



BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

EASTER FESTIVAL

SERVING YOU TODAY

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday: Join with us as we use
The Divine Service, *Rite Two*,
starting on page 60, with modifications.
*(Please follow along in the hymnal
or above the altar as announced)*

Rise! Rise to Hear the Good News: He is risen!
He is Risen indeed!



HYMNS

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*Jesus Christ Is
Risen Today*

*Gloria in
Excelsis*

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*He Is Arisen!
Glorious Word!*

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*Like the Golden
Sun Ascending*

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*Death Is Dead,
The True Life
Liveth*

INTROIT: When I awake, I am still with You. Alleluia! You have laid Your hand upon Me. Alleluia! Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, it is high, I cannot attain it. Alleluia! O Lord, You have searched me and known me, You have known my sitting down and my rising up.

COLLECT: Lord God, heavenly Father, You delivered Your Son for our offenses, and raised Him again for our justification: We beseech You, grant us Your Holy Spirit, that He may rule and govern us according to Your will; graciously keep us in the true faith, defend us from all sins, and after this life raise us to eternal life; through the same, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ² and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. ³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then He appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (ESV)

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that He raised Christ, whom He did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵ For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

1 Corinthians 15:11-26 (ESV)

GRADUAL: Alleluia! Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us. Alleluia!

GOSPEL LESSON

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Him. ² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³ And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” ⁴ And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. ⁵ And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶ And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. ⁷ But go, tell His disciples and Peter that He is going before you to Galilee. There you will see Him, just as He told you.” ⁸ And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. *Mark 16:1–8 (ESV)*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

O God and Father who raised Jesus from the dead, You have crowned Him with glory and honor. All things, even death, lie under His pierced feet. Expand His Church to every aspect of our lives, even to the ends of the earth, that all may see the fullness of Your glory. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, lead Your people in Your steadfast love. Sanctify our homes. Be the companion of those who live alone. Make our households places where Your wisdom and grace are found. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Lord, Your power is over all things. Even death has become Your footstool. Reign over the might of man, and preserve us against all threats. Give wisdom to our president, our governor, all elected and appointed public servants, and all who judge or enforce the rule of law. Deliver us from pride, from the deceptions of self-sufficiency and from the use of technology without conscience or purpose. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, have mercy on the sick and those in any need [*especially _____*]. Let the dawning light of the new creation in Christ sustain them in faith. In accord with Your will, grant them renewed health — a foretaste of their eternal healing in Him. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, heavenly Father, since You have set our Savior at Your right hand, lead us to set His resurrection before us at all times, that His path of life and the fullness of joy in His presence may be known to us, until we come also to the eternal pleasures at His right hand, forevermore; for You, O Father, with the Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Easter Lilies in front of the altar this Easter Sunday are given by the congregation to the glory of God.

| BY: | DEDICATION: |
|------------------------|--|
| The Boydstun family | Elsa Verbjar Lois Metherell, Tracy Boydstun |
| Lou Caretti | Wife Donna and Loved ones in heaven |
| Dave Dahlke | blessings |
| Dennis & Dode Morrison | In memory sister Dona Tonder Parents D & M Fulton and D&D Morrison |
| Dorothy Reinhardt | loved ones in heaven |
| Amy & Isaac Sharrett | loved ones |
| Bettie West | In loving memory of my son, Matthew West |

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE GIVING YOUR OFFERING

If you find yourself using your checkbook less and less, consider these alternatives to your continued act of worship, service, trust, and sacrifice (i.e. “offering”) to the Lord:

1. Bethany has contracted with a service called “Faithstreet”.
 - a) From their website you can make a one-time-gift or set up a regular (weekly, monthly, etc.) offering. Look for a button like the one to the right of this paragraph on our church’s website or Facebook page (www.BethanyLutheranPortOrchard.org) or www.facebook.com/Bethany.Kitsap).
2. Use *Faithstreet* to give by text: Save this # to “Bethany Offerings”: **646-832-4848**. Send a text to that number with the amount you want to give as the content of the text. (i.e. “25”, twenty-five dollars will be sent to Bethany.) You will receive a link asking for a quickcode. Enter “**bethany**” and finish this setup form. (You only have to do this once.) Next time simply text the amount to the number. Your gift will be processed immediately. When you are doing your online banking, consider making your offering a part of your online bill pay (either by electronic transfer or by having your bank cut the check and send it to Bethany). This helps remedy the “forgetfulness factor.”



ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Easter season, let's come together to share God's word and love in our classrooms! Consider giving a thoughtful classroom gift that can inspire and uplift our students. Your generosity can help spread joy and faith, touching the hearts of many! Here is the faculty wish list, filled with items that will enrich our learning environment and foster a deeper connection to our values. Let's show our support and love this Easter— together, we can make a difference!

Thank you for your kindness and for being a source of light in our community!

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/lz/3NLSATNTZN1MF?ref=list_d_wl_ys_list_1&filter=unpurchased&sort=date-added&viewType=list

MEN'S RETREAT

APRIL 24-26TH at Delano Bay Christian Camp

Godly Leadership

Godly Leaders- in Marriages, Family and Church

Register online from the QR code on the bulletin outside the sanctuary.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, 4/5
The Resurrection of our Lord

SPRING BREAK
April 2-10
Office Hours Varies.
Please email Rosemary at
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SUNDAY, 4/12
Easter Two
9:00am Service
10:15am Sunday
School/Bible Class

**Due to Pastor being out of town, in the month of April, holy communion will be available 4/26, 4/27, and as arranged with him.*

2026 EVERGREEN AUCTION

AN EVENING OF SOARING GENEROSITY AND
UNFORGETTABLE VICTORIES!



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Worship Schedule: Sunday 9:00am, Monday 7:00pm.