

## Thanks for Attending Bethlehem Lutheran Church!

### About Us:

- + **Beliefs:** We believe the Bible is true and trust in Jesus as our only Savior!
- + **Assurance:** We want everyone to be certain of God's forgiveness through Jesus!
- + **Growth:** We want everyone to understand the Bible and live according to it!
- + **Children:** Bibles (center pew racks); Bags (worship entrance); Nursery (sometimes staffed).
- + **Special Needs:** Large print and hearing assistance are available in the narthex.
- + **Lord's Supper:** Learn our practice by seeing our explanation later in this folder.
- + **Our Congregation:** Find out more by taking a Visitor Information packet.
- + **Podcast:** Listen to our sermons on your phone or tablet: "Benefit from the Bible"
- + **Join With Us:** Keep attending and express your interest to join to the pastor.

How can we help you?  
Let us know.

See the CONNECT WITH US block near the end of this folder or talk to an Usher or Elder after today's service.

### About This Folder:

- + **Today:** Use it to guide you through this Divine Service; please participate and benefit!
- + **This Week:** Use it to benefit again from the Scripture readings and pray for those in need!
- + **This Week's Activities:** Use it to be aware of this week's activities; then join us and bring a friend!
- + **Preparation for Next Week:** Use it to know and read the upcoming Scripture readings in advance!

### About Today's Service:

**Service Date:** Sunday, April 12 at 8:00 & 10:45; Monday, April 13 at 7 PM

**Church Year Day:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter – 2015

**Sermon Title:** **CERTAINLY NOT HELTER-SKELTER  
RATHER**

**IT'S ALL ABOUT CONNECTING THE "GOD-DOTS"**

**Please Participate:** L = Leader ♦ C = Congregation ♦ A = All (Let us "worship in spirit and in truth." John 4:24 NIV)

**Our Hymns:** TLH = The Lutheran Hymnal (red); LSB = Lutheran Service Book (maroon)

**Today's Service:** Divine Service, Setting Three (Adapted from Lutheran Service Book, 184-202)

### About Our Service Beginning:

- + **Bell:** Five minutes before our scheduled starting time; candles are lit; please receive a folder and be seated.
- + **Doors:** The worship area doors are closed to assist those inside who are preparing their hearts and minds.
- + **Prelude:** Prepare to receive God's eternal blessings; see the inside front cover of LSB for some prayers.
- + **Late Arrivals:** Please join in the worship from the narthex; then enter *during Hymn* or *after Collect*. Thanks!

### **CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION / FORGIVENESS** (Heb. 10:22; Psalm 124:8; 32:5; Mk. 16:16; John 1:12):

L: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

L: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, begging Him in the name of our Lord

Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**C: Who made heaven and earth.**

L: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

**C: And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

L: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word,**

**to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

L: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**C: Amen.**

**As the leader goes to the entrance:** ♦face the entrance, ♦prepare to sing the hymn, and ♦focus on Jesus!

### **Service of the Word**

*Christ is present to teach us the Word for our nourishment, instruction, and guidance!*

### **ENTRANCE HYMN: "The Day of Resurrection"**

**TLH 205**

1. The day of resurrection,  
Earth, tell it out abroad,  
The Passover of gladness,  
The Passover of God.  
From death to life eternal,  
From this world to the sky,  
Our Christ hath brought us  
over, With hymns of victory.

2. Our hearts be pure from evil  
That we may see aright  
The Lord in rays eternal  
Of resurrection light  
And, listening to His accents,  
May hear, so calm and plain,  
His own "All hail!" and, hearing,  
May raise the victor strain.

3. Now let the heavens be joyful,  
Let earth her song begin,  
Let all the world keep triumph  
And all that is therein.  
Let all things, seen and unseen,  
Their notes of gladness blend;  
For Christ the Lord hath risen,--  
Our joy, that hath no end.

