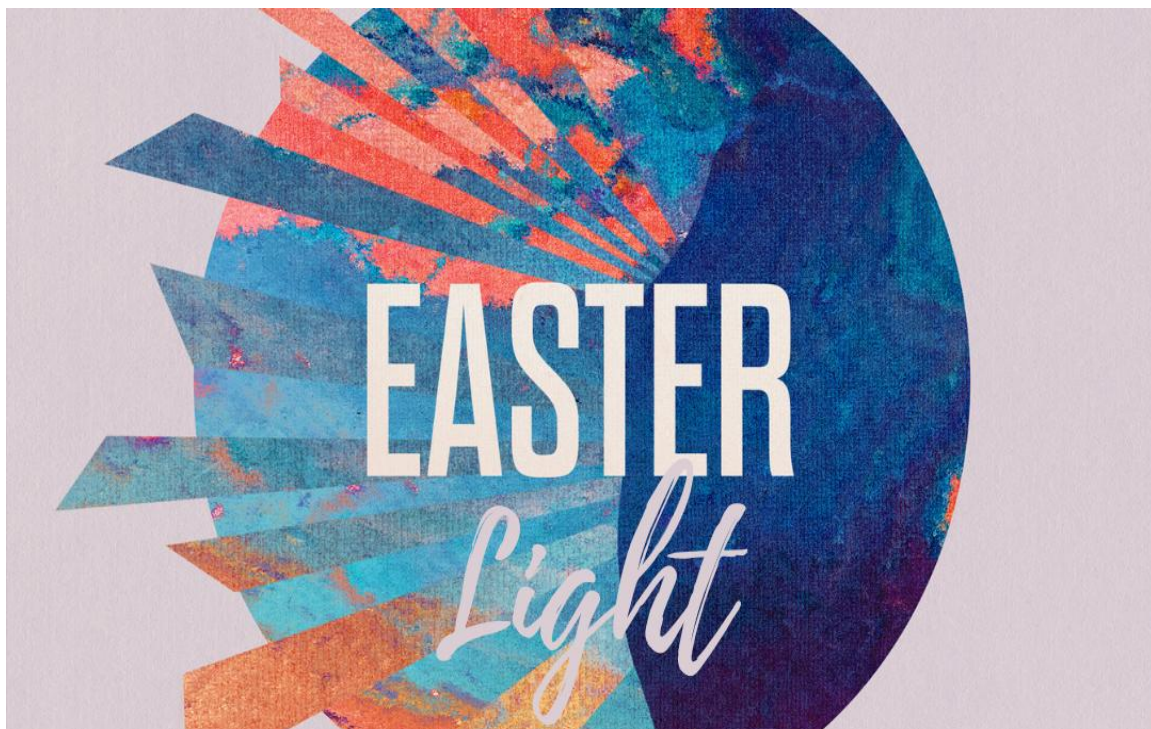




Bethlehem Lutheran Church & Early Childhood Center



Easter Vigil

April 19, 2025

5 PM

Welcome to Bethlehem!

We hope you feel a warm welcome here at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Please visit our website at www.blcenc.org for more information about the congregation. If you are visiting with us, please fill out an information card and place it in the offering basket so we can stay connected.

CHILDREN

All children are welcome in the sanctuary for worship at Bethlehem. If you prefer, there is a comfort room at the back of the sanctuary. Busy bags are available in the narthex.

COMMUNION

We practice **open communion**, meaning all are welcome to participate. We commune by intinction where the pastor dips the bread into a divided chalice with white wine or red grape juice. There is a gluten-free station on the left side of the sanctuary. We are happy to bring communion to individuals with limited mobility.

PARTICIPATION & ACCESSIBILITY

The different movements that happen during worship (sitting, standing, making the sign of the cross) are all optional; please engage as you are comfortable or able. Hearing assistance devices are located at the back of the sanctuary. If you, or someone you know, identify as neurodivergent and have questions about how to participate in worship or in one of our church ministries, please feel free to ask either the pastors or the church office for help.

PRAYER

In addition to the pastors and vicar, our Stephen Ministers are always available to pray with you about whatever is on your heart this day. Please look for the folks wearing a blue name tag with the Stephen Ministry logo. Healing prayer stations are available during communion on the second Sunday of each month.



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THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

WELCOME

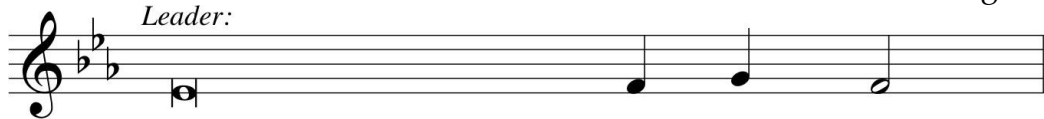
THE NEW FIRE & LIGHTING OF THE EASTER CANDLE

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

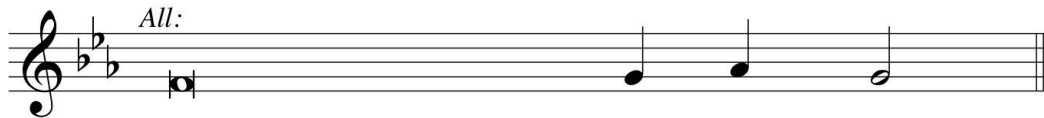
The congregation receives the light of Christ.

