

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.

Gathering Music: "Easter Song"
1974|Herring| CCLI # 679069

The Easter Welcome

***The Opening Song: "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"**
Wesley| CCLI # 679069
(Lyrics for song will be on the screens)

Christ the Lord is risen today, alleluia	Christ has opened paradise, alleluia
Sons of men and angels say, alleluia	He is not dead, He is alive
Raise your joys and triumphs high, alleluia	We have this hope, in Jesus Christ
Sing ye heavens and earth reply, alleluia	
Lives again our glorious King, alleluia	Soar we now where Christ has led, alleluia
Where oh death is now Thy sting, alleluia	Following our exalted Head, alleluia
Dying once He all doth save, alleluia	Made like Him like Him we rise, alleluia
Where Thy vic-tory oh grave, alleluia	Ours the cross the grave the skies, alleluia
He is not dead, He is alive	He is not dead, He is alive
We have this hope, in Jesus Christ	We have this hope, in Jesus Christ
He is not dead, He is alive	He is not dead, He is alive
We have this hope, in Jesus Christ	We have this hope, in Jesus Christ
Love's redeeming work is done, alleluia	
Fought the fight the battle won, alleluia	
Death in vain forbids Him rise, alleluia	

*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 Reading:

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 Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

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

The Song: "Celebrate Jesus"
1988|Oliver| CCLI # 679069

*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 Song: "Because He Lives" William & Gloria Gaither
Tracey Jenkinson, vocals; New Song Band

*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.

*Breaking the Bread/Sharing the Wine

*The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name.

Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth, as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins,

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen.

*The Invitation to Communion:

L: These are God's gifts for God's people...

Come and receive them!

The Communion Song: "Thine Is Thy Glory"
(Lyrics will be on screen)

Thine is the glory risen conquering Son	Let His church with gladness
Endless is the victory	Hymns of triumph sing
Thou o'er death hast won	For the Lord now liv-eth
Angels in bright raiment	Death hath lost its sting
Rolled the stone away	
Kept the folded grave clothes	Refrain
Where Thy Body lay	
(refrain)	No more we doubt thee
Thine is the glory risen conquering Son	Glorious Prince of life
Endless is the victory	Life is naught without thee
Thou o'er death hast won	Aid us in our strife
	Make us more than conqu'rors
Lo Jesus meets us	Through thy deathless love
Risen from the tomb	Bring us safe through Jordan
Lovingly He greets us	To thy home above
Scatters fear and gloom	Refrain

*The Communion Blessing

*The Easter Prayers:

L: Lord of Resurrection and Life...

P: **Hear our prayer!**

*The Easter Blessing

***The Closing Song: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"**
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(Lyrics for song will be on the screens)

I know that my Redeemer lives	He lives to silence all my fears
What comfort this sweet	He lives to wipe away my tears
sentence gives	He lives to calm my troubled heart
He lives He lives who once	He lives all blessing to impart
was dead	
He lives my everlasting head	He lives all glory to His name
	He lives my Savior still the same
He lives	What joy this blest assurance gives
triumphant from the grave	I know that my Redeemer lives
He lives eternally to save	
He lives exalted on the throne	
He lives to rule His church in love	

*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 Sending Music: New Song Band

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

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

New Song Band

Vocalists: Paul Gavic,

Craig Koehnen,

Tracey Jenkinson,

Heidi Selander, Katie Possehl

Bass: Chuck McGill

Drums: Steve Jerlow

Guitar: Paul Gavic

Piano: Craig Koehnen

"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



Calming our
Fear Factor . . .

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2020 | 9:30 AM WORSHIP
Highlands Campus

Bethel's Facebook page (facebook.com/blchudson/)

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Pastors Ladd Sonnenberg & Kris Kurzejeski
Worship Leaders

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