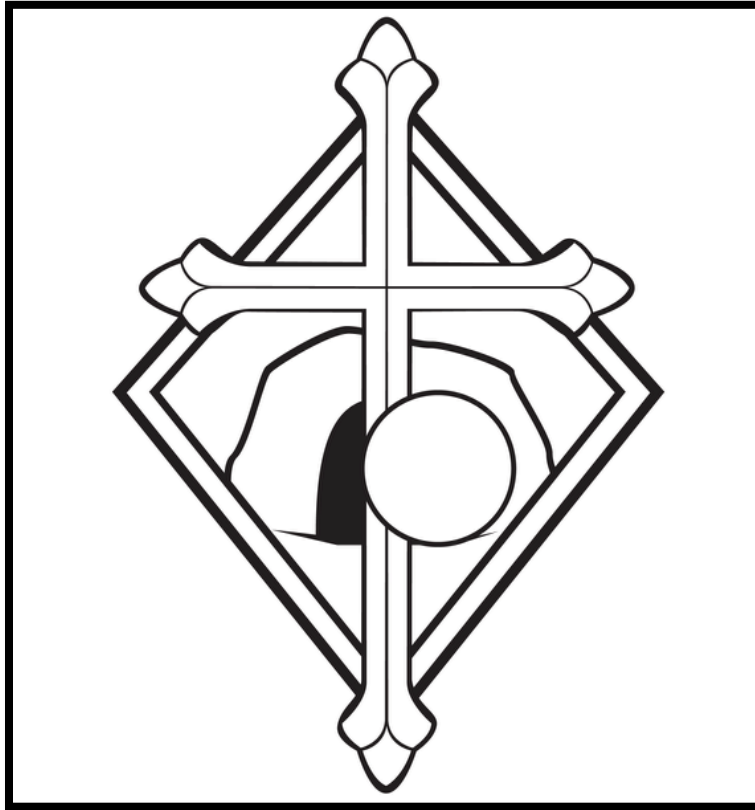

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

EASTER FOUR

April 26, 2026



SERVING YOU TODAY

Preacher Shu-Ting Lai
Organist Roberta Highfill
Acolytes Charleigh & Everett Walsh,
Kayson & Kyler Crew,
Audrey Pasillas
Elder on duty this week Larry Sharrett

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)*
Monday: The Office of Compline, pg. 128

HYMNS

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<i>I Know That My Redeemer</i>	<i>Jesus Christ Is Risen Today</i>	<i>I Know that My Redeemer Lives</i>	<i>Awake, My Heart, with Gladness</i>	<i>If Thy Beloved Son, O God</i>

INTROIT: Make a joyful shout to God, all the earth! Sing out the honor of His name, make His praise glorious. Alleluia! Say to God, “How awesome are Your works! Through the greatness of Your power Your enemies shall submit themselves to You.” All the earth shall worship You and sing praises to You.

COLLECT: Lord God, heavenly Father, of Your fatherly goodness You allow Your children to come under Your chastening rod here on earth, that we might be like Your only-begotten Son in suffering and hereafter in glory: We beseech You, comfort us by Your Holy Spirit in all temptations and afflictions, that we may not fall into despair, but that we may continually trust in Your Son’s promise, that our trials will endure but a little while, and will then be followed by eternal joy; that we thus, in patient hope, may overcome all evil, and at last obtain eternal salvation; through the same, Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON

Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. ¹² Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation. ¹³ Be subject for the Lord’s sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, ¹⁴ or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. ¹⁵ For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. ¹⁶ Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. ¹⁷ Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor. ¹⁸ Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. ¹⁹ For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. *1 Peter 2:11-20 (ESV)*

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

GOSPEL LESSON

A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.” ¹⁷ So some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father?’” ¹⁸ So they were saying, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.” ¹⁹ Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me’?” ²⁰ Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. ²¹ When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. ²² So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. ²³ In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. *John 16:16-23 (ESV)*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

In thanksgiving for God's mercies and tender care, which are new every morning, and that He would receive the offerings of our hands and voices, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For hope in the midst of this world of death and despair; that God would put His Spirit within us to believe, to live and to serve according to His promises and commands; and that He would lead our homes to confess confidence in His power to raise the dead — now and at the Last Day, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For every human institution, that according to God's will, each would exercise the authority He gives from above to punish those who do evil and praise those who do good; for good government, under which we may honor everyone, love the brotherhood and fear God; and for us, that our subjection would be offered always for Christ's sake as sojourners and exiles in this world, and that any suffering we must endure would be borne mindful of Him, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

In supplication and intercession for every need, [*especially for _____,*] asking for everything in the name of Christ, our Mediator, until the Last Day when we will ask for nothing, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

In thanksgiving for the saints who love and serve the Lord faithfully, and that God would bring us with them into the joy of His presence forevermore, wiping away the tears of His grieving people and raising us to joy in life that death cannot destroy, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

A big "thank-you" to Shu-Ting Lai for filling in today while Pastor Pittenger is out of town. Pastor will be back on Wednesday. If you need to make plans to speak to or meet with him, please email him at tonypittenger@me.com



Spring Fling!
SUNDAY, MAY 17TH AT 11:00 AM

POTLUCK STYLE
Please bring a dish of your choice to share.
No Hot Dogs provided.

CUPCAKE CONTEST
Show off your creativity and sweet skills!

RAFFLE
RAFFLE ITEMS
Everyone who comes will get a ticket!

LAWN GAMES
Bring lawn games if you have them. Some will be provided.

Food, fellowship & fun for the whole family! ♥

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CEREAL DRIVE

Join us as Bethany Lutheran Church, School, and ELC come together April 20 – May 22 to collect boxes and bags of cereal to help support the SK Helpline. Cereal donations can be placed on the tables inside the school door entrance. If you're interested in helping with a grocery store collection, please sign up and/or contact Kristen Alas for more information.

VOTERS MEETING

Men, please join us on Tuesday, May 12, at 7:00pm for a voters meeting.

LUTHERHAVEN

Mark your calendars for summer camp! Camp is for children who will be entering 4th – 8th grade. Saturday, July 11 – Thursday, July 16. Sign-ups will become available in May. If you have questions, please email lutherhaven@bethanyLES.com

YOUTH GROUP GARAGE SALE

The Youth Group will be hosting a garage sale at Bethany on Saturday, June 20, with all proceeds supporting the 2026 Lutheran Youth Convention. We are now accepting small donations. Please bring items already bagged or boxed to the office. Due to limited storage, we may not be able to accept all donations. The designated drop-off day for larger items and furniture is June 19.

We kindly ask that all donated items be in clean and good condition; gently used for clothing and toys, and fully working for electronics and accessories. Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, please contact Katie Evans or Dave Humphrey.

BETHANY LUTHERAN SCHOOL EXTENDED CARE

Vikki Skinner, who has been faithfully working in our school's extended care program for many years, is wanting to retire at the end of this school year. We are looking to hire someone for both the morning (6:15am – 8:15am) and afternoon (3:00pm – 6:30pm) shifts. Applicants may apply for both positions or just the morning or afternoon. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Principal Lai.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, 4/26 Easter Four

9:00am Worship with Communion
10:15am Bible Class/Sunday School

MONDAY, 4/27

7:00pm Worship

TUESDAY, 4/28

1:00pm Juanita's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, 4/29

8:25am Chapel

THURSDAY, 4/30

9:00am Power Hour

SATURDAY, 5/2

9:00am Men's Fellowship

SUNDAY, 5/3 Easter Five

9:00am Worship
10:15am Bible Class/Sunday School
11:15am Confirmation "B"

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