

St. Stephens Church
And
Bethany Lutheran Church
Celebrate
Third Sunday of Easter
Morning Prayer
April 19, 2026
10:30 AM



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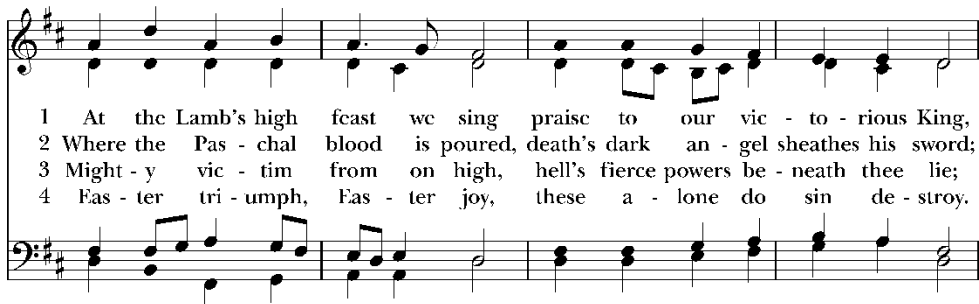
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Prelude

(Please Stand if you are able)

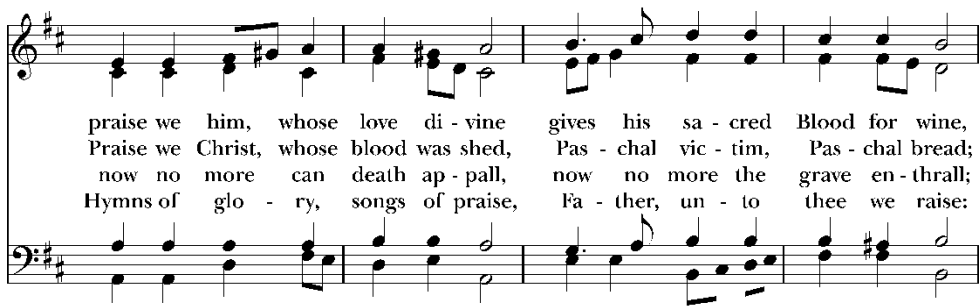
Opening Hymn #174: "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"



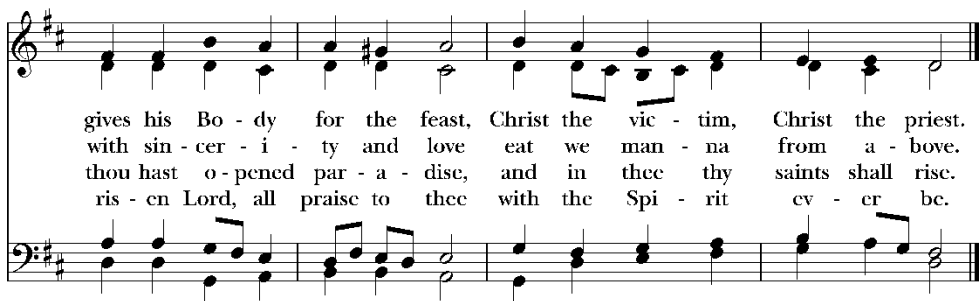
1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,
2 Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;
3 Might - y vic - tim from on high, hell's fierce powers be - neath thee lie;
4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy, these a - lone do sin de - stroy.



who hath washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;
Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
thou hast con - quered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:
From sin's power do thou set free souls new - born, O Lord, in thee.



praise we him, whose love di - vine gives his sa - cred Blood for wine,
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, Pas - chal bread;
now no more can death ap - pall, now no more the grave en - thrall;
Hymns of glo - ry, songs of praise, Fa - ther, un - to thee we raise:



gives his Bo - dy for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.
with sin - cer - i - ty and love eat we man - na from a - bove.
thou hast o - pened par - a - dise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.
ris - en Lord, all praise to thee with the Spi - rit ev - er be.

Words: Latin, 1632; tr. Robert Campbell (1814-1868), alt. Music: *Salzburg*, melody Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ is risen!!

People: The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!!

On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Confession

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of you Name. Amen**

Celebrant: Almighty God, have mercy on us, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

Venite (*read in unison*) **Psalm 95: 1-7**

Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The Collect (*read in unison*)

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Reading – A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 2:14a,36-41

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized

every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Canticle 12 Part III (Said responsively at the half verse)

Let the people of God glorify the Lord,*

praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O priests and servants of the Lord,*

praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O spirits and souls of the righteous,*

praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

You that are holy and humble of heart, glorify the Lord, *

praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Psalms 116:1-3, 10-17 (Said responsively at the half verse)

1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *

because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

2 The cords of death entangled me;

the grip of the grave took hold of me; *

I came to grief and sorrow.

