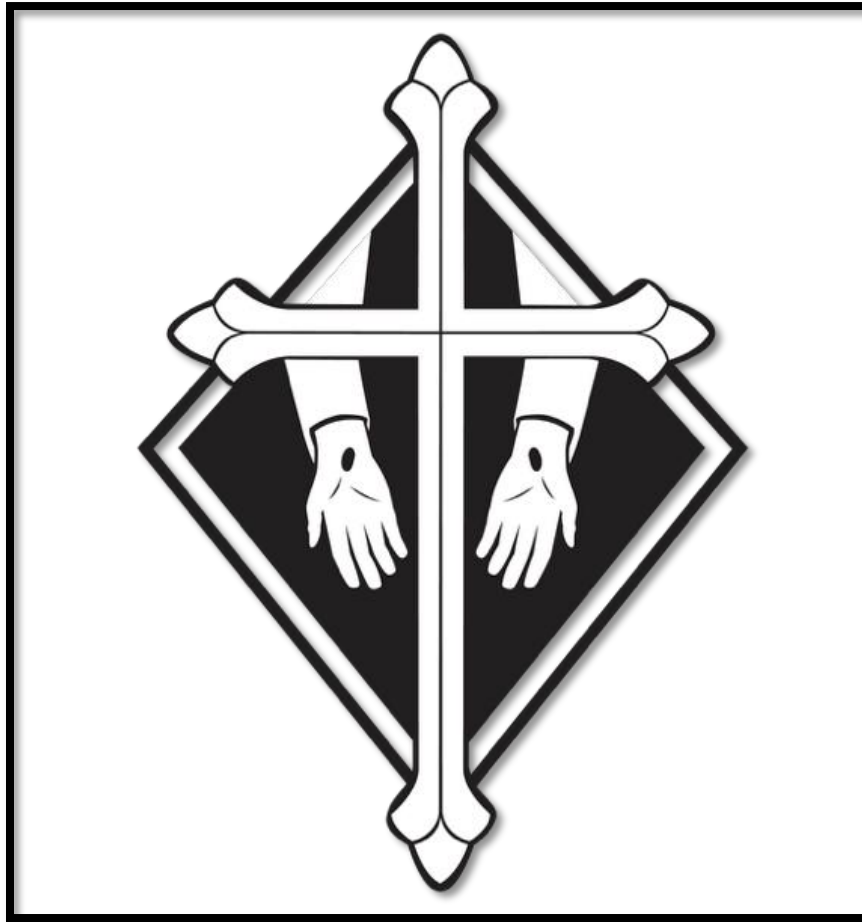


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# BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

EASTER TWO

APRIL 12, 2026



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## SERVING YOU TODAY

**Guest Preacher** Dennis Morrison

**Organist** Kelli Gracia

**Acolytes** Donovan & Grant Singleton,  
Scott Amiling, Salvador Alas

**Elder on duty this week** Doug Seals

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Sunday:** Join with us as we use The Matins Service starting on page 109.

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

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*Flowers on the Altar this week are given to the glory of God by  
John and Corrine Surrette*

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## HYMNS

**345**

*Christ the Lord Is  
Risen Today: Alleluia!*

**350**

*He's Risen,  
He's Risen*

**366:4-8**

*Ye Sons and  
Daughters of the King*

**346**

*Death is Dead, the  
True Life Liveth*

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## EPISTLE LESSON

**F**or everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. <sup>5</sup> Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? <sup>6</sup> This is He who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. <sup>7</sup> For there are three that testify: <sup>8</sup> the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. <sup>9</sup> If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that He has borne concerning His Son. <sup>10</sup> Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning His Son. <sup>11</sup> And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. <sup>12</sup> Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. *1 John 5:4–12 (ESV)*

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## GOSPEL LESSON

**O**n the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup> When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so I am sending you.” <sup>22</sup> And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.” <sup>24</sup> Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in His hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into His side, I will never believe.” <sup>26</sup> Eight days later, His disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see My hands; and put out your hand, and place it in My side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered Him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup> but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name. *John 20:19–31 (ESV)*

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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

Lord God, like Thomas we wrestle with faith amid doubts and fears. Grant us Your Holy Spirit, that believing, we may see, and seeing, we may rejoice in Your Son and the power of His resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord, give courage to all pastors as they preach and teach the Word, that all who hear may believe and that, believing, they may live in righteousness and godliness until the day Christ returns as Judge and Lord of all. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give peace, Lord, to our homes and enliven them by Christ's resurrected life. Let the forgiveness of sins reign among husbands and wives, parents and children. Assure those who live alone that they, too, are Your children, upheld by Your right hand. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, You appoint rulers and officials for the sake of order and peace. Bless those You have placed in authority in federal, state and local governments. Give to them the desire to serve with integrity and honor and to work for the benefit of all. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Father, as Your Son's wounds brought gladness and peace to the troubled disciples, give Your presence and comfort to the troubled in our midst [*especially \_\_\_\_\_*]. Comfort also those who weep [*and especially \_\_\_\_\_*] with the blessed joy of Easter morning. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, heavenly Father, give us all things good and beneficial to us and to our salvation, and keep us from all things harmful; through Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*A big "thank-you" to Dennis Morrison for filling in today while Pastor Pittenger is out of town for the baptism of his grand-niece. Pastor will be back on Wednesday. If you need to make plans to speak, or meet, with him please email him at [tonypittenger@me.com](mailto:tonypittenger@me.com)*

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## LUTHERHAVEN WORK PARTIES

Please join us next weekend on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, starting at 9:00am on the Lodge side. Wear your best work clothes and gloves, tools will be provided. There will be breakfast and lunch provided. The next work party will be May 1-2.

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*Ladies, please join us this Friday evening as we take time to take a break, and "refill our cup" after a busy Easter season. Enjoy a relaxing evening of crafts, journaling, light pampering, and refreshments. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway, and feel free to bring your go to treat to share!. Contact Rosemary or Connie for more information.*

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## MEN'S RETREAT

APRIL 24-26<sup>TH</sup> 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.

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## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, 4/12 Easter Two

9:00am Worship

10:15am Bible Class/Sunday School

### MONDAY, 4/13

7:00pm Worship

### TUESDAY, 4/14

1:00pm Juanita's Bible Study

6:00pm Elders meeting

7:00pm Council meeting

### WEDNESDAY, 4/15

8:25am Chapel

### FRIDAY, 4/17

9:00am Lutherhaven Work Party

6:00pm Ladies Retreat

### SATURDAY, 4/18

9:00am Men's Fellowship

Lutherhaven Work Party

3:00pm Evergreen Auction

### SUNDAY, 4/19 Easter Three

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.

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