### **KYRIE / LORD, HAVE MERCY** (LSB 186) (Read about blind Bartimaeus in Mark 10:46-52): *By granting these petitions!*

L: Since we all have physical needs, we pray:  
*O Lord,* **C: have mercy upon us.**

L: *O Christ,* **C: have mercy upon us.**  
L: *O Lord,* **C: have mercy upon us.**

### **EASTER HYMN OF PRAISE** (LSB 155) (*sung by all*) (Rev. 5:12-13; 19:5-9): "This Is the Feast"

**Refrain: This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.  
Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu - ia.**

1. Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. **Refrain**
2. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. **Refrain**

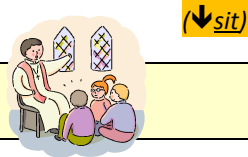
3. Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre-a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A - men. **Refrain**

1. For the Lamb \_\_\_\_\_ who was slain\_\_ has be - gun his reign. Al-le-lu-----ia. **Refrain**

**SALUTATION / GREETING and COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

L: The Lord be with you. (2 Timothy 4:22)  
C: **And also with you.**  
L: *Let us pray.* Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and

conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
C: **Amen.**



**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:** "Would you give your new bike away for...?"

All children (along with parents / grandparents) are welcome to come forward!

**10:45 Staffed Nursery** – Parents *can* take their children, 4 and under, to our Little Lamb Room at this time!  
**Read the Scripture Readings before you attend** – to better understand and eternally benefit!

See the Schedule near the end of this folder or subscribe to pastor's e-mail list: [pastor@blc7500.com](mailto:pastor@blc7500.com)

**FIRST READING: Acts 4:32-35 NIV**

<sup>32</sup> All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had. <sup>33</sup> With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup> There were no needy persons among them. For from time to

time those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales <sup>35</sup> and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone as he had need.

L: The Word of the Lord.  
C: **Thanks be to God!**

**NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE / LETTER: I John 1:1-2:2 NIV**

<sup>1</sup> That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched--this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. <sup>2</sup> The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. <sup>3</sup> We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> We write this to make our joy complete. <sup>5</sup> This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup> If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. <sup>7</sup> But if we walk in the light, as he is in the

light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. <sup>8</sup> If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup> If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives. 2:1 My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense--Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. <sup>2</sup> He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

L: The Word of the Lord.  
C: **Thanks be to God!**

**(↑arise) HYMN: "He Is Arisen! Glorious Word" LSB 488**

He is a – ris – en! Glo – rious Word!  
Now rec – on – ciled is God, my Lord;  
The gates of heav'n are o – pen.  
My Je – sus did tri – um – phant die,  
And Sa – tan's ar – rows bro – ken lie,  
De – stroyed hell's fierc – est weap – on.

O hear what cheer! Christ vic – to – rious,  
Ris – ing glo – rious, Life is giv – ing.  
He was dead but now is liv – ing!

Jesus' living, suffering, and dying have opened heaven to all people! *Through Jesus we live, now and forevermore!*

**GOSPEL / GOOD NEWS: John 20:19-31 NIV**

L: The Holy Gospel according to **St. John**, the **twentieth** chapter.

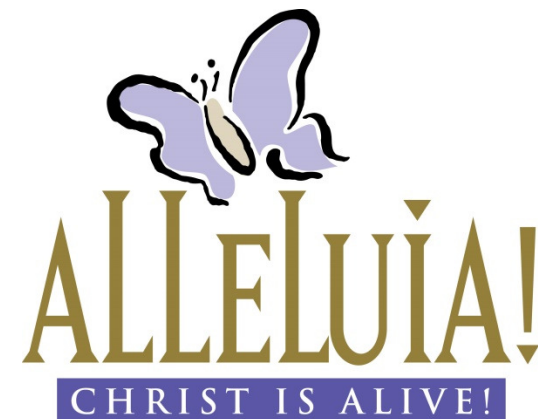
C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." <sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my

finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." <sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." <sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." <sup>30</sup> Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.  
C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**



**NICENE CREED** (*confessed by all*): A summary of what we believe about the Triune God!

I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for \*us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy \*\*Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.



**F.Y.I.** – The Nicene Creed is the profession of faith or creed that is most widely used in Christian liturgy. It forms the mainstream definition of Christianity for most Christians. It is called Nicene because, in its original form, it was adopted in the city of Nicaea (present day Iznik in Turkey) by the first ecumenical council, which met there in the year 325 (Wikipedia).



Icon depicting the Emperor Constantine, accompanied by the bishops of the First Council of Nicaea (325)...

