



**Bethlehem Lutheran Church**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**April 21, 2024**

////////////////////  
*\*All who are able, please stand.*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Confession and Forgiveness**

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

Leader: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

Leader: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

**All: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Leader: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen**

**\*Opening Hymn** I Can Hear My Savior Calling BC 430  
(printed in back of bulletin)

**\*Apostolic Greeting**

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

**All: And also with you.**

**\*Kyrie** pg 138

**\*Canticle of Praise** "Glory to God in the Highest" p.139

**\*Prayer of the Day**

Leader: O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**All: Amen.**

**Reception of New Members into the Congregation**

**First Reading Acts 4:5-12**

NT Page 105

## Psalm 23

OT Page 464

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

**All: He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;**

Leader: he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths  
for his name's sake.

**All: Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff—  
they comfort me.**

Leader: You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

**All: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
my whole life long.**

**Second Reading** 1 John 3:16-24

NT Page 213

## Children's Sermon

**\*Gospel**

**Acclamation**

**Gospel Acc** "Jesus Make My Heart Your Temple"  
(printed)

\*Leader: The Gospel according to Matthew, the 9th  
Chapter

**All: Glory to you, O Lord**

**\*Gospel** John 1:43-51

NT Page 80

Leader: The gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

Pastor Mark Wilms

**Hymn of the Day** Have No Fear, Little Flock ELW 764

**\*Apostles' Creed** pg 105

**\*Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

**All: And also, with you.**

**Offering**

**Offering Hymn** "Jesus Was Sent" BC 15  
(printed in back of bulletin)

**\*Offertory Prayer**

Leader: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

**All: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*Prayers of the People**

Each petition ends: "Lord in your mercy"

**Response: "Hear our prayer"**

**\*Lord’s Prayer**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Sending Hymn**

All Creatures of Our God and King  
**(printed in back of bulletin)**

LBW 527

**\*Sending**

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**All: Thanks be to God**

\*\*\*\*\*

**OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK AT BETHLEHEM**

Today:	9:30a	Worship
	10:30a	Coffee, Fellowship
	11:00a	Confirmation
	5:00p	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmand Banquet
	7:00p	Council Meeting
Monday:	6:30p	Bible Study
Wednesday:	9:30a	Bible Study
Saturday	9:30a-11:00	Lanae Shiley Bridal Shower
Sunday:	9:30a	Children’s Spring Musical
	10:30a	Coffee & Fellowship
	11:00a	Confirmation

\*\*\*\*\*

<b><u>Offering Report</u></b>	April 14, 2024
Attendance: 129	Offering: \$2,629.00

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **April Mission of the Month: Grand Avenue Free Medical Clinic**

Items needed include paper towels and antibacterial wipes. Please consider this as you do your shopping this month.

### **New Members**

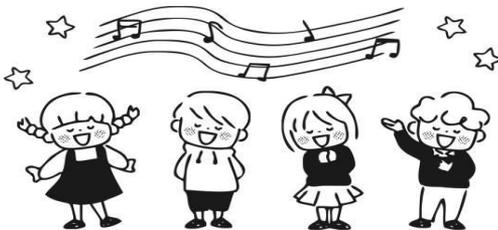
We welcome Bill Albers, Jon Guthridge, and Laura Wallace into membership at Bethlehem! God bless them as they make their journey with Christ as part of this congregation.

### **Prayer Chain**

We are in need of someone to head up Prayer Chain. It involves receiving prayer requests and sending them out to a list provided for you. If you want more info, talk to Pastor Mark.

### **Children's Spring Program:**

The children present the Spring Program "Raise an Hallelujah!" On Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 (be at church at 9:00); children are to dress as they would for Easter.





**Heidi Steffen Mogush**

**Kate Steffen**

**Sara Schmidt**

**Duane Kracht**

**Steve Santage**

**Perre Wimmer** (nephew of Arlene Wimmer)

**Deb Burke** (Lanae Shiley's future mother-in-law)

**Jennifer Findling**

**Jim Barglof**

**Paulette Tuton**

**Roger Struve**

**Becky Smoot**

### **Come & Go Bridal Shower –**

**Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 9:30-11AM**

There will be a Come and Go Bridal Shower for Lanae Shiley, bride elect of Matthew Burke. Lanae and Matthew are registered at Amazon. They will be married June 8<sup>th</sup> in Montana.

