



BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH, LONG BEACH
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 11, 2025

PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

LSB 821



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans Are we the
5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the

scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the
left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! He is
scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the

tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.
near us; Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.
tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.

Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der
Though the cloud from sight re - ceived Him When the
Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der

like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of
for - ty days were o'er, Shall our hearts for -
like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of

ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood."
get His prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?
ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood."

EASTER ACCLAMATION:

- L**: Christ is Risen!
P: **He is Risen Indeed!**
L: Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.
P: **Alleluia!**

INVOCATION:

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

P: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us of all unrighteousness.**

L: Shepherd and guardian of our souls we confess to You,

P: **that like sheep we have gone astray, and we have turned to our own way. At times Lord we have accidentally left the path that is narrow for the attraction of that which simple; on occasions we have chosen to wander into territory where we know temptation is great; and we have even intentionally pursued that which You have forbidden. For the sake of the Lamb of God, slain for us, forgive us our sins, place us on Your shoulders and restore us to Yourself. Amen.**

L: In the mercy of God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. May God who has begun His good work in you, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

O God of peace, You brought from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the very Lamb of God, The Great and Good Shepherd of Your sheep. By the blood of the eternal covenant make us, Your fold and flock, to work in Your ways, delight in Your will, and work that which is pleasing in Your sight, to the glory of His holy name. amen.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: "Great Gettin' Up Mornin'"

Men's Chorus 9:30

PSALM 23 *(read responsively)*

L: The Lord is my shepherd;

P: **I shall not want.**

L: He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

P: **He leadeth me beside the still waters.**

L: He restoreth my soul:

P: **He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.**

L: Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:

P: **for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.**

L: Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

P: **Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.**

L: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

P: **and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. –KJV®**

SONG OF PRAISE: “Christ is Risen”

Verse 1

Let no one caught in sin remain
Inside the lie of inward shame
But fix our eyes upon the cross
And run to Him who showed great love
And bled for us
Freely You've bled for us

Chorus

Christ is risen from the dead
Trampling over death by death
Come awake come awake
Come and rise up from the grave
Christ is risen from the dead
We are one with Him again
Come awake come awake
Come and rise up from the grave

Verse 2

Beneath the weight of all our sin
You bowed to none but heaven's will
No scheme of hell no scoffer's crown
No burden great can hold You down
In strength You reign
Forever let Your church proclaim

Bridge

O death where is your sting
O hell where is your victory
O church come stand in the light
The glory of God has defeated the night
Singing O death where is your sting
O hell where is your victory
O church come stand in the light
Our God is not dead He's alive He's alive

FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-12

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when He was taken up, after He had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom He had chosen. He presented Himself alive to them after His suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

And while staying with them He ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, He said, “you heard from Me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

So when they had come together, they asked Him, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by His own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." And when He had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took Him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as He went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw Him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away.-ESV®

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: **"Great Gettin' Up Mornin'"**
 ~Donald Moore

Men's Chorus 8:00

“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)” “Shout to the Lord”

Bethany K-2 9:30

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

8:00 & 9:30

GOSPEL: *John 10:22-30*

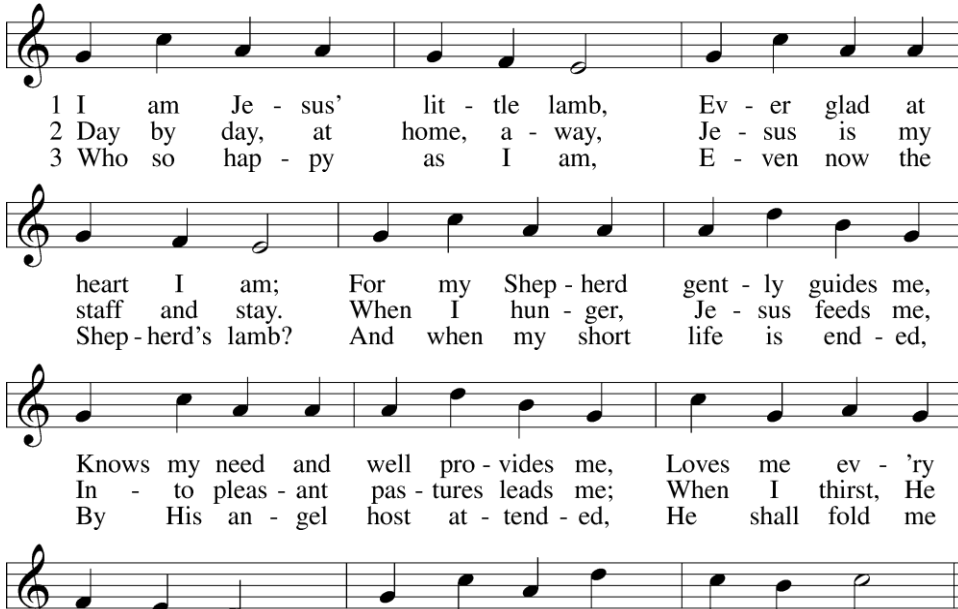
The Festival of the Dedication of the Temple took place in Jerusalem during the winter. Jesus was walking on Solomon's porch in the temple courtyard.

