

Bethlehem Lutheran Church



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Fifth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 28, 2024

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Worship at 8:30 and 10:45 AM
Sunday School & Youth Group 9:45-10:30 AM
Bible Study 10:00-10:30 AM - in fellowship hall
Holy Communion is celebrated 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

WELCOME to all of our visitors today. If you're here for the first time or as a returning guest, we are pleased to be able to worship with you today. The order of service and songs will be projected. An outline of the service is printed in your bulletin. Please sign the Fellowship Register on the aisle side of your pew. Then pass it to others in your pew.

~ COMING UP AT BETHLEHEM ~

Today is Daycare Sunday and the last day of Sunday school before summer break! - Thank you to the children of Little Star Daycare for their songs. Thank you to our faithful Sunday school teachers for their dedication to our children. Following the late service join us for hot dogs and an ice cream sundae bar hosted by the Christian Ed Team and Daycare Staff.

Facebook Devotions - Tues., April 30th at 9:00 am.

Prayer Group - Tues., April 30th at 10:00 am, in the prayer chapel.

Supper - Wed., May 1st at 5:30 pm in the fellowship hall.

Confirmation - Wed., May 1st at 6:00 pm. All Star Jeopardy!

Next Sunday, May 5th - Confirmation Day. Worship with Communion at 8:30 am. NO Bible Study. Worship with Communion and the Rite of Confirmation at 10:45 am. The congregation is welcome to join us as we celebrate four students' affirmation of faith. Next Sunday is also Pack the Pantry Sunday. Suggested items for this month include **paper products** (such as paper towel, toilet paper, and Kleenex) and **personal care items** (such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, hand soap / body wash, and deodorant).

~ CAKE ROLLS ~

Little Star Daycare has started a new fund-raiser: cake rolls, available in chocolate, pumpkin, red velvet, lemon, carrot, and strawberry cheesecake. The proceeds from this sale will help develop a new outdoor play space for our infants and toddlers.

Cake rolls will be available to sample today after worship. Order forms will be available through May 9, and delivery is set for Tuesday, May 28.

~ ANNUAL WALK FOR HUNGER NYRE YOU ~

Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 11. Registration at 9 am, walk at 10 am. We are accepting individual items, gift cards, services, themed gift baskets, etc. for our silent auction. Donations can be dropped off in the church office. Contact Jennie Childs at jennie.childs@thrivent.com or Karen Keehn at carlkeehn@charter.net with questions. More information is in the April newsletter. Watch for sign up sheets and more information to come.

~ WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS ~

Some Ushers and Readers are still needed for May. The June schedule is also ready and on the secretary's desk. Consider serving as an usher, greeter, or reader. Contact Charleen in the church office if you have questions; 715-832-9953 extension 2 or blcsecretary@gmail.com.

~ MISSION OF THE MONTH: DAILY BREAD ~

Every dollar you give at Sunday morning fellowship in April will support a new mission effort at Bethlehem called Daily Bread.

This program has been designed to help anyone in the congregation with groceries, gas, rent, or other basic necessities. If you would like to make an additional donation to the fund, contribute a gift card to the cause, or want more information, please contact Pastor Tim. More details are in the April newsletter.

~ UPDATE ON LAURA GARBISCH ~

Surgery on April 16th went well, doctors feel they removed the complete tumor. Laura came home to her parent's house on Friday, April 19th. She is resting and recuperating well. Thank you for your support and your prayers!

~ CAREGIVER SESSIONS ~

The Aging & Disability Resource Center is sponsoring a skills fair for families who are caring for someone with dementia. It will be from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. **Thursday, May 9**, at Jacob's Well in Chippewa Falls and will teach practical skills such as managing medications, oral care, bathing and dressing, equipment, and other topics. Register by May 2 at www.adrcevents.org or call 715-839-4735.

~ THE UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONAL ~

The May - June issue is available in the narthex resource center.

~ COMMUNION POLICY ~

At Bethlehem, we believe that the Lord's Supper is more than a remembrance and more than a ritual. We believe that Jesus Christ Himself is truly present, and that this meal strengthens our relationship with Him and with each other.