### **Iowa Great Lakes Lutheran School**

**April 21st**

2:00 pm Celebration Service & Reception at FELC (1311 E 18th St.) If you have any questions, please contact the office at 712-262-8237 or office@igllstech.com.

## **I Can Hear My Savior Calling” BC 430**

I can hear my Savior calling,  
I can hear my Savior calling,  
I can hear my Savior calling,  
“Take your cross and follow, follow me.”

I'll go with him through the garden,  
I'll go with him through the garden,  
I'll go with him through the garden,  
I'll go with him, with him all the way.

I'll go with him through the judgment,  
I'll go with him through the judgment,  
I'll go with him through the judgment,  
I'll go with him, with him all the way.

He will give me grace and glory,  
He will give me grace and glory,  
He will give me grace and glory,  
And go with me, with me all the way.

Where he leads me I will follow,  
Where he leads me I will follow,  
Where he leads me I will follow,  
I'll go with him, with him all the way.

## **"Jesus was sent" BC 15**

Jesus was sent to bring health to the ailing,  
Jesus was sent with good news for the poor.  
Jesus releases us all from our failing,  
Jesus increases our will to restore.

**\*Chorus:** Jesus was sent that our eyes may be open,  
So we might witness the day of the Lord.  
He will make sense of our loving and hoping;  
He will break fences and open the door.

Jesus was sent to bring wholeness and healing,  
Jesus was sent to up-set and annoy.  
Jesus releases from negative feeling,  
Jesus increases our wonder and joy.

**\*Chorus:** Jesus was sent that our eyes may be open,  
So we might witness the day of the Lord.  
He will make sense of our loving and hoping;  
He will break fences and open the door.

Jesus was sent to bring life everlasting,  
Jesus was sent by the Spirit of God.  
Jesus releases us just for our asking,  
Jesus will free us and cover the Law.

**\*Chorus:** Jesus was sent that our eyes may be open,  
So we might witness the day of the Lord.  
He will make sense of our loving and hoping;  
He will break fences and open the door.

**“All Creatures of Our God and King” LBW 527**

All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Oh, burning sun with golden beam,  
And silver moon with softer gleam,  
Oh praise Him, Oh praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O rushing wind and breezes soft,  
O clouds that ride the winds aloft,  
Oh praise Him, Alleluia!

O rising morn in praise rejoice,  
O lights of evening, find a voice,  
Oh praise Him, Oh praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O flowing water, pure and clear,  
Make music for your Lord to hear,  
Oh praise Him, Alleluia!

O fire so masterful and bright,  
Providing us with warmth and light,  
Oh praise Him, Oh praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Dear mother earth, who day by day,  
Unfolds rich blessings on our way,  
Oh praise Him, Alleluia!

The fruits and flow'rs that verdant grow,  
Let them His praise abundant show,  
Oh praise Him, Oh praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship God in humbleness,  
Oh praise Him, Alleluia!

Oh, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One,  
Oh praise Him, Oh praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## Jesus, Make My Heart Thy Temple

8, 7, 8, 7, 8, 7, 8, 7

J. A. Freylinghausen's Gesangbuch, 1704

Je - sus, make my heart Thy tem - ple, Let Thy Spir - it

dwell with me. Je - sus, be Thou my ex - am - ple,

Give me strength to fol - low Thee. Je - sus, do Thou

nev - er leave me In this world by sin de - press'd;

Un - to Thee at last re - ceive me In the man - sions of the blest.



### **Let's finish our flooring and painting fundraiser!!**

We will be replacing the flooring in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall and doing some painting. The estimate for the project is \$50,000. We have currently raised \$28,845 for the project. If we can get to \$33,000 (2/3 of \$50,000), council can then request funds from the BLC Endowment. The project is tentatively set to begin at the end of June. Please consider giving to this project or adding to any gifts already given. It would be good to wrap this up in the next few weeks so we can move forward with a solid schedule. Thank you for your support of this project for our church.

~Jim Christensen and BLC Church Council

**Giving Moment:** Jesus is the Good Shepherd. He laid down His all, meaning His life, so that we could have eternal life through Him. Since Jesus' gifts are a sacrifice, we sacrifice our time and resources so that the good word about Him can be shared with others!