The Jews surrounded Him. They asked Him, “How long will You keep us in suspense? If You are the Messiah, tell us plainly.”

Jesus answered them, “I’ve told you, but you don’t believe Me. The things that I do in My Father’s name testify on My behalf. However, you don’t believe because you’re not My sheep. My sheep respond to My voice, and I know who they are. They follow Me, and I give them eternal life. They will never be lost, and no one will tear them away from Me. My Father, who gave them to Me, is greater than everyone else, and no one can tear them away from My Father. The Father and I are one.”—GW®

SERMON HYMN/SONG: "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"

LSB 740



1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at
2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my
3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the

heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,
staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,
Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,

Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry
In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He
By His an - gel host at - tend - ed, He shall fold me

day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.
bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.
to His breast, There with - in His arms to rest.

MESSAGE**SONG OF THE DAY: "Is He Worthy"****Verse 1**

Do you feel the world is broken—We do
Do you feel the shadows deepen—We do
But do you know that all the dark
Won't stop the light from getting through—We do
Do you wish that you could see it all made new—We do

Verse 2

Is all creation groaning—It is
Is a new creation coming—It is
Is the glory of the Lord
To be the light within our midst—It is
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this—It is

Chorus 1

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's Root
And the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
Is He worthy—Is He worthy
Of all blessing and honor and glory
Is He worthy of this—He is

Verse 3

Does the Father truly love us—He does
Does the Spirit move among us—He does
And does Jesus our Messiah
Hold forever those He loves—He does
Does our God intend to dwell again with us—He does

Chorus 2

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's Root
And the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
From ev'ry people and tribe every nation and tongue
He has made us a kingdom and priests
To God to reign with the Son
Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
Of all blessing and honor and glory
Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
Is He worthy of this—He is

Ending

Is He worthy
Is He worthy
He is
He is

NICENE CREED: (* catholic means the universal Christian Church)

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy *catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

OFFERING: *There is a plate in the Narthex for your gifts. If you so desire, TEXT GIVING is available by texting GIVE to 562 210-0463. You can also mail in your gifts to the church office.*

CONSECRATION OF GIFTS:

L: Eternal is the gift He brings, May these our gifts bring hearts to sing:
P: **Christ has triumphed! He is living! Alleluia!**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER:

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.

***** For our 8:00 & 11:00 a.m. worshippers, the service continues on page 11 with Announcements.**

***** For our 9:30 a.m. worshippers, the service continues with the Celebration of Holy Communion:**

✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Bethany in the joyful confession that our Lord gives us His very Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins in this sacrament. God intends this gift for His children who recognize their sin, trust in Christ as their Savior, desire to live for Him alone and join in this joyful confession.

To prepare for communion you can find prayer prompts on the front page of the burgundy hymnal. Or simply pray: "Dear Lord Jesus, at Your gracious invitation, You invite me to come to You; to eat and drink Your holy body and blood as You Yourself have promised to give in this sacred meal. Forgive me of my sin, through this Your meal of Forgiveness. Let me experience the fullness of Your love, through this Your meal of love. Strengthen my faith, through this meal of Yours that calls for and bestows faith. Empower me to live for You, through this Your meal that promises life everlasting and equips me for daily living as one who has received You and Your gifts. Amen."

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*For those communing, who so desire, center cups in each tray are alcohol free.
The wafers next to the Christ candle are gluten free.
for those with dietary restrictions, please take a gluten free wafer.*

In our 9:30 a.m. service we will practice the Easter tradition of continuous communion. We will not kneel at the altar, rather we will join the procession of saints and come forward and remain standing as we receive the bread and wine. After receiving the elements, you are invited to return to your seat and continue in meditation, prayer and song.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

“Faithful”

Verse 1

We had chosen the kings of this world
All the glory and glitter and gold
Though our kingdoms fell down
We keep asking for crowns
We'd reject you to sell our own souls

Verse 2

When you showed us the wonders we wanted
We laid palms down and shouted your praise
But when you weren't the king
That we thought you should be
We mocked you and spat in your face

Chorus

You are faithful faithful
Though your people turn away
You are faithful faithful
You are faithful every day

Verse 3

When you gave us the choice we took Caesar
And set a murderer free
We put nails in your hands nails in your feet
Then we hung you to die on a tree

Verse 4

When like Thomas it's hard to imagine
And we still want to see to believe
You don't scoff at our doubts
You hold your hands out
All your kingdom is ours to receive

Tag

You are faithful every day
You are faithful every day

“Father Welcomes”

LSB 605

Refrain



Fa - ther wel-comes all His chil - dren To His fam - 'ly



through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,



Life for - ev - er has been won.



1 Lit - tle chil-dren, come to Me, For My king - dom
2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, In His prom - ise,
3 Let us dai - ly die to sin; Let us dai - ly



is of these. Life and love I have to give,
be as - sured: Those who are bap - tized and be - lieve
rise with Him, Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,



Mer - cy for your sin.
Shall be born a - gain.
Live in the peace of God.