**HYMN OF THE DAY: "Ye Sons and Daughters of the King"** TLH 208, vv. 1-4

1. Ye sons and daughters of the King,  
Whom heavenly hosts in glory sing,  
Today the grave hath lost its sting:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. On that first morning of the week,  
Before the day began to break,

The Marys went their Lord to seek:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

3. An angel bade their sorrow flee,  
For thus he spake unto the three:  
"Your Lord is gone to Galilee":  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! ➡

4. That night the Apostles met in fear,  
Amidst them came their Lord most dear

And said: "Peace be unto you here":  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**SERMON TITLE: CERTAINLY NOT HELTER-SKELTER  
RATHER  
IT'S ALL ABOUT CONNECTING THE "GOD-DOTS"**

**Genesis 1:1-4** – <sup>1</sup> The snake was the smartest of all the wild animals the LORD God had made. He asked the woman, "Did God really say, 'Don't eat from any tree in the garden'?" <sup>2</sup> "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden," the woman answered the snake. <sup>3</sup> "But God did say, 'Don't eat of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden, and don't touch it, or you will die.'" <sup>4</sup> "You're not going to die," the snake told the woman.

**2 Timothy 3:16** – "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, for pointing out error, for correcting, for training in righteousness."

**Romans 10:9** – "We preach that if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that "God raised Him from the dead," you will be saved.

**John 20:27** – "Then He told Thomas, 'Put your finger here, and look at My hands—and take your hand and put it in My side. And do not go on doubting but believe.'"

**Respond to today's sermon by:** (1) Studying it on your own; (2) applying it to your life; (3) sharing it with others (pick up a copy in the narthex; go to our website; subscribe to our podcast; or request a cd copy).

**HYMN OF THE DAY: "Ye Sons and Daughters of the King"** TLH 208, vv. 5-7

5. When Thomas afterwards had heard  
That Jesus had fulfilled His word,  
He doubted if it were the Lord:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

6. "Thomas, behold My side," saith He,  
"My hands, My feet, My body, see;

"And doubt not, but believe in Me":  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

7. No longer Thomas then denied;  
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
"Thou art my Lord and God," he cried:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**↑arise** OFFERTORY / PRAYER FOR CHANGE and BLESSING (LSB 192-193) (*sung by all*) (Psalm 51:10-12):

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:** PLEASE PRAY during the week for those listed below!

After each petition: L: Lord, in Your mercy. C: Hear our prayer.

**Special Requests**

† **At Home:** Doris B; Violet M.

† **In Care Facilities:** Fred & Jo K; Marilyn Mc; Jim Szell; Marie W

† **Lutherans in Africa** – Pray for: God’s blessing on those traveling home; guidance about the purchase of property in Kenya; protection against terrorism.

† **Darrin Liddy and Chris Sala** – Pray for Darrin and Chris as they continue their military training; God bless them, our nation, and all who serve.

† **Organist** – Pray for God’s guidance and success.

**Bethlehem Members – In Need**

**Shirley Beaton** (maintenance chemo for 4 weeks, beginning on 4/7) – success, healing, strength.

**Amanda Booth** – blessings on her rehab.

**Jeff Cheatham** (disk) – continued healing, rehab.

**Gertrude Conn** (eyes) – peace, continued healing.

**Katherine Fraiberg** – continued healing.

**John Gellings** (radiation) – peace, success, healing.

**Christl Kissinger** – pain relief, peace, good results.

**Janice Martinez** (knee) – continued healing.

**Don Smith** (broken hip) – comfort, healing, rehab.

**Greg Taylor** (broken rib) – comfort, healing.

**Michael Tischler Jr.** – peace, guidance, blessings.

**Lynda Tomasch** (knee) – comfort, guidance.

**Tricia Wise** (eyes) – peace, healing.

**Others – In Need**

**Arielle** (niece of Eileen Kovach)-peace, full recovery.

**Vern Bene** (fr. of Millie; edema) – peace, healing.

**Frank** (stage 4 cancer) – peace, comfort, healing.

**John** (stomach cancer) – peace, healing.

**Marty** (awaiting heart transplant) – peace in Jesus.

**Julie Amstberg** – successful treatments.

**Arline Ferencz** (heart surgery) – peace, healing.

**Joseph Ferencz** (cancer treatment) – peace, healing.

**Mark** (hospice) – comfort, peace in Jesus.

**Gary Liddy** (Guillain-Barre syndrome) – peace, healing.

**Thomas Nellis** – good results, salvation, peace.

**Gretchen Perrin** (cancer) – peace, comfort, healing.

**Nancy Preston** (chemo.) – peace, success, healing.

**Bob Russo** – peace, healing, strength.

**Helen Saunders** (cancer) – peace, healing.

**Joe Waked** (surgery last week) – cont. healing.

**Lutherans in Africa**

Facebook: Lutherans in Africa

Website: [www.LutheransinAfrica.com](http://www.LutheransinAfrica.com)

