



BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Emmaus Road

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER
& BEFRIENDER COMMISSIONING

APRIL 27TH, 2025
8:30 AM & 10:45 AM

+ indicates to stand in body or spirit;
bold print indicates congregational responses

✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE *"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"* arr. Bradley Sowash

WORDS OF WELCOME

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
by whose hand we are given new birth,
by whose speaking we are given new life. **Amen.**

+ AN EASTERTIDE THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM (8:30 AM)

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are welcomed, restored, and supported
as citizens of the new creation.

Let us give thanks for the water, the mystery, and the life.

Holy God, you are the river of life; **you are the everlasting wellspring.**

In mercy and might you have freed us from sin and death **and raised us with Jesus.**

In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, **and in them we are born anew.**

Through these waters, **each of us is called and gifted for ministry,
in the church and in the world.**

Glory to you, O Lord, for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams.
Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,
quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.
Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism
and the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.
Empower our witness to your resurrection.
Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all. Amen.

+ **GATHERING HYMN** “*Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing*” ELW #389 stanzas 1-3, 5

+ **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

+ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Mysterious and Divine Presence, you meet us where we are, joining us in our experiences and questions. When our hearts are slow to believe, set them aflame again with your word. Open our eyes, and help us to recognize you in all places and in all people, for the sake of the one whose presence is never far, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

ANTHEM (10:45) “*Ask, Seek, Knock*” Nancy Raabe

✠ WORD ✠

PSALM “*Out of the Depths, I Cry to You*” (a paraphrase of Psalm 30)

¹ *I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.*
² *O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.*
³ *O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.*
⁴ *Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.*
⁵ *For his anger is but for a moment;
his favor is for a lifetime.*

*Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.*
⁶ *As for me, I said in my prosperity,
“I shall never be moved.”*
⁷ *By your favor, O Lord,
you had established me as a strong
mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed.*
⁸ *To you, O Lord, I cried,
and to the Lord I made supplication:*
⁹ *“What profit is there in my death,
if I go down to the Pit?”*

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if I go down to the Pit?*

Will the dust praise you?

Will it tell of your faithfulness?

¹⁰ *Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me!*

O Lord, be my helper!"

¹¹ *You have turned my mourning into dancing;*

you have taken off my sackcloth

and clothed me with joy,

¹² *so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.*

O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.



1. Out of the depths I cry___ to you; O Lord God, hear me call-
2. All things you send are full___ of grace; you crown our lives with fa -
3. In you a - lone, O God,___ we hope, and not in our_ own mer
4. My soul is wait-ing for___ you, Lord, as one who longs for morn



- ing,___ In - cline your ear to my___ dis - tress in
- vor,___ All our good works are done___ in vain_ with
- it,___ We rest our fears in your___ good Word and
- ing;___ no watch - er waits with great - er hope than



spite of my_ re - bell - ing,___ Do not re - gard my sin -
out our Lord an Sav - ior,___ We praise you for the gift___
trust your Ho - ly Spir - it,___ Your pro - mise keeps us strong
I for your re - turn - ing,___ I hope as Is - rael in___

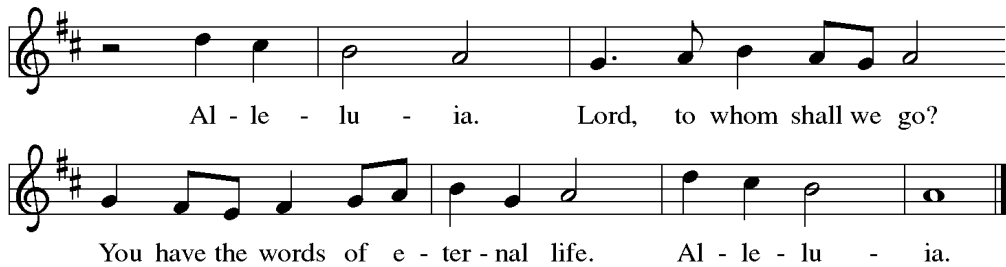


- ful deeds,___ Send me the grace my spi -
___ of faith;___ you save us from the grip___
___ and sure;___ we trust the cross, your sig -
___ the Lord,___ who sends re - demp - tion through



- rit___ needs; with - out it I___ am noth - ing,___
___ of death; our lives are in___ your keep - ing,___
- na - ture,___ in - scribed up - on___ our tem - ples,___
___ the Word. Praise God for grace and mer - cy!___

+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



READING LUKE 24:13-35

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ 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?” ¹⁹ 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, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ 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. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ 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. ²⁴ 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.” ²⁵ Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ 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. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³² 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?” ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S HOMILY & HOMILY

+ HYMN OF THE DAY “Day of Arising” ELW #374

BEFRIENDER COMMISSIONING (8:30 AM)

Active and newly trained BeFriender ministers are invited forward. The BeFriender Ministry is a national, ecumenical program, providing leadership training and ongoing support for a listening ministry of care and support. At Bethel, BeFrienders are a formal extension of our pastoral care. BeFrienders work one-to-one with a person, focusing on God's presence, caring not curing, being a nonjudgmental presence, and active listening. .