3 Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: *

"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."

10 How shall I repay the LORD *

for all the good things he has done for me?

11 I will lift up the cup of salvation *

and call upon the Name of the LORD.

12 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *

in the presence of all his people.

13 Precious in the sight of the LORD *

is the death of his servants.

14 O LORD, I am your servant; *

**I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.**

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *

and call upon the Name of the LORD.

16 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people,
17 In the courts of the LORD'S house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Hallelujah!

The Second Reading- A reading from the Book of Peter: 1 Peter 1:17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God

Canticle 21 (*read in unison*)

You are God: we praise you; You are the Lord: we acclaim you; You are the eternal Father: All creation worships you. To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of prophets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;

Father, of majesty unbounded, your true and only Son, worthy of all worship, and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the king of glory, the eternal Son of the Father. When you became man to set us free you did not shun the Virgin's womb. You overcame the sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. You are seated at God's right hand in glory. We believe that you will come and be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people, bought with the price of your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.

Sequence Hymn- WLP 767 “Baptized in Water”

1. Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spi - rit, cleansed by the
 2. Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spi - rit, dead in the
 3. Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spi - rit, marked with the

blood of Christ our King: heirs of sal - va - tion,
 tomb with Christ our King: one with his ris - ing,
 sign of Christ our King: born of one Fa - ther,

trust - ing his prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 freed and for - giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 we are his child - ren, joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

Words: Michael Seward (b. 1932). Music: Eugene W. Hancock (1929-1994).

The Holy Gospel

Luke 24:13-35 (Please stand if you are able)

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to

them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon (You may be seated)

Apostle's Creed (Please stand if you are able)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen**

Suffrages A

V: Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R: And grant us your salvation.

V: Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R: Let you people sing with joy.

V: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R: For only in you can we live in safety.

V: Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R: And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

V: Let your way be known upon earth;

R: Your saving health among all nations.

V: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R: Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

V: Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R: And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

Prayers of the People:

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation. *A brief silence.*

Living Savior, just as you journeyed with the disciples to Emmaus, accompany us on our journey of faith. Gather us at your table, that we recognize you in the breaking of the bread. Risen Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, you provide for the needs of all creation. Bless the fields that are being prepared for planting, and send favorable weather so that the soil may yield an abundant harvest. Risen Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of justice, where leaders abuse power, confront them and call them to repentance. Where there is corruption, bring integrity; where there is violence, sow peace. Risen Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Healing Savior, your resurrection brings hope to a hurting world. Strengthen the weary, give courage to the despairing, comfort the dying and heal those who are sick. *Especially* those on our prayer list from **St. Stephens**, Audrey Childs, Nancy Consedine, Amanda Piccirillo, Betty Linderman, Linda Giardini, Gail Olson, Gloria Preston, Dick Mulaski, Ethan Johnson, Steven, Colt Matz, Dave and Donna Briggs, Rev. Max Meyers, Millie Piccirillo, Martha Edwards, Kathy and Jim, Priscilla and Nelson Griffith, Carolyn Wolfe, Denise, Helen Stritoff, Kienen Duggan, David Styles, Carol Snyder, Adam Wolfe, Jim Fragle, and those from **Bethany Lutheran**, Adam, Joanne Hitchcock, Kay Backhus, Kristen Clemens Keenan, Nancy Rebeyro, Ron Aaron, Steve, Louise Koenig, Barb Franklin, Marcia Wray, Andy Carlson, Merrill and Muriel Frable, Robert Keenan, Dorothy Porter, Sylvia Subject, Gail Cross, Heather Miller, Tim Johnson, Jamie Molyneaux, Karl Zimmerman, Fran Wilson and Kevin McClelland. And others we now mention, either silently or aloud. Reveal yourself to them as the Risen One. Risen Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

The Peace (Please stand if you are able)

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Offertory Hymn #483 “The Head That Once was Crowned with Thorns”

1 The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glo - ry now;
 2 The high - est place that heaven af - fords is his, is his by right,
 3 the joy of all who dwell a - bove, the joy of all be - low,
 4 To them the cross with all its shame, with all its grace is given;
 5 They suf - fer with their Lord be - low, they reign with him a - bove,

