

# Welcome to Easter 2024 at Bethany!

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### 7:00 am EASTER FIRE & SERVICE OF LIGHT

*Begins in the Front Courtyard (weather permitting)*

*The service of light brings to a conclusion the service which began on Maundy Thursday and continued through Good Friday. It marks Christ's Passover from death to life, set in the morning light—and in the light of Christ's resurrection.*

FANFARE (written by Bobby Wendt)

Kevin Haug Jr.

#### BLESSING OF THE EASTER FIRE

#### OPENING DIALOG

P: Christ, yesterday and today,  
C: **the beginning and the end.**

P: To Christ belongs all time and all the ages;  
C: **to Christ belongs glory and dominion, now and forever.**

P: The Lord is my strength and my song.  
C: **The Lord has become my salvation.**

P: This is the day the Lord has made;  
C: **we will rejoice and be glad in it!**

#### ENTRANCE OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

P: May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

P: The light of Christ. C: **Thanks be to God.**

*The congregation processes indoors behind the Bell Choir*

*After all are in place, the Exsultet follows:*

P: The light of Christ. C: **Thanks be to God.**

P: Rejoice, now, all heavenly choirs of angels, and celebrate the divine mysteries with exultation; and, for the victory of so great a King, sound the trumpet of salvation. Exult, also, O earth, made brilliant by the splendor of the eternal King: know that the ancient darkness has been banished from all the world. Be glad also, O mother Church, clothed with the brightness of such a light, and let this house resound with the triumphant voices of the peoples. C: **Amen!**

ANTHEM “All Hail the Risen King” Handbell Choir

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
C: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

HYMN: “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” [music # 365]

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!

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## 10:30 AM GATHERING

The 10:30 service follows the order beginning on this page

ANTHEM                    “Worthy is the Lamb”                    Chancel Choir

### DIALOG

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: This is a day that the Lord has made;

C: **we will rejoice and be glad in it!**

P: The Lord is my strength and my song.

C: **The Lord has become my salvation.**

HYMN: “*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*” ..... # **367**  
(w/ Ensemble)

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!

The 7:00 and 10:30 services both continue here:

### GREETING:

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: **Christ is 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: “*It’s Easter!*” (tune # 834 St. Denio)

It's Easter. It's Easter, the season of spring.  
It's Easter. It's Easter, the birds come to sing:  
The sun is now rising, away falls the dew.  
The world comes alive with a hope that is new.

It's Easter. It's Easter, the stone's rolled away.  
It's Easter. It's Easter, this is the Lord's Day.  
New faith for the doubter, new joy for the sad.  
Our Savior walks with us to make our hearts glad.

Text by Robert Schuller in 1992 & 2008 sermons; st. 1 adapted.  
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### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Gracious and loving God, we do not look for Jesus among  
the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life.  
Pour your Holy Spirit upon us; give us hearts and minds  
fitting for your praise; increase the risen life we share with  
Christ; and help us grow as your people toward the fullness  
of eternal life with you. We ask these things in the name of  
Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and  
the Holy Spirit, one God, forever.

C: **Amen.**

## WORD

FIRST LESSON            Acts 10:39-43            Bible, pg. 1710

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND LESSON        I Corinthians 15:1-11        Bible, pg. 1789

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *"It's Easter!"* (tune #834 St. Denio)

It's Easter. It's Easter,  
Christ lives once again.  
It's Easter. It's Easter.  
God's loudest amen!  
We sing, "Hallelujah!"  
We sing, "Praise the Lord"  
Who raised up our Jesus  
and spoke the last word.

by Robert Schuller in 1992 & 2008 sermons.

HOLY GOSPEL            Mark 16: 1-8            Bible, pg. 1584

*This response is spoken before the reading:*

P: The Easter Gospel according to St. Mark.

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

*This response is spoken after the reading:*

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON

*After the sermon at the 10:30 service,  
the preacher goes to the P&W service*

HYMN: *"Hymn of Promise"*

1. 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.
2. There's a song in every silence. Seeking word and melody  
There's a dawn in every 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.
3. 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, At the last, a victory  
Unrevealed until its season, Something God alone can see.

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PRAYERS

*Response:* P: ...Lord in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

### MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS, REGISTRATION, & OFFERING

*Please sign and pass the black registration pads located near center aisle.*

HYMN REPRISE: “*Hymn of Promise*” (stanza 3) ..... **p. 6**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ... we praise your name  
and join their unending hymn:

*Sing to tune: “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”*

C: Heav’nly hosts proclaim Your glory, Holy, holy, holy Lord.  
All on earth repeat the story, God of hosts by all adored.  
Blest is He who comes, victorious,  
In the name of God the King!  
Our hosannas, glad and glorious, To the Lord of all we sing.

*The pastor continues with thanksgiving & the Lord’s Prayer*

### COMMUNION

*Welcome to the Lord’s Supper for God’s baptized people who trust Christ for forgiveness & new life. Lutherans proclaim the “real presence” of Christ in the sacrament and invite those communing in their home churches to commune with us. Come by the center aisle, return by the side aisle. Please follow the directions of the ushers. We have 2 stations in front, 2 in back. Grape juice is available for those who cannot receive wine. Children who commune in their home church are asked to put their hands forward to receive; children who do not yet commune may come for a blessing.*

Hymn: “*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*” ..... # **369**

Hymn: “*The Day of Resurrection*” (tune 805)..... # **361**

Hymn: “*Thine Is the Glory*” .....# **376**

(w/ Ensemble)

### BLESSING AND PRAYER (*pastor*)

## SENDING

### BENEDICTION (*pastor*)

P: This is a day that the Lord has made!

C: **Stones roll away, tombs are open,  
new possibilities are born.**

P: The power of this day undoes evil,  
washes away guilt, casts out hatred,  
and brings peace.

C: **We go in the power and love of the Lord Jesus.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor,  
give you peace, and raise you up,  
now, and on the Last Day. C: **Amen.**

HYMN: “*Now All the Vault of Heaven*” ..... # **367**  
(w/ Ensemble)

### DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

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#### **Our thanks to guest musicians:**

10:30 Ensemble directed by Bobby Wendt:  
Kevin Haug, Jr, Kaylee Haug, Alicia Elrod, Mitchell Jones,  
Dawna Haug, Thomas Flink, Brianna Cruz

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Thank you for worshipping today!