**Life Thoughts – Lutherans for Life**

“Easter says you can put truth in a grave, but it won’t stay there.” *Clarence W. Hall, pastor – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

**Altar Flowers**

Placed to the glory of God ♥ by the Moyer family in memory of Joe and Irene Rybecki.

**April Wedding Anniversaries**

**4-13** Jason & Stacey Jasulevich (2<sup>nd</sup>)

**4-14** Ken & Katherine Fraiberg (54<sup>th</sup>)

**4-30** Carl & Nancy Burton (32<sup>nd</sup>)

**Physical Birthdays**


**4-14** Matthias Moyer **4-15** Miriam Engelman

**4-17** Erin Nellis

**Spiritual Birthdays**

**4-13** Edna Hotz **4-13** Tom Merkle

**4-14** Paul Martens **4-16** Natalia Ford

**PRAYER CONCLUSION:** L: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. C: Amen. 

**Prayer Request Instructions**

1. Fill-out a Request Card (in the Narthex)
2. E-Mail: [secretary@blc7500.com](mailto:secretary@blc7500.com)
3. Call Kathy (Secretary): 440-845-2230
4. Call Nancy (Prayer Chain): 440-886-2089

- To keep your request on our list: Give us an update every 2 weeks!
- If someone is hospitalized: Call us!

**HONORING THE LORD WITH OUR FIRSTFRUITS:**

<sup>NIV</sup> **Malachi 3:10** “Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse... Test me in this,” says the LORD Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.”

+ **Offertory:** “As a Deer”

+ Please help us to know you are here by signing the Record of Fellowship pad in your pew.

**LORD’S SUPPER PREPARATION:**

**Dear Friend:** I praise God that He has led you to attend with us today! I also rejoice in ♦your sorrow for your sins, ♦your trust alone in Jesus as your Savior, and ♦your interest in receiving the Lord’s Supper with us. I want ♦everyone to receive who will rightly be assured of God’s forgiveness in Christ, but ♦everyone to wait who could be harmed by receiving – because the Bible says: “...anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died.” (1 Cor. 11:29-30 ESV) *Pastor Green*

**Self-Examination Questions:**

1. Am I sorry for my sins, so I desire – with God’s strength – to turn from my sins (2 Cor. 7:10-11)?
2. Do I believe in Jesus as my Savior (John 3:16)?

3. Do I believe Jesus’ words of institution: bread-body, wine-blood, for my forgiveness (1 Cor. 10:16; Matthew. 26:26-28; Mark. 14:22-24; Luke. 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25)?

**Who Should Receive the Supper?**

- **LCMS Members** who answered “yes” to the self-examination questions.
- **Non-Members** who have completed our Lord’s Supper Preparation packet (by our main entrance) and answered “yes” to the self-exam questions.

**Receive at Your Pew:** Please notify an usher.

**Everyone Not Receiving the Supper:** All ages are invited to come forward to receive a spoken blessing (to indicate your desire, please cross your arms)!

**† Service of the Sacrament †**

*Christ is present to feed us His body and blood to forgive, strengthen, and preserve us!*

**↑arise** PREFACE and PROPER PREFACE (LSB 160-161) (*spoken as noted*) (2 Tim. 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136):

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

L: It is truly good, right, and beneficial that we should at all times, and in all places, give

thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You during this Easter Season for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the *Ultimate Passover* Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored

to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels

and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

**SANCTUS / GOD IS HOLY** (LSB 195) (*sung by all*) ("Hosanna" – save us now) (Isaiah 6:1-3; Matthew 21:9):

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth [*angelic armies*]; Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory; Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, Blessed is He, Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

**LORD'S PRAYER** (Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4): *God has made us His children through Jesus!*

L: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

A: **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 forever and ever. Amen.**

**JESUS' WORDS OF INSTITUTION** (the sum of Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25):

L: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."


