



Sunday, April 20, 2025
Resurrection of Our Lord - Easter



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PRELUDE

Toccata in F Major, BuxWV 157

Dietrich Buxtehude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today Christ is risen, and we gather together with astonishment and joy. Christ is risen, and we have been set free from the bonds of death. Christ is risen, and we are forgiven. Christ is risen, and with Mary and Peter and every disciple who witnesses the empty tomb, we are amazed. Let us rejoice: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is our strength and our song,
and has become our salvation.

We shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the Lord!

The day is coming!

God's new heaven and new earth are here!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

GATHERING HYMN	Jesus Christ Is Risen Today	ELW 365
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setting, Cynthia Dobrinski

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

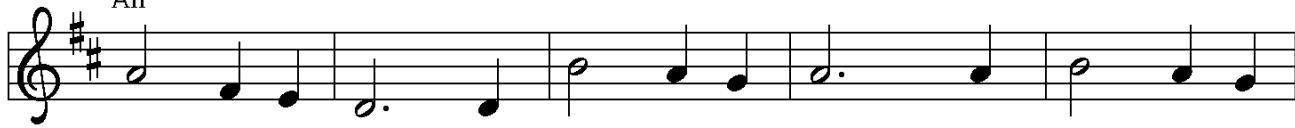
Refrain

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

DISMISSAL TO WORSHIP FOR KIDS

All kids ages 3 through elementary are welcome to a special time of hearing the Word, conversation and activity! Parents can remain in the sanctuary while the kids gather in the room across the hall from the side entrance to the sanctuary. Kids will return during the offering so they can participate in Communion.

READING: Isaiah 65:17-25

Through the prophet, God promises a new heaven and a new earth. Weeping will pass away, life will be abundant for God's people, and the world—including the wild animals—will be at peace.

¹⁷ For I am about to create new heavens

and a new earth;

the former things shall not be remembered

or come to mind.

¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever

in what I am creating,

for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy

and its people as a delight.

¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem

and delight in my people;

no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it

or the cry of distress.

²⁰ No more shall there be in it

an infant who lives but a few days

or an old person who does not live out a lifetime,

for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,

and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them;

they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²² They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat,
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

²³ They shall not labor in vain
or bear children for calamity,
for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—
and their descendants as well.

²⁴ Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall feed together;
the lion shall eat straw like the ox,
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!

They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: John 20:1-18

This morning began with confusion: the stone was moved and the tomb was empty. Disciples arrive, then angels, and finally Jesus himself. Out of the confusion, hope emerges, and a weeping woman becomes the first to confess her faith in the risen Lord.

¹ Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went

toward the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, ¹² and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, "Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.' " ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY	We Know That Christ Is Raised	ELW 449
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APOSTLES' CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Our prayers are always offered on behalf of the whole community.

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

#1 Kindle new life in your church. Encourage all who seek creative ways to share the good news of Christ's resurrection. Bless mission developers and new ministries that their work plant seeds that flourish. Open our hearts to the ways you are calling us to be at work in the world and in our community. Give us courage to boldly share your love for all people beyond our walls. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

#2 Nourish new life in all of creation. Shower forests and grasslands, deserts, and mountains with life-giving rains. Grant us delight in your glory that shows forth in all that grows this season. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

#3 Empower new life among the nations. As you raised Jesus from the dead, bring new hope for peace and reconciliation in places of war and strife. Raise up leaders who are steadfast in their commitment to justice and transformation. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Sustain new life in the ministry of our twinned parish in Shurugwi, Zimbabwe and in us through the children, youth, and young adults around us, especially: Isabel, Ivy, James, Jared, and Jillian. May this season of Easter open us to the new ways and new ideas that they reveal to us. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Bring new hope to all in need.

We pray for those who grieve, especially the family and friends of:

- Jim M, cousin of Linda K and Patty C, who died on 4/12
- Rabbi David A, and especially our neighbors at Congregation Etz Chaim, who died on 4/6

We pray for those in need of healing, especially:

- Eric E, nephew of Pat E, who is suffering from seizures.
- David B as he transitions to hospice care
- Lynette C, cousin of Rev. Bruce S, who is having a double lung transplant

Hear these concerns we raise to you in our hearts or on our voice.

