

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD
BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Nurture with Love, Serve with Hope
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Prelude *“Easter Hallelujah”*

Welcome and Announcements

THE GATHERING

Call to Worship

A We thought you were dead.
 We thought the cross was the end.
 We thought that when the stone rolled over the tomb,
 that was it.

P But this is it:
 the dead are living;
 the cross is empty;
 the stone is rolled,
 and one word describes it all:

C Alleluia! Jesus is risen!

A We thought you had said your final word.
 We thought those with the power had won.
 We thought that when you cried out,
 that was it.

P But this is it:
 the word breathes;
 the powers are defeated;
 the final cry was only the beginning,
 and one word says it all:

C Alleluia! Jesus is risen!

A We thought the story was finished.
 We thought the hope had ended.
 We thought that when the tomb was sealed,
 that was it.

P But this is it:
 the story has just begun;
 the hope is newly born;
 the tomb is empty,
 and one word says it all:

C Alleluia! Jesus is risen!

P This is the news:
C **Jesus is risen!**
P This is the moment
C **Jesus is alive!**
P This is the gospel
C **Jesus is with us!**

A We thought that when they crucified you,
death had defeated life,
and that was it.
P But this is it:
Love is stronger than death,
and one word says it all:
C **Alleluia! Jesus is risen!**

(Please stand.)

Gathering Song *“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”*

*Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!*

*Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!*

*But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!*

*Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!*

Greeting

P Christ is risen!
C **Christ has risen indeed! Alleluia!**
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise *“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!”*

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
has redeemed us by his blood."*

*Alleluia! Bread of heaven,
here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! here the sinful
flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's redeemer, hear our plea
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.*

Prayer of the Day

P O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

(Please be seated.)

THE WORD

Children's Sermon

The First Reading Book of Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to the people: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

A The Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 118: *“This is the Day”*

*This is the day the Lord has made
let us rejoice and be glad
This is the day the Lord has made
let us rejoice and be glad*

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

A The Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand.)

Gospel Acclamation *“Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks”*

*Refrain
Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord;
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.*

*Jesus is lord of all the earth;
he is the king of creation. Refrain*

*Spread the good news o’er all the earth:
Jesus has died and has risen. Refrain*

Gospel Mark 16:1-8

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus’ body. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” When they looked up, they

saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day "Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks"

Refrain
Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord;
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

Come, let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Savior. Refrain

(Please be seated.)

Sermon Rev. Elaina Salmon

(Please stand.)

Hymn of the Day "Hymn of Promise"

In the bulb, there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter,
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

There is a song in ev'ry silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in ev'ry darkness,
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity.
In our doubt, there is believing;
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;

*the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see;
unrevealed until its season,
something yet unknown,
which God alone can see.*

Prayers of the People

A Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

(a moment of silence.)

A Holy God, we pray for the body of Christ, the church. Where the church is persecuted, protect it. Where the church is privileged, grant it humility. Where the church is fractured, heal it. Guide us all to embody Christ's love in the world. God of grace,
C **hear our prayer.**

A Life-giving God, we pray for the earth, your good creation. Join our prayers with branches lifted in praise and roaring waters of new life, that together we may proclaim Easter hope. God of grace,
C **hear our prayer.**

A Merciful God, we pray for all peoples and nations. Free oppressed communities from occupation, exploitation, and abuse. Teach leaders your way of justice. Empower peacemakers and all who work to end violence and strife. God of grace,
C **hear our prayer.**

A Liberating God, we pray for people everywhere who long for good news. Roll away the stones that keep people from living with dignity and wholeness. Breathe new life and hope into people struggling to make it through each day. God of grace,
C **hear our prayer.**

A Loving God, we pray for this community of faith and for your Spirit in our midst. Feed us at your Easter table and fill us with your wisdom, that we may serve and care for others. God of grace,
C **hear our prayer.**

A Eternal God, we remember those who have gone before us in death. Renew our trust in your promises, that we live with joyful courage and compassion. God of grace,
C **hear our prayer.**

A Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.
C **Amen.**

Sharing of Christ's Peace

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

(You may share the sign of peace with a handshake, jazz hands, a peace sign, or a bow. Please stay near your seats to do so.)