GATHERING HYMN

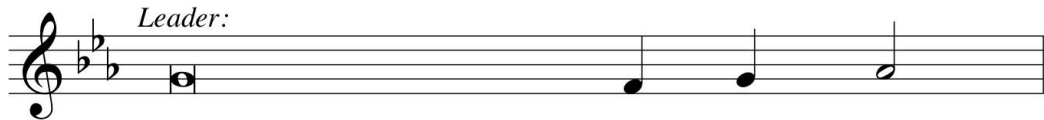
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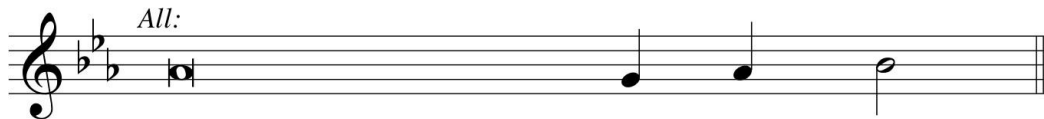
Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world;



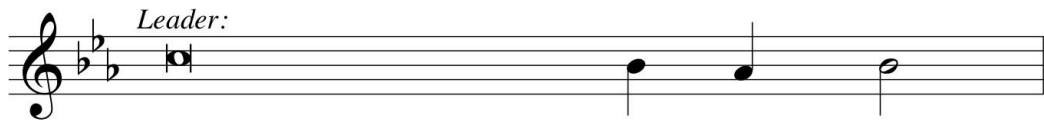
the light no darkness can o - ver - come;



Stay with us now, for it is evening,



and the day is al - most over.



Let your light scat - ter the darkness,



and shine within your peo - ple here. —

All: a tempo



1. Joy - ous light of heav - 'nly glo - ry, lov - ing
2. In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the
3. You who made the heav - en's splen - dor, ev - 'ry



glow of God's own face, you who sing cre - a - tion's
blaz - ing sun of dawn, in the light of peace and
danc - ing star of night, make us shine with gen - tle



sto - ry, shine on ev - 'ry land and race. Now as
wis - dom, we can hear your qui - et song. Love that
jus - tice, let us each re - flect your light. Might - y



eve - ning falls a - round us, we shall raise our songs to
fills the night with won - der, love that warms the wea - ry
God of all cre - a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our



you, God of day - break, God of shad - ows, come and
soul, Love that bursts all chains a - sun - der, set us
way, Lov - ing Spir - it of sal - va - tion, lead us



light our hearts a - new. _____
free and make us whole. _____
on to end - less day. _____

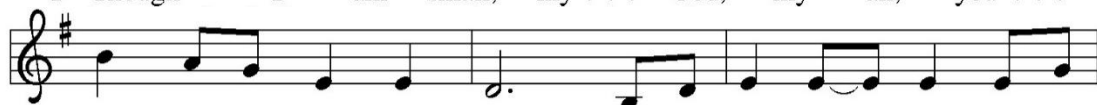
COMMITTAL SERVICE

HYMN OF RISING

Canticle of the Turning – ELW 723



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.

Refrain



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

THE SERVICE OF THE READINGS

WORD OF HOPE

Isaiah 9:1-7

SONG

The Right Hand of God – ELW 889



1 The right hand of God is writ - ing in our land,
2 The left hand of God is point - ing in our land,
4 The right hand of God is heal - ing in our land,



writ - ing with pow - er and with love,
point - ing the way . . . we must go,
heal - ing bro - ken bod - ies, minds, and souls,



our con - flicts and our fears, our tri - umphs and our tears
so cloud - ed is the way, so eas - i - ly we stray,
so won - drous is its touch with love that means so much,



are re - cord - ed by the right hand of God.
but we're guid - ed by the left hand of God.
when we're healed by the right hand of God.

