

Bethel Lutheran Church

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April 15, 2018

9:15 a.m.

Welcome to Bethel! We are glad you are here!

PRELUDE *The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done* Lois Dahl

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN *Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!* #377
(vs. 1 & 2)

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

We have not seen the risen Christ,

but we see him in the lives of those transformed by grace.

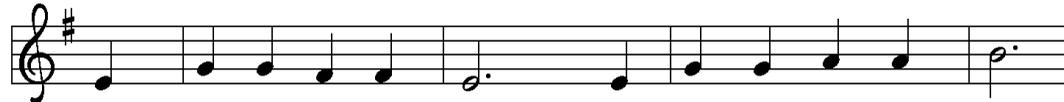
We have not seen Jesus face-to-face,

but we have seen him in the faces of everyone whose love encourages us.

We have not touched the wounds from the cross,

but we have been called to bring healing to the scarred of the world.

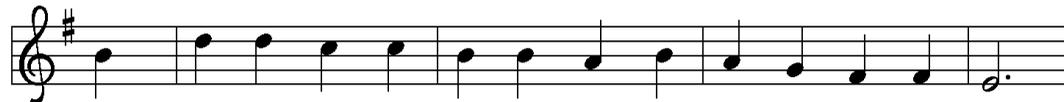
PRAYER FOR MERCY



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.

2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.

3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.

Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.

Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

SONGS OF PRAISE



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Together we pray: **Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

TIME FOR YOUTH

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

READING

Acts 3:12-19

Holy wisdom, holy word. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.
Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.
Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL Luke 24:36b-48
The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON Pastor Kathy Hartley

HYMN OF THE DAY *Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing* #389

CONFESSION OF FAITH *Apostles' Creed*
**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH
God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

OFFERINGS ARE RECEIVED
(In gratitude for what God has given us, we offer something of our lives to God and as part of our joyous service to the world.)

NOISY COIN OFFERING *This Little Light of Mine* #677

OFFERING Cathedral Choir
All Things Work Together for Good to Those Who Love the Lord

THE TABLE BLESSING
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.**

WORDS OF PROMISE FOR THE MEAL OF HOLY COMMUNION

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

(Everyone is invited to the Lord's Table. Children receive a blessing. Please inform the pastor if you need a gluten-free communion wafer. The cups in the middle of the communion tray are grape juice. Upon returning to your seat, enjoy silent prayer or singing.)

<i>Drawn to the Light</i>	#593
<i>One Bread, One Body</i>	#496
<i>All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name</i>	#634

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

Together we pray: **Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

<i>Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen</i>	#377
(vs. 3,4,5)	

DISMISSAL

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

<i>Jesus Shall Reign</i>	Lois Dahl
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*Altar
Flowers*

Given by Cara and Joel Lynch, sister and brother-in-law of Elizabeth Dimler, who were married April 14, and are grateful to Pastor Jon for officiating their wedding.