As Jesus joined the disciples on their journey to Emmaus, you are called to walk alongside others. They will share with you their experiences—their hopes and disappointments, their confusion and wonder. You have been trained and equipped through the BeFriender program to listen and be a supportive presence. Will you let God use your gifts to serve as a BeFriender at Bethel?

BeFrienders: I will, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Do you promise to nurture the skills you have learned through regular participation in continuing education and reflection on your ministry? Will you use these skills in service to others—to support, encourage, build up, and comfort people in their needs?

BeFrienders: I will, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Do you promise to keep confidentiality?

BeFrienders: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Now, we ask you, members of Bethel, to open your hearts to the BeFrienders. Will you pray for them, that they may be effective servants of Christ?

Yes, with the help of God.

Will you accept their ministry when you need help and allow them to work with you as you face struggles in your life?

Yes, with the help of God.

We commission you to minister in our midst, offering Christ's compassion and love. Use the skills you have learned, drawing on the gifts and talents the Spirit of God has given you so that you might be a blessing to the people you meet and care for. Continue to study. Reflect up on the situations you encounter. Pray for the people whose lives you are privileged to share. Seek support for your own needs so that you might receive the same kind of care and love you offer those you BeFriend.

O God, take our BeFrienders into your care. May they be quick to serve, patient in listening, and willing to share themselves with others. In times of stress and satisfaction, show them a special measure of your mercy and joy. Keep them strong in the faith you have given them for the sake of Jesus, who cares for all of us in every way forever. Amen.

+ HYMN OF CELEBRATION *"In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified"* ELW #744

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

+ SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

Generosity is part of who we are as God's people. Members, please use this QR code for a one-time gift or to schedule an automatic donation through Breeze. Online giving cards (at the name tag stations), checks or cash may be placed in the offering plates as they are passed.



ANTHEM (8:30) *"Rejoice, the Lord is King!"* arr. Sandra Eithun
(10:45) *"Come Down, O Love Divine"* arr. Donald Busarow

+ OFFERTORY

Musical notation for the offertory, consisting of five staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff.

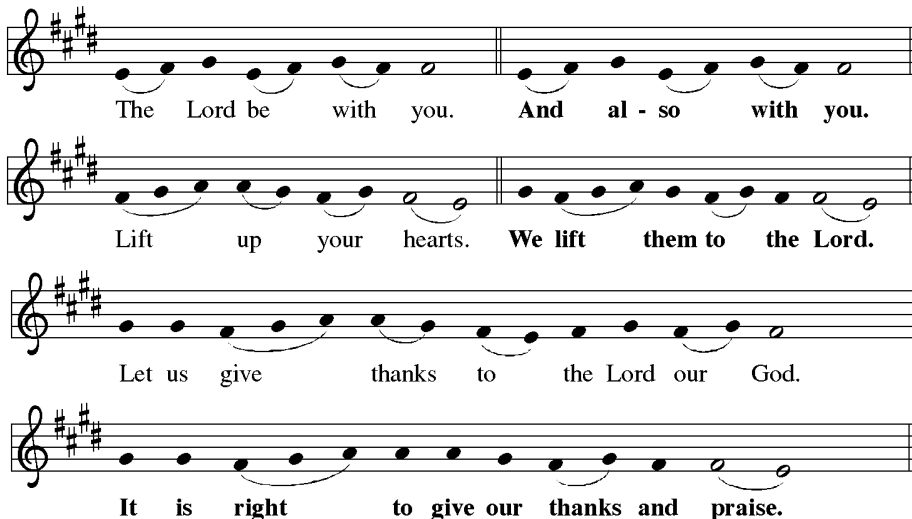
Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