If you believe that God loves you, that He gave His only Son, Jesus, to die for you, that through Jesus' death and resurrection your sins are forgiven, and that the body and blood of Jesus are truly present in the bread and wine in a supernatural way, then we welcome you to join us as we celebrate the Lord's Supper.

If you have not been instructed in the Lutheran faith, if you doubt any of those statements above, or if you have a confession different than the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet you desire to receive this sacrament, we encourage you to speak with the pastor.

Gluten-free wafers and nonalcoholic wine are available for the Lord's Supper. Simply let the pastor or elder know if you would like to receive them.

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP: Amy Farnham; Laura Garbisch; Lesley Kentgen; Sharon Stelter; Mike Theiste; Janet Viellieux; Kendra Drake; Becca Roth; Judy Meznarich (Arlene Christ's daughter); Barb Erickson; and Little Star Daycare, Daily Bread, Scenic Hills Youth Ranch, Feed a Child Nyre You, and the pastors and congregations of the North Wisconsin District.

For additional prayers for the Bethlehem family, see the upcoming May newsletter.

If you or a member you know of has been hospitalized or moved to a care facility please notify the church office so we can share their whereabouts with the church family.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS!

	<u>Today</u>		<u>Next Sun., May 5, 2024</u>	
	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>10:45 AM</u>	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>10:45 AM</u>
ELDER:	n/a	n/a	Jeff Gilles	Mike Smith
USHER:	Brett Grunewald	Jason Lenberg	Rod Graff	Randy Schamberger
ACOLYTE:	Grant Grunewald	Victoria Lenberg	Victoria Lenberg	Briana Leis
GREETERS:	Mark & Lori Olson	Tom & Carol Sippel	Karen Simonson	TBD
READER(S):	Lori Olson	Pastor Tim	TBD	Matthew Bucki Jayden Leis
TECH:	Sully Vargo	Sully Vargo	Jim & Sandy Casetta	Jim & Sandy Casetta
MUSIC:	Dan Molitor	Dan Molitor	Amanda Bradley	Heather Krause
ALTAR GUILD:	n/a		Kegan & Anna Fassler	

FELLOWSHIP TREATS today are provided by Mark & Lori Olson.

A signup sheet to serve at a future service can be found in the kitchen serving area. Talk to LeAnne Hohman if you'd like to supply treats but can't serve.

Attendance Last Week at Bethlehem:

Sunday, April 21, 2024 8:30 am - 76 | 10:45 am - 74

Signing the Fellowship Register in your pew each time you attend a worship service and indicating if you receive the Lord's Supper helps us keep accurate records, and generate reports directly from our computer data base for our own use, as well as synod reporting. Sign for every member of your family and pass the book to others near you who perhaps have not signed or can't easily reach a book.

The God of the Second Chance

Jonah 2:10-3:10

A Story of Turnarounds

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time.
(Jonah 3:1)

No One Too Far Gone

“Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger.” *(Jonah 3:8-9)*

No Mistake Too Big

Again Jesus said, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He answered, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Take care of my sheep.” *(John 21:16)*

No Mission Too Impossible

Jesus said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.” *(Matthew 19:26)*

Jonah 2:10-3:10

The Old Testament Reading

And the LORD commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you."

Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very important city—a visit required three days. On the first day, Jonah started into the city. He proclaimed: "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overturned." The Ninevites believed God. They declared a fast, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust. Then he issued a proclamation in Nineveh:

"By the decree of the king and his nobles:

Do not let any man or beast, herd or flock, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink.

But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish."

When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he had compassion and did not bring upon them the destruction he had threatened.

Ephesians 2:1-10

The New Testament Reading

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions — it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God — not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

John 21:1-9, 15-17

The Gospel Reading

Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Tiberias. It happened this way: Simon Peter, Thomas (called Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. "I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?"

"No," they answered.

He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread. . . .

When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me more than these?"

"Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."

Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me?"

He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."

The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my sheep."