Silence for individual prayer.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

SHARING GOD'S MEAL

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Share the peace in a way that cares for friend and neighbor. If you worship virtually, share the peace through the comments section or text.

OFFERING

Thank you for your offerings that support the ongoing ministry that we share.

Information about supporting Bethlehem's ministry with your offerings is available in the Welcome insert in your pew rack or by visiting blcfairport.org/support-our-ministry or scan the QR (quick response) code on the right and you'll be brought to BLC's mobile giving page.



OFFERING OF MUSIC

Alleluia, He Lives!

(incorp. HYMN TO JOY)

Joel Raney

The Chancel Choir

OFFERTORY

A musical score for a piano accompaniment, likely for a choir. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble and bass staff with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody in the treble staff is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half). The lyrics under the first system are: "How can an - y praise we of - fer mea - sure all the". The second system continues the melody: E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half), B3 (half), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), F#3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), D3 (half), C2 (half). The lyrics under the second system are: "thanks we owe? Take our hearts and hands and voic - es". The bass staff provides harmonic support with chords and single notes corresponding to the melody.

gifts of love we can be - stow. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to you we sing!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Risen One,

you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

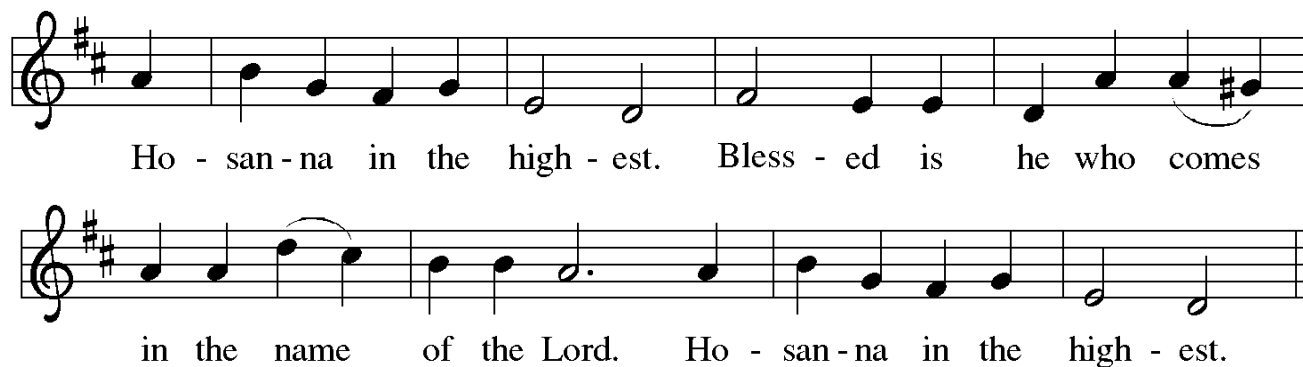
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

One in body, one in spirit we pray:

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who

sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

Thanks be to God.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Our communion bread is gluten-free, unless noted by the pastor. Grape juice is available; indicate your need to the communion assistant.

THE COMMUNION



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

HYMNS FOR COMMUNION

I Received the Living God

ELW 477

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

ELW 385

Hallelujah

ACS 1088

Cantor: 1st time

All: Sing at least 5 times



Hal-le, hal-le-lu - jah. Hal-le, hal-le-lu - jah. Hal - le-lu-jah, hal - le-lu-jah,
hal - le-lu-jah. Hal - le-lu-jah, hal - le-lu-jah, hal - le-lu-jah!

