

## BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

215 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave SE, MINOT, ND, 58701

Pastors: Janet Hernes Mathistad & Gerald Roise

Organist: Deacon Kari Files; Intern Pastor: Dave Myers

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2020

\* Standing, for those who are able

### PRELUDE

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** JOHN & CHERYL NILSEN

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, who opens our eyes to his redeeming love, who ignites our hearts as the scriptures are proclaimed.

**C: Amen**

P: At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, shower us again with your mercy and grace.

P: Heavenly Father,

**C: in the beginning you created us in your image and planted us in a well-watered garden. In the desert you gave us water from the rock. Yet, because of sin we have fallen away from you. The worries of this world consume us and we fail to recognize you. Reveal yourself once again, O God, and lead us to still waters. Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love through the risen One, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

P: By the precious blood of Christ, you have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed. And because of his infinite love, God pours out his mercy and grace, and cleanses you from all unrighteousness. Rejoice, your sins are forgiven in the name of +Jesus Christ. To God be given honor and praise through his Son in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

### GATHERING

\* **HYMN:** "Now All the Vault of ..."

Hymn 367

#### \* GREETING

\* **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

### WORD

**FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 36-41**

**Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19**

**SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:17-23**

\* **GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35**

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

**SERMON:** Intern Pastor Dave

**HYMN:** "Day of Arising"

p. 374

\* **APOSTLES' CREED**

p. 105

\* **PEACE**

#### OFFERING MOMENT

Special Music: John and Cheryl Nilsen

#### PRAYER

Merciful God, **our ordinary gifts seem small for such a celebration, but you make of them an abundance, just as you do with our lives. Feed us again at this table for service in your name, in the strength of the risen Christ. Amen**

\* **PRAYERS**

\* **LORD'S PRAYER**

### SENDING

\* **BENEDICTION**

P: May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen**

\* **HYMN:** "Christ Has Arisen..."

Hymn 364(1,4,5)

\* **MISSION STATEMENT**

\* **DISMISSAL**

L: Christ is risen, just as he said.

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### POSTLUDE

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**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Lenhart Mindt, Betty Niemann, Arnie Semchenko, Vicki Amon, Val Swenson, Donna Erickson, Muriel Lippert, Amber Mills, Robert Mehl.  
All Covid 19 Patients, Psychologists, Social Workers.  
**DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS** are available in the narthex for April, May & June.—Please call ahead to church office to pick one up.

**CAUSE OF THE MONTH:** Our cause of the month is mission support for **Anne & Wille Langdji**. Please use the global mission envelope in your offering box to support this cause.

**Please** join Pastor Dave with Wednesday night bible study at 7 pm! It is currently done online and Pastor Dave is willing to help get you online with the group. Contact the church office for additional information.

Bethany is continuing to update the Sunday powerpoint with your "quarantine" pictures. Please send them to the office at [bethanylutheran@srt.com](mailto:bethanylutheran@srt.com). Everyone enjoys seeing our "church family" and how our lives are continuing to go on. You can watch this video at [bethanylutheran.tv](http://bethanylutheran.tv) or on our facebook page. And, keep in mind, if anyone is in need, you may always contact the office for assistance.

Thank you for your online donations, thrivent choice dollars, and pledge mailings. These totals will be published in our May Newsletter due out this week.

We are working hard on our new online church directory and are looking for family pictures to post. These can be any photos in the recent past provided they are not copyrighted. As soon as we accumulate 100 photos we are hoping to go live so the congregation can log in also!!

**BETHANY'S WEBSITE:** [bethanylutheranminot.org](http://bethanylutheranminot.org)

**BETHANY'S STREAMING:** [bethanylutheran.tv](http://bethanylutheran.tv)

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