

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

215 3rd Ave SE, MINOT, ND, 58701

Pastors: Janet Hernes Mathistad & Gerald Roise

Organist: Deacon Kari Files; Intern Pastor: Dave Myers

4th Sunday of Easter

* Standing, for those who are able

May 3, 2020

PRELUDE

ANTHEM: *"Now Behold the Lamb"*

Nadine, Kari,
Pastor Janet

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, who calls us beloved children, who gathers us into one flock, who guides us into all truth. **C: Amen**

P: Let us come into the light, the revealing and healing light of God.

P: God of grace and glory, **C: you have brought us through the night of sin into the light of Jesus' resurrection. Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin. Make us alive in Christ, O God. Make us new as you make all things new. Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin, renew us in grace, and restore us to living in your holiness, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen**

P: Rejoice with all creation around God's throne! The light of the risen Christ puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin, restores innocence to the fallen, casts out hate, brings peace, and humbles earthly pride. Jesus Christ loves you and + frees you from your sins by his blood. To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!

C: Amen

GATHERING

* **HYMN:** *"Have No Fear, Little Flock"*

Hymn 764

*GREETING

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 2:42-47

Psalm 23

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:19-25

*GOSPEL: 10:1-10

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: Pastor Janet

HYMN: *"The King of Love"*

Hymn 502 (1,2,4,6)

*APOSTLES' CREED

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*PRAYERS

*PEACE

OFFERING MOMENT

Special Music

PRAYER

Merciful God, **our ordinary gifts seem small, but you make of them an abundance, just as you do with our lives.**

Prepare us for service in your name, in the strength of the risen Christ. Amen

MEAL

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN: *"Day by Day"*

Hymn 790

*BLESSING

*PRAYER

P: Life-giving God, you have fed us with your word, and our hearts burn within us. Through this meal you have opened us to your presence. Now send us forth to share the gifts of Easter with all in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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:** *"All People that on Earth"* Hymn 883 (1-3, 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, Shirley Harmon, Family of Robert Mehl. All Covid 19 Patients, Psychologists, Social Workers.

CAUSE OF THE MONTH: Our cause of the month is mission support for YWCA.

Please continue to send us your quarantine pictures!

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

You are likely aware that Governor Burgum has begun lifting some of the restrictions for North Dakota businesses beginning May 1, as part of a 3-phase plan. We have received guidance from our Synod Bishop which strongly discourages in-person worship during this Phase 1 period, and possibly even Phase 2. And even when we do finally come together, there will be strict social-distancing regulations in place which will restrict the number of people who can attend, as well as requirements for sanitizing the worship space. We do not want to open up for public worship until we can be sure that we have met all of the safety requirements. So we will continue to stream our worship online for the immediate future, while we work to put policies in place that will ensure adequate safety for all. We are grateful for your good-hearted cooperation, as well as your continued support through phone calls, texts and messages. Feel free to contact us with your questions and concerns (838-5196).

For those of you who would like to participate, we will be celebrating this service on May 3 as a Holy Communion service.

BETHANY'S WEBSITE: bethanylutheranminot.org

BETHANY'S STREAMING: bethanylutheran.tv

