
Bethany Lutheran Church

SECOND SUNDAY IN EASTER

April 27, 2025



Come and see what God has done: He is awesome in His deeds toward the children of man. Psalm 66:5

SERVING YOU TODAY

Preacher: Pastor Anthony Pittenger

Organist: Mrs. Roberta Highfill

Acolytes: Circelli, Nantz

Elder this week: Jeremy Gracia

~Communion is offered on the
2nd and 4th Sundays & Mondays
of the month~

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 by Pastor)

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*Flowers on the Altar this week are given to the glory of God by
Annette Charrette.*

HYMNS:

345:1-4

*Christ the Lord Is
Risen Today;
Alleluia!*

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*O for a Faith That
Will Not Shrink*

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*I Know that My
Redeemer Lives*

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*Jesus Lives! The
Victory's Won*

INTROIT: As newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the Word. Alleluia! Hear, O My people, and I will admonish you, O Israel, if you would listen to Me! Sing aloud to God our strength, make a joyful shout to the God of Jacob.

COLLECT: Grant, we beseech You, almighty God, that we who have celebrated the solemnities of the Lord's resurrection, may, by the help of Your grace, bring forth the fruits thereof in our life and conduct; through the same, Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Shout for joy to God, all the earth; ² sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! ³ Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you. ⁴ All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name.” *Selah* ⁵ Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man. ⁶ He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot. There did we rejoice in him, ⁷ who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations— let not the rebellious exalt themselves. *Selah* ⁸ Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard, ⁹ who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip. ¹⁰ For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried. ¹¹ You brought us into the net; you laid a crushing burden on our backs; ¹² you let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance. ¹³ I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will perform my vows to you, ¹⁴ that which my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble. ¹⁵ I will offer to you burnt offerings of fattened animals, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats. *Selah* ¹⁶ Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for my soul. ¹⁷ I cried to him with my mouth, and high praise was on my tongue. ¹⁸ If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. ¹⁹ But truly God has listened; he has attended to the voice of my prayer. ²⁰ Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me! *Psalms 66 (ESV)*

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

GOSPEL LESSON

The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate ⁶³ and said, “Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, ‘After three days I will rise.’ ⁶⁴ Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, ‘He has risen from the dead,’ and the last fraud will be worse than the first.” ⁶⁵ Pilate said to them, “You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can.” ⁶⁶ So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard. ¹ Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.”

⁸ So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.” ¹¹ While they were going, behold, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had taken place. ¹² And when they had assembled with the elders and taken counsel, they gave a sufficient sum of money to the soldiers ¹³ and said, “Tell people, ‘His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.’” ¹⁴ And if this comes to the governor’s ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.” ¹⁵ So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story has been spread among the Jews to this day.

Matthew 27:62-28:15 (ESV)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

We pray for faith to believe the resurrection of Christ and to trust the forgiving words of His servants: **Lord, have mercy.**

We pray for the Church to receive again the Spirit of God and be renewed in faith and fellowship to stand as His holy army: **Lord, have mercy.**

We pray for those who have wandered from the household of faith, that faithful to His promises God would work all things in their lives to remind them of their need for His unending grace and steadfast love; and that they would return to the faith and delight in Christ, crucified and raised for them: **Lord, have mercy.**

We pray for the sick and sorrowful, for those who mourn, [*especially for _____*], and for all who stand in need of our prayers: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we may heartily believe Your Word until at last we obtain eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

*“... the people of Israel gave in abundance the first fruits of grain,
wine, oil, honey, and of all the produce of the field.
And they brought in abundantly the tithe of everything.”*

2 Chronicles 31:5

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, 4/27

Second Sunday in Easter

9:00 am Worship w/communion

(livestreamed)

10:00 am Sunday School for all ages

11:00 am Women's Mission Rally/80th
Committee meeting (Emmaus Room)

MONDAY, 4/28

7:00 pm Worship w/communion

TUESDAY 4/29

1:00 pm Juanita's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY 4/30

8:25 am Chapel

THURSDAY 5/1

9:00 am Power Hour

FRIDAY 5/2

TELSS academic fair

At Evergreen

SATURDAY 5/3

Pioneer Boys meet at Bethany at 7:00am

*Contact Mike Lorette or Don Evans to RSVP

SUNDAY, 5/4

Third Sunday in Easter

9:00 am Worship *(livestreamed)*

10:00 am Sunday school for all ages

11:00 Friends in Faith

Mother and Daughter outing.

Upcoming Quarterly Voters meeting. **Tuesday, May 13th**, 7:00pm Please plan to attend.

CEREAL DRIVE

Students at Bethany will be collecting cereal now through the 9th of May for Kitsap Helpline. Kristen Alas will be leading a cereal collection drive for the drive TODAY!, Please join her and some students from Bethany from 11 AM to 1 PM at the Sedgwick Safeway. If you have any questions, please contact her.

<https://www.evite.com/signup-sheet/4890598358646784>

Reminder...Mark your calendars for these 2025 Summer/Fall Dates:

July 6-12th Youth Camp @ Lutherhaven (*campers going into 4th-8th grade*)

July 24-27 ELS Synod Youth Convention (*grades 8th-12th*)

August 10 Church Picnic at Lutherhaven

September 27th Bethany Hosts PNW Women's Mission Rally 8:30am-4:00pm

September 28th Bethany 80th Anniversary Celebration

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Worship Schedule: Sunday 9:00am; Monday 7:00pm; Sunday School for all ages 10:00am