TABLE BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

2 Day of de - light and beau - ty un - bound - ed, tell the news, the gos - pel
spread! Day of all won - der, day of all splen - dor, praise Christ
ris - en from the dead! Sing now of mourn - ing turned in - to
danc - ing; sing now the mys - t'ry, hope of our glo - ry;
sing with thanks - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia! Sing now of
fast - ing turned in - to feast - ing; sing the Lord's fa - vor
last - ing for - ev - er; sing, all things liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

LEAVING TO SERVE

BENEDICTION

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Thine Is the Glory

ELW 376

setting, Michael Burkhardt

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Allegro maestoso

from *Organ Sonata V*, op. 65

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

BLC Pastors

The Rev. Abigail Zang Hoffman and The Rev. Amy Walter-Peterson, co-Pastors

BLC Musicians

Raelynn Clare, Music Director and Organist

Chrisanne Gates, Chancel Choir Director

Rich Towsley, Director of The Folk Group and BLC Dulcimers

Additional musical leadership provided by:

The Chancel Bells

Susan DePasquale, organ

Richard DePasquale, trumpet

Jane Morale, violin

Hans Walter-Peterson, cantor

Dave Wideman, percussion

Rich Towsley, guitar

Thank you to Jane Morale for assisting with worship as Chancel Choir director at the 11:00 a.m. service today.

Thank you to all those who participated in worship this Sunday! Want to learn more about what roles are needed in worship or sign-up for a pre-scheduled role? Talk with one of the pastors following worship or send an email to volunteersupport@blcfairport.org and we'll follow up!

Communicate with us: Share more about who you are, request further information, or leave a prayer request or comment through our website - <https://blcfairport.org/share-in-worship/> - scroll down the page to request or share information.

What's happening at BLC this week? Visit the Calendar of Events at www.blcfairport.org. Zoom links for virtual meetings are also found there. If you would like to schedule a meeting or event, please email the church office at office@blcfairport.org or visit <https://blcfairport.org/blc-facility-request/>

Church office hours: Our co-Pastors are available Sunday – Thursday and on-call for emergencies. Contact them directly to schedule an appointment either by calling (585) 223-0634 or emailing pastor.hoffman@blcfairport.org or pastor.amy@blcfairport.org.

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Hope585 honoring:***

Pastor Amy, Pastor Hoffman and my BLC family by Julie Owen
Our grandchildren by Howard and Janet Sharp
Our grandchildren by GerryAnn and Wayne Westcott
Loved ones by Sandy Goehle
Our church family and all their love and support by Koosje Jeanotte
Our Godchildren, Maddie, Izzy, Nate and Micah Hoffman by Amy and Hans
Walter-Peterson
Our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ by Sherry Cook
Sandy Goehle by her LYLAS
The Maxa and Walsh family by Rolf Maxa
Family and Friends by Bob and Becki Purvis
To the Glory of God and thanks for His many blessings by Kathy and Jim
Moragne
Family by Marjorie Yaeger
Pastor Amy by her LYLAS
Family and friends by Linda and Dick Keefer

***We give thanks for the Easter flowers and contributions supporting
Hope 585 in memory of:***

Bob Lohr by Judy Lohr
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Our parents by Jeff and Ruth Hedin
Jim Cook by Sherry Cook
Babe and Ginny Wacenske and David Tyler by Karen Tyler
Our parents, Leonard Calzeton, Janet Erickson and Olaf Erickson by Linnea and
Scott Erickson
Family by Marjorie Yaeger

We regret any omissions or errors made.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

**SAVE THE DATE:
JULY 28-31, 2025
AT BLC**

BLC is partnering with St. Paul's, Pittsford again
for this summer's VBS program!

More details to come!

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The Day, the Day

What is Easter anyway? Christians consider Easter to be the “first day.” From Easter comes the practice of worshiping on Sunday morning. It is the first day of the week. It is also the first day of new creation, sometimes called the “eighth day” of the week, for on it Christ restored the image of God in the human and in so doing also brought restoration and renewal to all of creation. The Easter season proceeds from and celebrates this first day. In the resurrected Christ, there is time after the end, life after death, restoration of what was broken, the brightening of what had gone dark. In the fifty days of Easter, Christian communities around the world strive to worship God in a way that illustrates that the body of Christ lives now in the heavenly places and also in the gathered body in the world. Worship is where heaven and earth meet.