In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**PAX DOMINI / THE PEACE OF THE LORD** (LSB 197) (John 20:19): *Forgiven in Christ; at peace with God!*

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C: **Amen.**

**AGNUS DEI / LAMB OF GOD** (LSB 198) (*sung by all*) (John 1:29): *Jesus is the True Lamb of God!*

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace. Amen. 

**10:45 Staffed Nursery** – Parents should pick-up their children; then bring them forward for a spoken blessing!

**LORD'S SUPPER DISTRIBUTION and DISMISSAL INFORMATION:**

† Before receiving → you may make the sign of the cross as a reminder of your baptism and the source of Jesus' body and blood.

† Receive the Supper / a spoken blessing → the bread is unleavened – remembering that Jesus is without sin; the wine is available from the chalice or individual cup, the center cups are alcohol

removed wine. Along with the bread and wine, we receive Jesus' body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins!

† After the dismissal → say "Amen" to accept the blessings offered in the dismissal.

† Return with joy → your sins are forgiven!

**HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION:**

"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"


"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"

TLH, 212, vv. 1-4

TLH, 212, vv. 5-6

1. A Hymn of glory let us sing:  
New songs throughout the world shall ring:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Christ, by a road before untrod,  
Ascendeth to the throne of God.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. The holy apostolic band  
Upon the Mount of Olives stand;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
And with His followers they see  
Jesus' resplendent majesty.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
3. To whom the angels, drawing nigh,  
"Why stand and gaze upon the sky?  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
This is the Savior!" thus they say;  
"This is His noble triumph-day."  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
4. "Again shall ye behold Him so  
As ye today have seen Him go,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

- In glorious pomp ascending high,  
Up to the portals of the sky."  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
5. Oh, grant us thitherward to tend  
And with unwearied hearts ascend  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- Unto Thy kingdom's throne, where Thou,  
As is our faith, art seated now.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
6. Be Thou our Joy and strong Defense  
Who art our future Recompense:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- So shall the light that springs from Thee  
Be ours through all eternity.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
7. O risen Christ, ascended Lord,  
All praise to Thee let earth accord,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- Who art, while endless ages run,  
With Father and with Spirit One.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

 **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** (LSB 201):

L: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C: **and His mercy endures forever.**

L: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but

always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

**NUNC DIMITTIS / NOW DISMISS** (LSB 199-200) (*sung by all*) (Luke 2:29-32):

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,  
For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation: which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,  
a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN: "The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done"** TLH 210, vv. 1, 3, 5

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| <p>1. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!<br/>The strife is o'er, the battle done;<br/>Now is the Victor's triumph won;<br/>Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!</p> | <p>3. On the third morn He rose again<br/>Glorious in majesty to reign;<br/>Oh, let us swell the joyful strain! Alleluia!</p> <p>5. Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee.<br/>From death's dread sting Thy servants free<br/>That we may live and sing to Thee. Alleluia!</p> |
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**BENEDICTION / BLESSING** (LSB 202) (Numbers 6:24-26):

<p>L: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up His countenance</p>	<p><i>[face, loving expression]</i> upon you and give you peace.</p> <p>C: <b>Amen.</b></p>
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**POSTLUDE and CANDLE EXTINGUISHING: "The Day of Resurrection"**

- **POSTLUDE:** *During the Postlude* – Please remain seated to THINK and PRAY!
- **PRAYER:** *After Each Service* – You can gather with a Prayer Partner near a front pew!
- **REFRESHMENTS:** *9:10-9:30* – Join us down the hall for coffee, juice, bakery, and more!
- **BIBLE CLASSES and SUNDAY SCHOOL:** *9:30-10:30* – Join us and be blessed through God's Word!
- **THE REST OF THIS FOLDER:** Please read, be informed, grow in God's Word, serve, and participate!

**Schedule**

Divine Service / Fellowship / Study / Meet / Serve

**This Week: 4/12 – 4/18**

**Sunday:**

- Divine Service at 8:00
- Refreshments at 9:10
- Nursery / Sunday School and Bible Class at 9:30
- Divine Service / Nursery at 10:45
- Redeemer Meal; Meet at 2:30 to carpool.

