

# Bethlehem Lutheran Church



*Second Sunday of Easter*  
*(Quasimodo Geniti)*  
*April 11, 2021*

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**The Order of Worship**  
**Divine Service Setting One (LSB 151)**

*(Please stand if you are able for portions of the liturgy marked with an \*)*

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**Announcements**

**Opening Hymn: Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds** **LSB 465**

**Confession and Absolution\*** **LSB 151**

**Introit**

(Ps. 81:1, 7a, 10, 16b; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2a)

Like newborn infants, Alleluia,

long for the pure spiritual milk of the Word. Alleluia.

**Sing aloud to God our strength;**

**shout for joy to the God of Jacob!**

In distress you called, and I delivered you;

I answered you in the secret place of thunder.

**I am the LORD your God**

**who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.**

Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it;

and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son**

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

**As it was in the beginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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long for the pure spiritual milk of the Word. Alleluia.

**Kyrie\*** **LSB 152**

**This Is the Feast\*** **LSB 155**

**Collect\*:** Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may  
by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God;

through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14**

<sup>1</sup> The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup> And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. <sup>3</sup> And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” <sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, “Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup> And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.” <sup>7</sup> So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup> And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” <sup>10</sup> So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army. <sup>11</sup> Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.’ <sup>12</sup> Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup> And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup> And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn: He Is Arisen! Glorious Word**

**LSB 488**

**Gradual:** Alleluia. He has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee. Alleluia. Eight days later Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Alleluia.

**Epistle: 1 John 5:4-10**

<sup>4</sup>For 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.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn: Christ is Arisen**

**LSB 459-460**

***Holy Gospel: John 20:19-31***

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup>On 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

<b>Nicene Creed*</b>	<b>LSB 158</b>
<b>Hymn of the Day: O Sons and Daughters of the King</b>	<b>LSB 470</b>
<b>Sermon</b>	
<b>Prayer of the Church*</b>	
<b>Offertory*</b>	<b>LSB 781 (Stzs. 1 &amp; 2)</b>
<b>Service of the Sacrament*</b>	<b>LSB 160</b>
<b>Distribution Hymns: 480, 468, 464, 478</b>	
<b>Thank the Lord*</b>	<b>LSB 164</b>
<b>Benediction*</b>	
<b>Closing Hymn: Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven</b>	<b>LSB 477</b>

### **Announcements**

**Ladies Aid/LWML:** The Ladies Aid/LWML will have a regular meeting on April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. The servers for the evening are Susan Kleiboeker & Sylvia Kleiboeker.

**Council Meeting:** Our next Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

**Voter's Meeting:** Our next Voter's Meeting will take place on Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

**Books Wanted:** Agape Youth Group will be hosting a used book sale in the fall. But FIRST we are requesting donations of the following: gently used or new fiction or non-fiction books for all ages, gently used or new DVD's or Blu-Rays. Please no magazines, VHS, encyclopedias or textbooks. Donations may be given to any youth member or Sara. Contact Sara for more information.

**CORLHS Sterling Evening Dinner & Auction 2021 Update:** Things are underway for our annual auction to be held on Saturday, July 17, 2021. Mark your calendars to reserve the date as we are planning another entertaining event which is important to the fund raising efforts of COR.

**Illinois House Bill 1736:** The Illinois House of Representatives is considering the R.E.A.C.H Act, House Bill 1736. It has a high-sounding title, Responsible Education for Adolescents and Children's Health Act. However, this proposed legislation would:

- mandate comprehensive sex education in public schools...grades K-12;
- promote and affirm LGBTQ+ "lifestyles" and behaviors;
- promote gender identities, at variance from biological gender;
- promote deviant sexual experimentation for students;
- promote abortion;
- promote use of contraceptives outside of marriage; and
- discriminate against religious beliefs of students, parents and places of worship.

These views are contrary to the clear teaching of Holy Scripture. Please prayerfully consider contacting your Illinois House Representative and urge them to vote NO on HB 1736. This bill can be called to a vote as early as Wednesday, April 14, 2021.

**Fazoli's Fettucine Alfredo/Spaghetti Dinner:** Fazoli's Fettucine Alfredo/Spaghetti Dinner is sponsored by Hoffman Pride and Heritage Partners. All proceeds will go towards the Hoffman Veterans Memorial. The dinner is Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup> from 3:30pm to 6:30 p.m. \$10 per carry-out. to be picked up at Hoffman Community Building, Hoffman, IL Advance tickets encouraged. Call Sheila Holston at 322-5776.