Refrain

PRAYERS

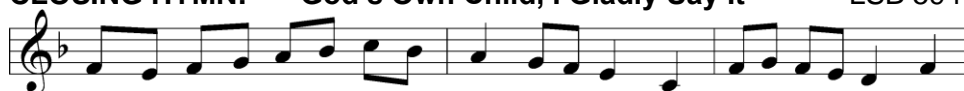
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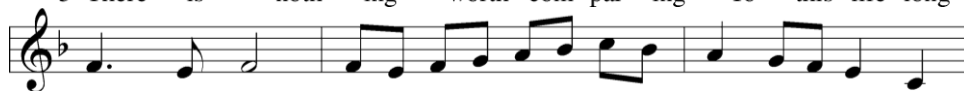
[L]: Now the God of peace Himself keep you blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it! Go in peace.

CLOSING HYMN: "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"

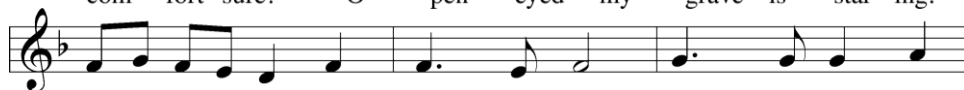
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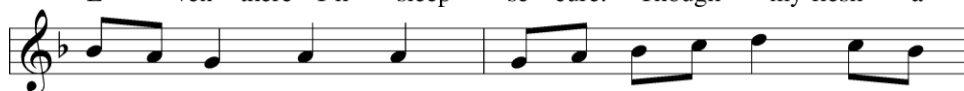
1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap-tized
 2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap-tized
 3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap-tized
 4 Death, you can - not end my glad-ness: I am bap-tized
 5 There is noth - ing worth com-par - ing To this life-long



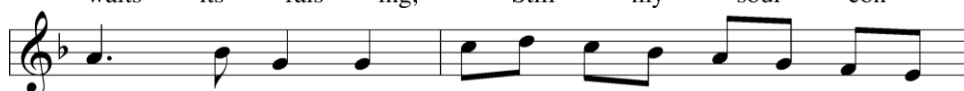
in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it,
 in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong-er:
 in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion,
 in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness
 com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing:



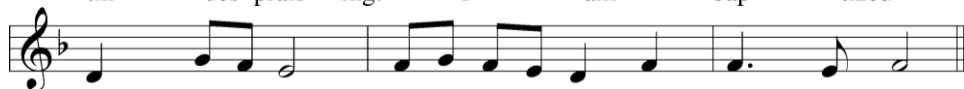
Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's
 Je - sus' cleans - ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y
 I am not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the
 To in - her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in
 E - ven there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a -



trea - sures man - y? I have one worth
 con - science seize me Since my Bap - tism
 font I've trav - eled, All your might has
 dust and ash - es Faith's as - sur - ance
 waits its rais - ing, Still my soul con -



more than an - y That brought me sal -
 did re - lease me In a dear for -
 come un - rav - eled, And, a - gainst your -
 bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the
 tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized



va - tion free Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!
 giv - ing flood, Sprin - kling me with Je - sus' blood?
 tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!
 strength di - vine To make life im - mor - tal mine.
 in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!

POSTLUDE:



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SERVING GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

Acolyte 8:00...Conner Cleven

Crucifer 8:00...Penelope Cleven

Acolyte 9:30...Liam Quitoriano

Crucifer 9:30...Henry Cerulle

Lector 8:00..Matt Ruiz

Lector 9:30..John Holmquist

Lector 11:00..Les Friend

Preacher...Pastor Kevin Kritzer

Director of Music and Worship Arts...Noah Freeman

Artist in Residence...Blake Flattley

Accompanist...Kevin Bowers

Children's Message...Kayleigh Lopez

Sound...Felix Rivera, Jon Widmann



Today's Flowers are given to the glory of God:

~Celebrating 8 years of Marriage for Rick and Nicky Oliver ~

~by The Oliver Family



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Bethany Lutheran Church

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FOUNDATION

New constitution
and by-laws
approved by Voters.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS: ELECTED LEADERSHIP

- 7 elected members
- Spring annual elections
- **Spring 2026** – alternating elections of 2-3 members for 3-year terms



SERVANT LEADER TEAMS (FORMERLY "BOARDS")

- Team chairs and co-chairs appointed by Board of Directors
- Team member opportunities:



Spiritual Life



Finance



Facilities



Schools



**Cypress Mission
and Ministry**



TASK FORCES

Definition: a group
that comes together
for a specific
purpose/task.

- Could be *weekly* (count offerings, deliver flowers)
- Could be *annually* for an event (OktoBEARfest or Operation Christmas Child)
- Could be an *ongoing* ministry group

A Task Force can be formed by a staff member or congregation members who see a need, have a desire to serve and have a staff member or member of BoD for support.



DATES & OPPORTUNITIES

- **June 8 Voter's Meeting:** Budget Approval and Board Elections
 - Nominations close May 25
 - Six current Board members willing to stand for re-election

Interested in serving on the Board of Directors? Contact any current Board member:

- Joey Cerulle
- Bob Lange
- Bob Petrillo
- Josette Utke
- Jeremy O'Conner
- John Holmquist