WORD OF BLESSING

Genesis 32:22-31

WORD OF LIGHT

Matthew 5:13-16

SONG

This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine! (x3)

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

CHILDREN'S TIME

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD FOR EASTER

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah – ELW 172



Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

GOSPEL FOR THE FESTIVAL OF THE RESURRECTION

Luke 24:1-12

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

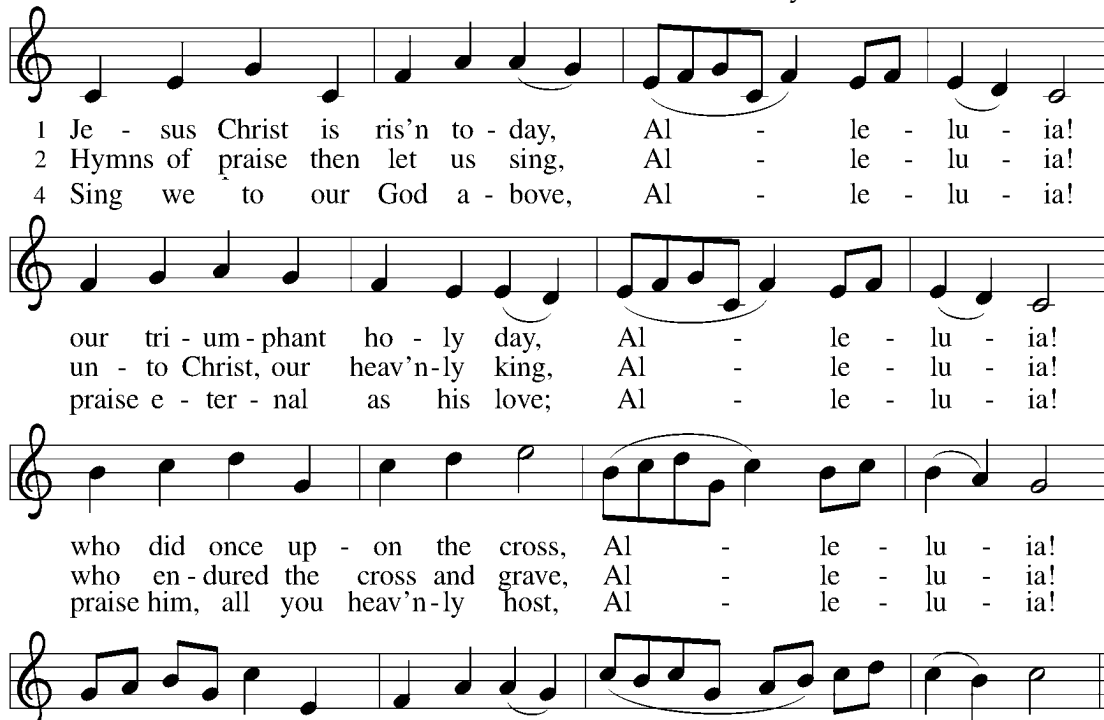
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Laura Ziehl

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus Christ is Risen Today – ELW 365 vs. 1, 2, & 4



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Delaney Quinn Ross

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always, **C: And also with you!**

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Hallelujah! Resurrection Day” – World Music Ensemble

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ELW pg. 112

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.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

“We Are Your Soil” by David R. Weiss

To the tune of ELW 525



1. Who are we? Lord we are yours! We are marked for – ev – er – more

2. Who are we? Lord we are yours! We are bap – tized at the font,



By the cross and by the word. In our hearts we've been stirred.
Wat – er splash-ing on our face, Marked for – ev – er by grace.



Dark-ness round us still we sing; to the pro-mise still we cling.
Gay and straight we sing your praise. Bi and trans, our voi – ces raise.



Wait-ing for the co-ming dawn; so – lid rock turned to song.
To the feast you bid us dine; wel-come bread, wel-come wine.

Refrain:



We are good soil; we are your soil.



Sow your just – ice in Christ's bo – dy still to – day!



Let com – pass – ion fill our lives lord.



Rocks and stones now, Sing ho – san – na to our God!

Light Dawns on a Weary World – ELW 726

1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
 2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
 3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -

see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
 bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
 lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a

wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.

Refrain

The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;
 the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!
 We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,
 as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN “Ev’rybody Has a Light to Shine” – World Music Ensemble

Ev’rybody has a light to shine!

DISMISSAL L: Go in peace. Christ is risen! C: **He is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

All Are Welcome!

We live in a diverse world. We are hurting, broken and heavy hearted. We are loving, joyous, and above all, we are welcoming. Regardless of the color of your skin, or the color of your hair; regardless of your gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, relationship status, or political affiliation, you are welcome here. We honor indigenous people and are committed to the work of anti-racism and the stewardship of the creation.

If you are Buddhist, Roman Catholic, agnostic, Muslim, Jewish, seeking, have never set foot in a church, or are a life long Lutheran; you have a place here. If you own, rent, or have nothing at all; you are welcome here. If you are neurodivergent, fully abled, disabled, or a person of differing abilities; if you have regrets, fears, addictions, or afflictions; you have a place here.

All who are wise and all who are confused, all who have found love and all who have lost it, all who celebrate this welcome statement and all who fear it - are welcome here.

Come as you are and be celebrated for who you are. Your place is here. Bethlehem Lutheran is an All are Welcome church.



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