+ OFFERTORY PRAYER

✠ MEAL ✠

—— (8:30 only) ——

+ GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

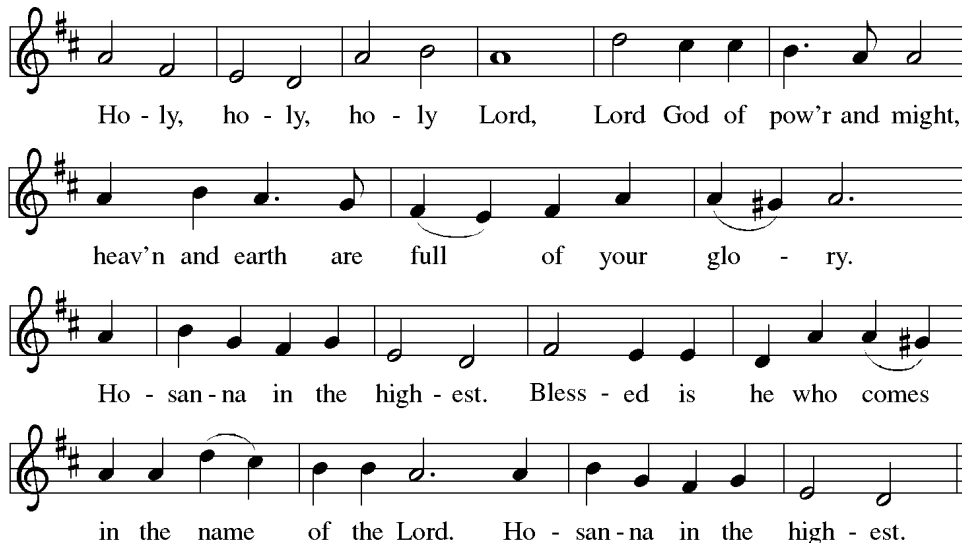
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

+ EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, who enthroned forever at your right hand intercedes for us as our great high priest. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

Eternal and resurrected God, we marvel at all you accomplish in and with us. You open our eyes when we meet you on the road. You make our hearts burn with the truth of your word. You move our hands to serve the needs of your people. You proclaim your grace and claim all people as your own.

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Through the miracle of Christ and the mystery of the Holy Spirit, you surprise us at every turn simply by keeping your promises: though we wander, you offer welcome; with your sacrifice, you achieve our redemption; from the darkness of death, you bring the light of new life. Walk patiently with us during this season of challenge and transformation, and give us strength to live out your promise in our world. **Amen.**

+ 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.**

+ EL PADRE NUESTRO

Padre nuestro que estás en los cielos,
santificado sea tu nombre;
venga a nos tu reino;
hágase tu voluntad,
así en la tierra como en el cielo;
el pan nuestro de cada día, dánoslo hoy;
y perdónanos nuestras deudas
así como nosotros perdonamos
a nuestros deudores;
y no nos dejes caer en la tentación;
mas líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino,
el poder y la gloria,
por los siglos de los siglos. **Amén.**

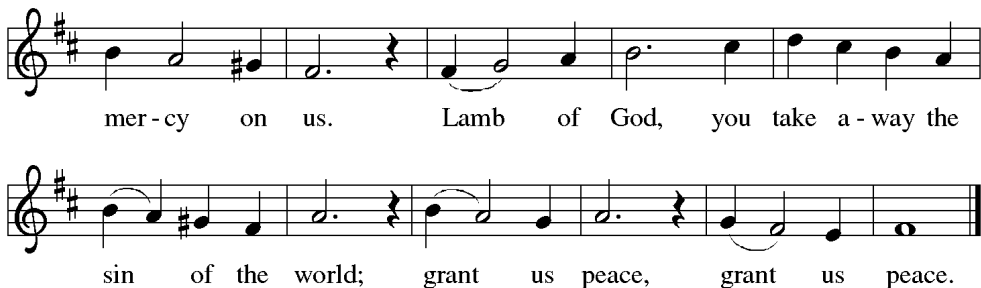
LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



HOLY COMMUNION HYMN *“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”* ELW #384

+ TABLE BLESSING

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

+ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us.

Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

ANTHEM (8:30) *“Ask, Seek, Knock”* Nancy Raabe

+ BENEDICTION

May the Christ who walks on wounded feet walk with you on the road.
May the Christ who serves with wounded hands stretch out your hands to serve.
May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart open your hearts to love.
May you see the face of Christ in everyone you meet,
and may everyone you meet see the face of Christ in you. **Amen.**

+ SENDING HYMN *“Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen”* ELW #548

+ DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia!

Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE *“Christ ist erstanden, Op. 11, No. 4”* arr. Hermann Schroeder

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Inger Hanson & Pastor Ben Schori

Acolytes: (8:30) Cora Santerre (10:45) Keely Hendershot

Assisting Minister: (8:30) Eric Lundin (10:45) Rolf Kragseth

Ushers: (8:30) Dale Turnacliffe, Thisbe Jothen, Magdalene Bateza, and Elizabeth McCormick
(10:45) Brandon Atzinger, and Kristi Larson

Readers: (8:30) Ben Haefner (10:45) Shea Engle

Sacramental Ministers: (8:30) Pastor Phil Ruud, Olia Jorgenson, Shea Engle, Hannah Broughton, and
Kristi Larson

(10:45) Kristi Larson

Altar Care: (set) Phyllis Larson (clean) Mary Loven

Director of Ring Forth: Jill Mahr Director of Singing Shenanigans: Abby Atzinger

Church Choir Director: Peter Schleif

Keyboards: Megan Engel

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informal Alleluia 5k Fun Run/Walk after the second service @ noon

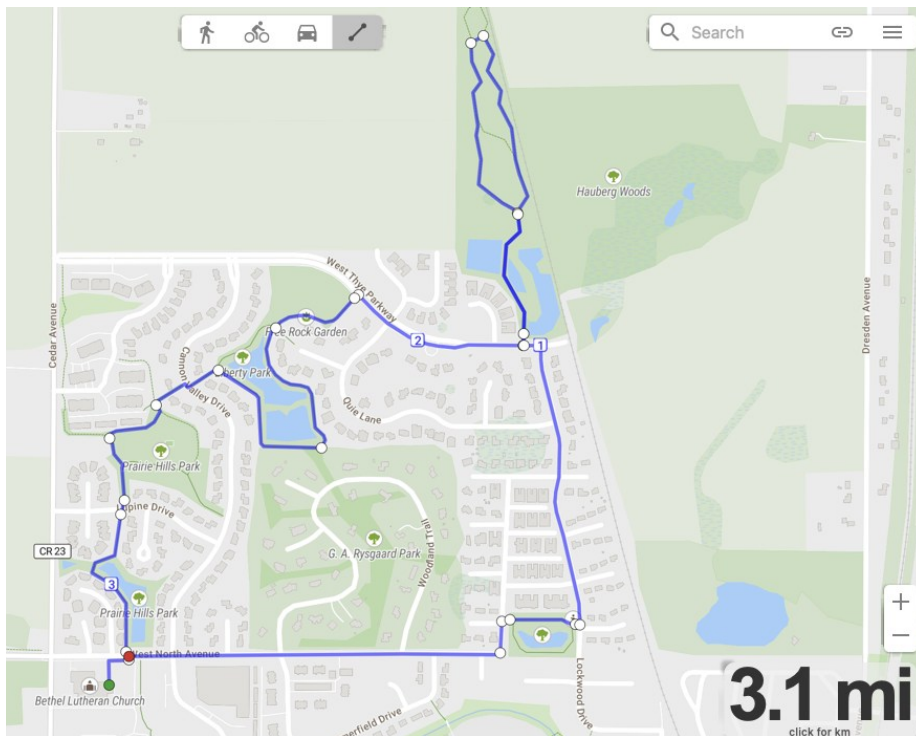
Bethel's has experimented with a *moving* worship (pun intended) on the second Sunday of Easter for the past three years. We built on the joy and fellowship of the Holy Humor tradition, and emphasized that celebrating and believing in the resurrection is not just in our heads, but something we live out in and with our bodies.

We raised funds for Global Refuge (formerly Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service) and our neighbors in Viking Terrace. This year, a new course was going to take us to Hauberg Woods and help us ponder what resurrection might mean for all of creation (Romans 8:18-23).

Alas, the later date this year also meant key volunteers were traveling, so Bethel is not offering the alternative worship experience this year.


2028, 2030, and 2038 will have late Easters as well—we'll see if the timing is right in the future.


Let's still move with Easter joy! After the second service today, join Pastor Inger and her dog Paolo on a tour of the Hauberg Woods course, or explore it on your own.



THIS WEEK
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS 9 AM - 3 PM

MONDAY

1:30 pm  **Bible Study @ the Vault** (1520 Clinton Lane)

6:30 pm  **Resonance Bell Choir** (Adults)

TUESDAY

9:45 am **Staff Meeting**

WEDNESDAY

3:30 pm **Limitless**

3:45 pm  **Last Bistro**

6:15 pm **Ring Forth Youth Bell Choir**

7:00 pm **Hang Time**

8:05 pm  **Brio Youth Bell Choir**

THURSDAY

8:30 am **MoB (Men of Bethel)** (Room 54)

9:30 am **FaB (Faith & Books)** (Youth Room)

10:45 am **OWLs (Older Wiser Lutherans)**

5:00 pm **Worship & Arts Planning**

7:00 pm **Vision Seekers Chapel Brewing**, 15 Hester St, Dundas, MN

FRIDAY

9:30 am  **WoW (Women of the Word)** via zoom

NEXT SUNDAY...

Special Guest Preacher Rev. Dr. Kelly Sherman Conroy

The text of the day will be **Acts 6:1-7:2a, 44-60** (with Luke 23:33-34a; 46).



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