(Please be seated.)

THE MEAL

Invitation to the Offering

P Celebrating resurrection and God's gift of life and love, let us make our offerings with glad and generous hearts as our grateful response.

Offering

(Our offering is an act of worship and thanksgiving for all God has first given us. Our gifts support the mission of the church to "nurture with love and serve with hope.")

Special Music "He is Not Here"

(Please stand.)

Offertory Song "Here is Bread"

*Here is bread, here is wine,
Christ is with us, he is with us.
Break the bread, taste the wine,
Christ is with us here.*

*Refrain
In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.
In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.*

*Here is grace, here is peace,
Christ is with us, he is with us.
Know his grace, find his peace,
feast on Jesus here. Refrain*

*Here we are, joined in one,
Christ is with us, he is with us.
We'll proclaim till he comes Jesus crucified. Refrain*

Offertory Prayer

A Risen One,
you call us to believe and bear fruit.
May the gifts that we offer here
be signs of your abiding love.
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

C **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P O God most mighty, O God most merciful,
O God our rock and our salvation,
hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life.

When the earth was a formless void, you formed order and beauty.
When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child;
When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom.
Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath,
and the psalmists cried out for healing,
and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother.
He was born among the poor, he lived under oppression,
he wept over the city. With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup,
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen.

C **Amen.**

Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen.

C **Amen.**

Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen.

C **Amen.**

P O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.
O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.
O God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one.
O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

O God most majestic, O God most motherly,
O God our strength and our song,
you show us a vision of a tree of life
with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations.
Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son,
the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior,
life in you, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P Remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray,

C 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, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

P The risen Christ invites us to this table. Come, eat and be satisfied.

(Please be seated.)

Communion Distribution

Worshippers are invited forward to receive bread and wine (red) or grape juice (white) from our worship leaders. Those on the east side of the sanctuary will commune first followed by those on the west side. To avoid walking through the PrayGround, those on the east side should return to their seat via the center aisle.

Communion Songs

“Lamb of God”

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
grant us peace,
grant us peace, Lamb of God.*

“Bread for the Word”

Refrain:

Bread for the world: a world of hunger.

Wine for all peoples: people who thirst.

May we who eat be bread for others.

May we who drink pour out your love.

*Lord Jesus Christ, you are the bread of life,
broken to reach and heal the wounds of human pain.
Where we divide your people,
you are waiting there on bended knee
to wash our feet with endless care Refrain*

*Lord Jesus Christ, you are the wine of peace,
poured into hearts once broken and where dryness sleeps.
Where we are tired and weary, you are waiting there
to be the way which beckons us beyond despair. Refrain*

*Lord Jesus Christ, you call us to your feast,
at which the rich and pow'rful have become the least.
Where we survive on others in our human greed,
you walk among us begging for your ev'ry need.*

“Promise of Joy”

I Can Only Imagine”

(Please stand.)

Communion Blessing

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his
 grace.

C **Amen.**

Post Communion Song *“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!”*

*Alleluia! Not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us;
faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise:
"I am with you evermore"?*

Prayer after Communion

A Shepherding God,
 you have prepared a table before us
 and nourished us with your love.
 Send us forth from this banquet
 to proclaim your goodness
 and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,
 our redeemer and friend.

C **Amen.**

SENDING

Blessing

- P May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead
raise you to new life, fill you with hope,
and turn your mourning into dancing.
Almighty God-- Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, and Life-giver--
bless you now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

Sending Song *“Thine is the Glory”*

*Thine is the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes
where thy body lay.*

*Refrain
Thine is the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!*

*Lo, Jesus meets thee,
risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee,
scatters fear and gloom;
let his church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth;
death hath lost its sting! Refrain*

*No more we doubt thee,
glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee;
aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors,
through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above. Refrain*

Dismissal

- P Go in peace to nurture with love and serve with hope.
- C **Thanks be to God!**

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