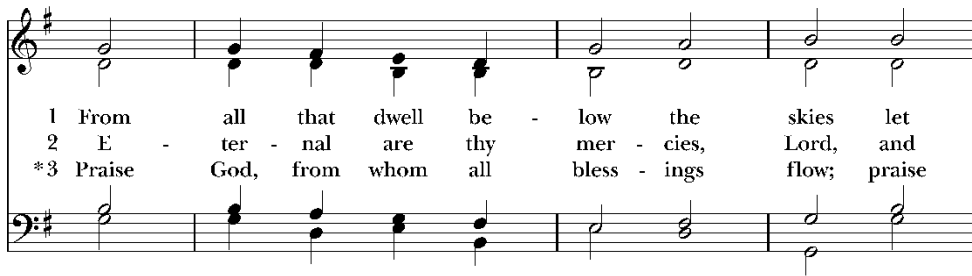
1 a roy - al di - a - dem a - dorns the might - y vic - tor's brow.
 2 the King of kings, and Lord of lords, and heaven's e - ter - nal Light;
 3 to whom he man - i - fests his love and grants his name to know.
 4 their name, an ev - cr - last - ing name; their joy, the joy of heaven.
 5 their prof - it and their joy to know the mys - tery of his love.

6 The cross he bore is life and health,
 though shame and death to him:
 his people's hope, his people's wealth,
 their everlasting theme.

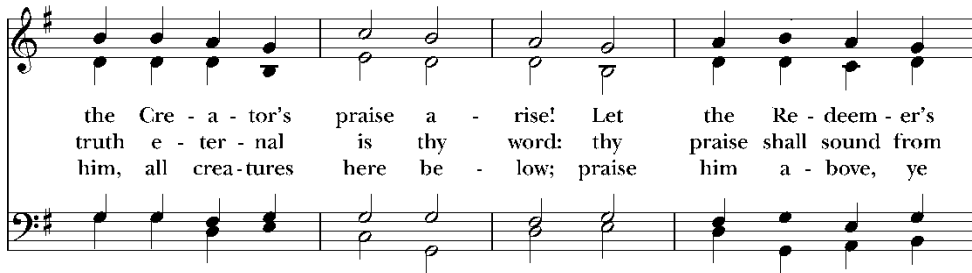
Words: Thomas Kelly (1769-1855). Music: *St. Magnus*, melody from *Divine Companion*, 1707; harm, William Henry Monk (1823-1889), after John Pyke Hullah (19th cent.).

Doxology – Presentation of the Gifts (#380 V.3) (Please Stand if you are able)

From all that dwell below the skies



1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let
2 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord, and
*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise



the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise! Let the Re - deem - er's
truth e - ter - nal is thy word: thy praise shall sound from
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye



Name be sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue!
shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711). Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?).

The General Thanksgiving (*read in unison*)

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to you service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom (*read in unison*)

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised though your well-beloved Son

that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen

Closing Hymn - HY 495 " Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus "



1 Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i -
 2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on
 3 Je - sus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry, there for ev - er
 *4 Wor - ship, hon - or, power, and bless - ing, thou art wor - thy



le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us;
 thee were laid: by al - might - y love a - noint - ed,
 to a - bide; all the heav - en - ly hosts a - dore thee,
 to re - ceive; high - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing,



thou didst free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal
 thou hast full a - tone - ment made. All thy peo - ple are for -
 seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners thou art
 right it is for us to give. Help, yc bright an - gel - ic



Sa - vior, bear - er of our sin and shame! By thy mer - it
 giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood: o - pened is the
 plead - ing: there thou dost our place pre - pare; ev - er for us
 spi - rits, all your no - blest an - thems raise; help to sing our



we find fa - vor: life is giv - en through thy Name
 gate of hea - ven, re - con - ciled are we with God.
 in - ter - ced - ing, till in glo - ry we ap - pear.
 Sa - vior's mer - its, help to chant Em - man - uel's praise!

Words: John Bakewell (1721-1819) and Martin Madan (1726-1790), alt. Music: *In Babilone*, melody from *Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenliedjes en Contradansseu*, 1710; harm. Roy. F. Kehl (b. 1935).

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia!!
People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!!!**

Postlude

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- Book Study, Wednesday, April 22nd, Noon-Bethany Lutheran
- April 26th will be at Bethany Lutheran for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

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