

**Sunday April 14, 2024**

**Third Sunday in Easter**



**BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MALMO**

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***MISSION STATEMENT***

*We will LIVE and SERVE through FAITH  
we will ACT with LOVE and KINDNESS  
we will GIVE hope and SUPPORT to all.*

**Hearing Assistance is available during the service.**

**Please notify usher if you would like assistance**

**CALL TO WORSHIP: “Come Now Is the Time to Worship”** CCLI#2430948

***Chorus***

Come, now is the time to worship.  
Come, now is the time to give your heart.  
Come, just as you are to worship.  
Come, just as you are before your God, come.

One day every tongue will confess You are God.  
One day every knee will bow.  
Still the greatest treasure remains  
For those who gladly choose You now. ***Chorus***

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For those who gladly choose You now. ***Chorus***

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER & CARE LIST:**

**JOIN THE CHOIR!** The choir has started singing the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month. Practice is on Tuesday nights @ 5:30pm and Praise Team practice at 6:30pm. All are welcome to join the choir!

**LECTORS NEEDED** we need lectors for weekly Sunday readings. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the Narthex heading into the Fellowship Hall and include the weekly readings.

**COFFEE SERVERS NEEDED** Please sign up so we may continue to enjoy coffee & fellowship after service. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board mounted in fellowship hall next to the serving window. We could use more cookies for the freezer.

**WELCA MEETING** on Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. All women of the church are welcome to attend!

**LET’S GO FISHING RAFFLE BASKET** Is available to buy chances on. Check out the fishing items in the bucket in the Fellowship Hall (assorted snacks like chips, pretzels, sardines, oysters & assorted libations to keep you happy. Bucket includes tackle and a \$25 gift certificate to Glen Meats). \$1/ticket. Enter as many times as you like. Must be over 21 to enter.

**CHRISTIAN WOMEN’S CLUB** Meeting on April 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm at Tulibee Tavern (formerly Wahkon Inn). Lunch & Speaker \$15.75. Call Lois Johnson for reservations: 320 674-0136. For more information see the poster on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

<b>THIS WEEK AT Bethesda</b>		<b>April 15, 2024 – April 21, 2024</b>	
Monday	4/15	10:00 am	Council Meeting
		11:30 am	Card Players
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	4/16	9:00 am	Chair Yoga
		5:30 am	Choir Practice
Wednesday	4/17	9:00-4:00 pm	WIC
		9:00 am	Women’s Bible Study
		10:00 am	WELCA
Thursday	4/18	8:00 am	ROMEOS
		9:15 am	Chair Yoga
		12:30 pm	Christian Women’s Club
Sunday	4/21	9:00 am	Worship in Person & Live Stream

**OPENING HYMN: “Shine Jesus Shine” CCLI #30426**

*(Please Stand on the last Chorus)*

Lord, the light of Your love is shining,  
 in the midst of darkness shining,  
 Jesus, Light of the world, shine up on us,  
 set us free by the truth You now bring us.  
 Shine on me, shine on me.

**CHORUS**

Shine Jesus shine; fill this land with the Father’s glory.  
 Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
 Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.  
 Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness,  
 so our faces display Your likeness.  
 Ever changing from glory to glory,  
 mirrored here may our lives tell Your story.  
 Shine on me, shine on me. **CHORUS**

## **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

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

**Amen.**

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the flood-gates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people.

We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Holy and righteous God,*

**you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**PRAISE TEAM ANTHEM: "Glorious Day"**

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## SCRIPTURE

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### **FIRST READING: Acts 3:12-19**

<sup>12</sup>[Peter] addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?<sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

<sup>17</sup>“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God**

### **PSALM: Psalm 4**

<sup>1</sup> Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

<sup>2</sup> **“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?”**

<sup>3</sup> Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; the LORD will hear me when I call.

<sup>4</sup> **Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence up on your bed.**

<sup>5</sup> Offer the appointed sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

<sup>6</sup> **Many are saying, “Who will show us any good?” Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.**

<sup>7</sup> You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine abound.

<sup>8</sup> **In peace, I will lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.**

**SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God**

**GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b-48**

**Glory to You, O Lord**

<sup>36b</sup>Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence.

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations,

beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things.”

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

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: “Alleluia! Jesus is Risen”**

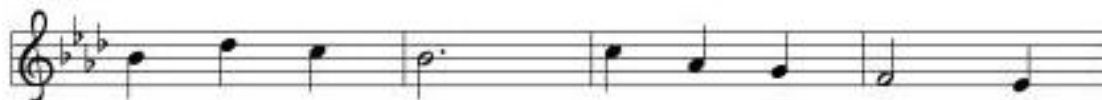
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1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!  
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter  
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;  
4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, he si - lent:  
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



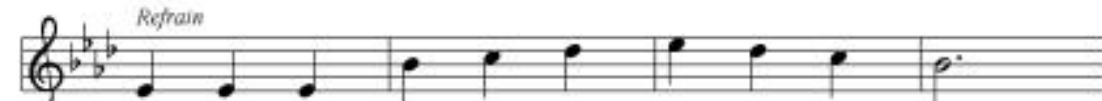
Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!  
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;  
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;  
death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.  
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!  
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:  
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,  
Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!  
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.  
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.  
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.  
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

**APOSTLES' CREED**

## **PRAYERS of INTERCESSION**

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 brief silence.*

O God our holy one, you feed our deepest hungers. As we share the holy meal that is the body and blood of Jesus given for us, lead us to share all that we have, and find, in generosity, abundant life. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

O God our creator, you bring forth all life on earth. Calm storms, bring water to parched places, and protect the climate, that this planet would sustain life in all its variety. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

O God our savior, you offer wisdom and guidance beyond all human knowledge. Instruct lawmakers, judges, and elected officials to make decisions grounded in your justice and care for all people. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

O God our elder, you care for all your children. Encourage those who are in times of transition, facing the loss of old ways and routines and anticipating change. Guide those who journey in grief, hope, and uncertainty (*especially*). God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

O God our center, you bring all people together in you. Help us to remember our identity and purpose in our ministry (*ministry context may be named*). Move us to love our neighbors as ourselves and to share in beloved community. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

O God our resting place, your Son Jesus promised that we are held in your love forever. We remember our beloved who have died (*especially*). As we remember and share their love, comfort those who mourn. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

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.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please be seated for the passing of the offering plate*

**OFFERING** - *Please stand as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.*

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

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.**

**Amen.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **INVITATION to COMMUNION**

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.

Come and eat at God's table.

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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. Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ✝ bless you now and always.

**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN: “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” #674 ELW**



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:  
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,  
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.  
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!



*Refrain*  
Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

**DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**Thanks be to God Alleluia!**

*Visitors! It has been great having you join us for worship!  
Please come again.*

**THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK**

Ushers: Mark & Mary Vukelich

Greeters: Wally & Bev Swenson

Lector: Darlene Christensen

Hospitality: Janice & Wayne Olson.

***Thank you for your service!***

Response to God's Word Last Week

Sunday, April 7, 2024: In Person: 9:00am 63 Online: 14