

# WELCOME

## to Bethel Lutheran Church

We are so glad you've chosen to tune in to worship with us on this glorious day! What could be more exciting than life and love overcoming death and the grave? This is a celebration to end all other celebrations! Jesus is alive, and because He lives, we shall live also! May this Easter promise shape your life as you go to live your life, today, and every day!

\* You are invited to stand as you are able.

The Prelude: "Allegro" from Concerto in E-major  
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)  
Sarah Bertsch, violin; Skip James, piano

The Easter Welcome

**\*The Processional Hymn: "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" #365**  
(See insert for lyrics)

\*The Easter Greeting:

Leader: We begin our Easter celebration in the name of the living God...

**People: In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen!**

\*The Easter Responsive Readings:

L: We are God's Easter people!.....

**P: We are here to marvel at the miracle of Christ's resurrection!**

L: We are people of hope!.....

**P: We believe the tomb was empty, and God brought Him back to life!**

L: We are people of promise!....

**P: We believe God has power over life and death!**

L: We are people of joy!.....

**P: We recognize the Lord's presence in our lives, and we testify to the difference He has made in us!**

L: We are people of courage!....

**P: We believe the power of His resurrection shapes everything in our lives, and in our deaths!**

L: We are God's Easter people!

**P: We are people of the resurrection! Alleluia!**

\* The Easter Prayer:

L: Our great and wonderful God...

**P: We sense the greatness of this day, and feel like shouting from the roof tops! Our fear has been turned to joy, our despair to hope, and our doubt to expectation! We praise You for Your victory over death and the grave. Now help us to live lives that attest to this great wonder! Amen!**

\*The Sharing of the Peace of the Risen Christ:

L: He is risen...

**P: He is risen indeed!**

The Children's Message: Pastor John Lestock

The Solo: "Because He Lives" William & Gloria Gaither  
Tracey Jenkinson, vocals; Skip James, piano

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 25:6-9

L: The Word of the Lord...

**P: Thanks be to God!**

New Testament Lesson: Colossians 3:1-4

L: The Word of the Lord...

**P: Thanks be to God!**

Acclamation for the Sundays of Easter "Victory," Palestrina

Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!  
The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the  
vic - tor's tri - umph won! Now be the song of  
praise\_ be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!

\*The Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

The Easter Message: "Calming Our Fear Factor"  
Pastor John Lestock

**\*Hymn of the Day: "At Eastertide Christ Rose, Alive!"**  
(See insert for lyrics)

\*Confessing our Faith: (together)

**P: We believe in the God of life-giving power who created all things and recreates each and every day.**

**We believe in the God of unstoppable love, who risked suffering and death to demonstrate the degree of His commitment to us.**

**We believe in the God of unquenchable hope. When it looked like the end had come, and the fire had been extinguished, He bounced back with a torch, burning brightly.**

**We believe in the God of unbroken promises. This God has proven Himself faithful throughout time and will never ever cease to amaze us in the future. Alleluia!**

**We believe in God, and this God believes in us! Amen!**

\*The Offering Prayer:

L: Our great and generous God...

**P: We give back to You today, perhaps not as we ought, but as we are able. Use these gifts and offerings to further Your work and to share the life- changing news of Your resurrection. In Your name and Spirit we pray. Amen!**

Giving of our First and Best to God through our Offering

The Offering Music: "Adagio" from Concerto in E-major J.S. Bach  
Sarah Bertsch, violin; Skip James, piano

\*The Great Thanksgiving:

L: The Lord be with you!

**P: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**P: We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

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

L: It is right and good that we are here on this glorious day to experience the power and wonder of Christ's living presence in the breaking of this bread and the sharing of the wine. We share it as brothers and sisters in faith, believing it has the power to forgive our sins, to bind us together as family, and to empower us to serve others.

\*The 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.**

\*The Invitation to Communion:

L: These are God's gifts for God's people...  
Come and receive them!

\*Communion Hymn: **"Thine is Thy Glory"** #376  
(See insert for lyrics)

\*Communion Blessing

\*The Easter Prayers:

L: Lord of Resurrection and Life...  
P: **Hear our prayer!**

\*The Easter Blessing

\*The Recessional Hymn: **"Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing!"** #389  
(See insert for lyrics)

\*The Sending:

L: Now go to live courageous lives as people who know real hope!....  
P: **We go to share the wonderful news of Christ's resurrection!**

The Postlude: "Allegro assai" from Concerto in E-major J.S. Bach

"Because of the empty tomb, we have peace. Because of His resurrection we can have peace during even the most troubling of times, because we know He is in control of all that happens"

- Paul Chappell

## WE HOLD IN PRAYER

### THOSE WHO ARE SICK, INJURED AND IN NEED OF HEALING

Jerry Adams, Carol Amdahl, Marlin Amdahl, Jason Benson, Ken Bipes, Jeff Bowers, Joe Breault, Teresa Dickman, Paul Engebretson, Marlys Fiedler, Patrick Gibbons, Jane Hanson, Joy Hanson, Tyler Hanson, Aethan Hart, Sharon Haugo, Chuck Hildebrandt, Barb Holt, Jackie Hugdahl, Carol & Gary Jensen, Earl Johnson, Joe Kinney, Ken Larson, Pat Larson, Emily O'Malley-Larson, Ruth Lewis, Laura Lindahl, Bruce Miller, Brent Myster, Mary Kay Nolan, Bill Olson, Terri Pomeroy, Luanne Rimer, Betty Seastedt, Richard Thoenke

### THOSE SERVING OR DEPLOYED IN THE MILITARY

Scott Beane, Scotty Krause, Charlie Richards, Peyton Massie, Charles Kemper

### TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

**Reader:** Linda Malick  
**Song Leader:** Tracey Jenkinson  
**Piano:** Skip James  
**Violinist:** Sarah Bertsch

### IN SYMPATHY

We offer our sympathies and prayers of comfort and strength for the family and friends of Terry Schubert in his death. God bless and comfort them with the promise of Christ: "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."

### Easter Flowers on Altars

Ruth Ziemann: In memory of husband Harold & other loved ones  
The Wolf Family: In memory of our grandparents no longer with us!  
Sheryl Erickson and Doug Clayton: In memory of Pat Erickson  
Jane Betz: In honor of Dan, Crystal, Jasper & Addy, Michael & Meagan  
John Sutherland & Kathy Beito: Blessings Received  
Todd & Cindy Halunen: In memory of Bertram Berg (Cindy's father) and blessings received for our Children; George, Benjamin & Amelia



EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2020 | 8:00 AM WORSHIP  
Downtown Campus

Radio: WEVR (1550 AM/106.3 FM)  
Bethel's Facebook page ([facebook.com/blchudson/](https://www.facebook.com/blchudson/))

Pastor John Lestock, Preacher  
Pastors Ladd Sonnenberg & Kris Kurzejeski  
Worship Leaders

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