* **ELW #384**

Canticle of Praise: *"Glory to God in the Highest"* **ELW pg. 138**

\*Prayer of the Day

First Reading **Act 2:14a, 36-41**

Psalm (read responsively) **Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19**

Second Reading **1 Peter 1:17-23**

\*Gospel Acclamation: *"Alleluia! Lord to whom shall we go?"* **ELW pg. 142**

\*Gospel **Luke 24:13-35**

Sermon **Deacon Lynn Egesdal**

Hymn of the Day: *"Touch That Soothes and Heals"* **ACS #939**

\*Prayers of Intercession **Merciful God, receive our prayer.**

Offerings Received: *"Easter Joy!"* by Colin Curtis

Offertory Prayer

Prayer & Blessing

Sending Hymn: *"The Day of Resurrection!"* **ELW #361**

Dismissal

Postlude: *"Lift High the Cross"* Sydney H. Nicholson,  
arranged by Cindy Berry

## WORSHIP NOTES

Welcome to worship at Bethany Lutheran Church! It is our hope that you experience the love of Christ and His presence during our worship service this morning. If you are visiting today, please sign the guest book in the narthex. Everyone please sign the Fellowship Pad in your pew.

Large-print bulletins and assistive listening devices are available. If you benefit from either of these, please speak with an usher.

Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day. (Sundays and Seasons v.20240130.1140 Copyright © 2026 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.)

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

*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!*

### **Today's worship leaders are:**

Deacon Lynn Egesdal & Elina Leander Ozolins, pianist-organist

### **Many thanks to our worship volunteers:**

Greeter: Rhonda Petitt, Jaci Schreier and Arya Studer; Reader: Mary Marske

Usher: Kent Baker; Fellowship Hosts: Dave & Carol Anderson

Count: Francis Hiemstra; Everyone in the Audio/Visual Booth



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FELLOWSHIP** will be after worship in the parlor. This gathering time is a great time to chat over a cup of coffee and sweet treat. All are welcome for fellowship and lively conversation! Hope to see you there!

**SUNDAY KIDZ TIME** All children from kindergarten through 6th grade are invited to join Hunter, Kyle, Scott, Autumn or whoever comes from Lutheran Lakeside Camp for KIDZ TIME each Sunday at 10:15 today through May 10. Come join in the fun! All are welcome.

**MIDWEEK ACTIVITIES** Wednesday evenings Confirmation students will continue to meet beginning at 6:00 pm. Bethany Youth Group (BYG) meets at 7:00 pm. We will close out our season with the last class taking place on May 6. If you have questions, inquire with Deacon Lynn or Sue Boblit.

**BFFFF'S** (Bethany Fun & Fellowship, Food & Friends) Please join us as we meet at THE DOCK for a dutch-treat lunch on Wednesday, April 29 at 11:30.

**RED GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST** We invite you to share a geranium to decorate the sanctuary on Pentecost Sunday, May 24. You may take them home after the service that day. The cost is \$6.00 each. See the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center.

**UDMO FOOD PANTRY** Bring food and hygiene items to Bethany – we'll deliver to UDMO. Not sure what to get/give? Get a shopping list at the Welcome Center.

**EARTH DAY CITY WIDE CLEANUP** for Bethany will be at the Skate Park (East Leach Park) at 10:00 am tomorrow Monday, April 20th. Garbage bags & plastic gloves are provided. Please sign up at the welcome center.  
*Please wear your God's Work, Our Hands T-shirt!*

**BETHANY HERALD DEADLINE** is coming upon us already this month. Please have your information to the front office April 21 or before.



*Worship volunteers are also needed for the month of May.  
Thank you in advance!*

## **PRAYER CONCERNS & REQUESTS**

Kirk Andersen, Jill Meyer, Sylvia Moore, Liz Vulk, Betty Lee, Lee Youde,  
Lois Sanchez (Deb Mechler's sister),  
DeAnna Bensen (Bill Bensen's mother),  
Jacob Huber (Danny & Candy Huber's grandson)  
Peace in All Nations

## **CALENDAR**

### Sunday, April 19 – Third Sunday after Easter

9:00 am Worship  
10:15 am Sunday Kidz  
10:15 am Fellowship

### Monday, April 20

10:00 am City Wide Clean up at the Skate Park (East Leach Park)

### Wednesday, April 22

9:30 am Bible Study & Prayer Group  
6:00 pm Confirmation Class

### Saturday, April 25

7:30 am Men of Bethany Bible Study (in person & via ZOOM)

### Sunday, April 26 – Fourth Sunday after Easter

9:00 am Worship  
10:15 am Sunday Kidz  
10:15 am Fellowship



### **ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE**

If you would like to give online to support the ministries of Bethany Lutheran Church, scan this code for giving page on our website.

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

Tuesday-5 pm, Wednesday-10 am

or

**can be found on YouTube**

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