**Monday:**

- Divine Service at 7:00

**Wednesday:**

- Electronic Sign Meeting at 5:00
- Fitness Group at 6:30 (all are welcome)
- Leadership Team Meeting at 7:00 – Upper Room

**Thursday:**

- Lectionary Bible Study at 10 AM; readings for April 19 – Ps 4; Acts 3:11-21; 1 Jn 3:1-7; Lk 24:36-49

**Saturday:**

- Youth Confirmation at Noon
- Lectionary Bible Study at 7 PM

**Next Week: 4/19 – 4/25**

**Sunday:**

- Divine Service at 8:00
- Refreshments at 9:10
- Nursery / Sunday School and Bible Class at 9:30
- Divine Service / Nursery at 10:45

**Monday:**

- Dr. Giessler's Commissioning at 11:00
- Divine Service and Dr. Giessler's Commissioning at 7:00

**Wednesday:**

- Fitness Group at 6:30 (all are welcome)

**Thursday:**

- Lectionary Bible Study at 10 AM; readings for April 26 – Psalm 4:23; Acts 4:1-12; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

**Saturday:**

- Lectionary Bible Study at 7 PM

**Serve as You have been Gifted**  
"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others..." (1 Peter 4:10 NIV)

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| <p>1. <b>Become an Elder</b> – See the information, deadline, and sign-up sheet in the narthex.</p> <p>2. <b>Carpet Runners</b> – Will you clean them with the BLC machine; then, when dry, turn them over, roll them up, and store them under the south steps?</p> <p>3. <b>Sand Buckets by West and South Doors</b> – Will you replace them and fill them?</p> <p>4. <b>Will You Commit to Daily Bible Time?</b></p> <p>5. <b>Will You Invite a Friend to Church?</b></p> <p>6. <b>Read a Story</b> – To the children in our childcare center; call Tricia to schedule: 440-884-0430; <i>thanks to all members who have been reading!</i></p> | <p>7. <b>Staffed Nursery Workers</b> – Needed for 9:30 &amp; 10:45 – If you are willing to serve in this area, sign-up in the narthex or contact Kathy Green.</p> <p>8. <b>Become the Building or Fellowship Team Leader</b> – Talk to Dr. Giessler or Ken Fraiberg</p> <p>9. <b>Be a Teammate</b> – Talk to any Leader!</p> <p>10. <b>Share the Truth</b> – Pick up a BLC resource; learn from it; then share it with someone you know!</p> <p>11. <b>Will You Provide a Ride to BLC</b> for our members in need of transportation? Please sign up on the "Ride Provider" sheet on a table in the Narthex, or Contact Jerry at 440-886-2089</p> |
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**News & Notes**

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| <p>1. <b>Men's Softball is Back!</b> If any men, <b>16 years and older</b> would like to join the Bethlehem Softball Team please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex.</p> | <p>Games will be played @ Nathan Hale Park in Parma Heights. For more details see Matt Kusmaul or call 440-668-5475.</p> |
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Thanks for Serving on April 12		Thanks for Serving on April 19	
Leader	Dr. Phillip Giessler	Leader	Pastor Robert Green
Altar Guild	Kathy Green, Angie Rohman	Altar Guild	Kathy Green, Angie Rohman
7:00 Dist. Asst.	Alan Carlson	7:00 Dist. Asst.	Alan Carlson
Candle Filler	Lynda Tomasch	Candle Filler	Lynda Tomasch
7:00 Ushers	Jim Cannonie, John Gutwein Ed Wasseen	7:00 Ushers	Jim Cannonie, John Gutwein Ed Wasseen
9:10 Refreshments	Miriam Engelman Doris Chmielewski	9:10 Refreshments	Miriam Engelman Doris Chmielewski
9:30 Nursery	Sara Green	9:30 Nursery	Tracy Liddy
10:45 Ushers	Terry Tomasch, Brina Zeleznikar, Matt Fischler	10:45 Ushers	Terry Tomasch, Brina Zeleznikar, Matt Fischler
10:45 Dist. Asst.	Paul Martens	10:45 Dist. Asst.	Paul Martens
10:45 Nursery	Lindsey Cheatham	10:45 Nursery	<b>WILL YOU HELP???</b>
Organization	Lilli Riechert	Organization	Lilli Riechert
Fin. Secretary Team	Natalia Ford, Nancy Huttner	Fin. Secretary Team	Natalia Ford, Jerry Huttner

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