

# THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

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April 30, 2023

# Fourth Sunday of Easter Holy Baptism of William Lee Felix

10:30 am

## + GATHERING +

#### **PRELUDES**

Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus God Himself is Present Dearest Jesus, We Are Here Paul Manz Michael Burkhardt David Cherwien

#### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

<We stand.>

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

#### Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turn us from sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

<We kneel.>

Most merciful God,

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.

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 for forgiveness of all of your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

#### **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.

KYRIE ELW page 98

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE** 

ELW page 99

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together. God of all,

You opened your gates wide to receive all your children into the heavenly kingdom. Help us to be vehicles of promise and proclamation for all who will listen, so that every soul might live in your grace. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

<We sit.>

+ WORD +

**READING** Acts 13: 1-3; 14:8-18

Pew Bible pg. 896

A reading from Acts, the thirteenth and fourteenth chapters.

<At the conclusion of the reading>

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

## LIL' LUTHERAN TALK

**SERMON**Pastor Matthew Titus

<We stand.>

HYMN OF THE DAY

Borning Cry

ELW 732

RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM ELW page 227

## **Baptismal Hymn**

This is a joyous, happy day, we celebrate your gift of life.

Christ is with us, joy surrounds us;

Christ takes our sin and sets us free;

He fills our lives with endless love.

Christ is with us; Christ unites us.

Praise our Maker, praise the Spirit, praise Christ Jesus.

<We kneel.>

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each prayer petition will end with "Hear us, O God" and the response is "Your mercy is great."

At the conclusion of the prayers, we respond with "Amen."

<We stand.>

#### SHARING OF THE PEACE

You are invited to share the peace however you and those around you are comfortable.

<We sit.>

### RECEPTION OF THE OFFERING

**ANTHEM** *Because He Lives Congregation joins on chorus* 

William Gaither

Because He Lives Chorus

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,

Because He lives, all fear is gone;

Because I know He holds the future,

And life is worth the living

Just because He lives!

<We stand.>

+ MEAL +

**OFFERTORY HYMN** 

Now We Join in Celebration (verse 1)

**ELW 462** 

#### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray, ... through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**ELW pg. 107** 

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

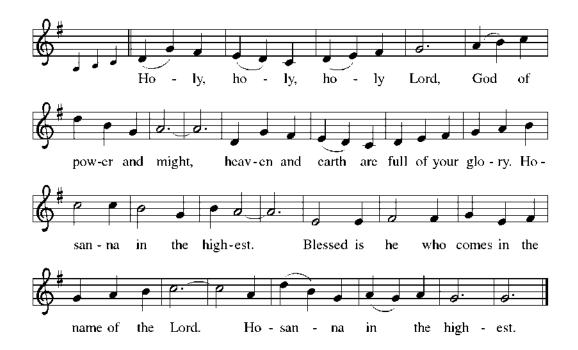
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE ELW pg. 108

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise... *Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding...* we praise your name and join their unending hymn.



#### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord...

...be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, and ever. Amen.

#### INVITATION TO THE MEAL

The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

<We sit.>

#### COMMUNION

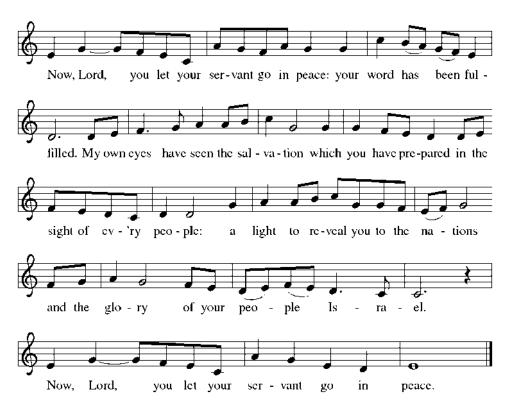
Participation in Holy Communion is open to all the baptized of this and other Christian congregations. We come in faith that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and the wine. We receive this gift knowing that we are forgiven and are nourished to be sent to proclaim God's love to the world. You are invited to come to the altar to receive the bread and wine. If you are not able, the meal will be brought to you in your pew. A gluten—free wafer is available, upon request, for those who need it.

<We stand.>

## THE TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.



#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray ... and serve the world in Jesus' name. Amen.

#### + SENDING +

#### SUNG BLESSING

In the name of the Father.

In the name of the Father.

In the name of the Son.

In the name of the Son.

In the name of the Spirit.

In the name of the Spirit.

The Three-in-One.

The Three-in-One.

May the Lord bless and keep you.

May the Lord bless and keep you.

May God's face shine upon you.

May God's face shine upon you.

May God's blessings be with you.

May God's blessings be with you.

And give you peace.

And give you peace.

#### **SENDING HYMN**

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

**ELW 545** 

<Please turn and face the rear of the nave.>

#### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

Thanks be to God!

**POSTLUDE** 

Finale from "The Royal Fireworks"

George F. Handel

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## Worship Leadership

Worship Leader
Worship Assistant
Acolyte
Crucifer
Choir Director
Pastor Matthew Titus
Jerry Haltiwanger
Miriam Titus
Mafra Kemper
Gayle Lindley

OrganistHuger Caughman, Jr.Youth DirectorAubrey GuytonVideoMatt Bowers

Audio Annette Belcher or Claire Grosshuesch

Communion Prep Huger Caughman, Jr., Polly Davis, Rosemary Dominick, Kitty Summer

#### **Announcements**

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Sandra Long Bodie by her family.

God's Abundance for All People is open to all in need from 10 am to 12 pm Saturdays at O'Neal Street UMC. GAAP is a free clothing and food pantry which now also provides a meal (beginning at 11am). Redeemer has been helping quite a bit on the THIRD Saturday of each month, you are all welcome to come volunteer every Saturday. The next day we will help with GAAP will be on May 20. The remodeled Community Clothes Closet will reopen soon! Volunteers are needed to help sort and organize clothing. ALL ARE WELCOME

Community Worship Service - Bethlehem Baptist Church on College Street in Newberry is going to host a Community Worship Service every fifth Sunday during 2023 starting on April 30th - **TODAY**. This is an opportunity for all in Newberry to come together to worship, build friendships, and deepen relationships. Pastor Matt will be offering a brief message at this first service.

**Boston Butt BBQ Fundraiser** - Several of the Pomaria and Prosperity area churches are coming together to help St James AME repair their sanctuary. We will be cooking Boston Butts that will be ready for pickup on May 6th from 8am to 12 noon at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. The price will be \$9 a pound. Please help us help St James by purchasing Boston butts for such a worthy cause.

## **CHURCHWIDE BIBLE STUDY**

## The Book of Ephesians

5 Sunday Nights

April 30; May 7, 14, 21, & 28

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm All are invited to attend

The Gathering Sunday School Class Room (Next to the Men's Bible Class) **Bethlehem Baptist Church** on College Street in Newberry is going to host a Community Worship Service every fifth Sunday during 2023 starting on April 30th. This is an opportunity for all in Newberry to come together to worship, build tables, and deepen relationships. Pastor Matt will be offering a brief message at the first service on April 30th. More information will come soon!

We will celebrate and honor our 2023 graduates on June 4th. Please contact the church office with your graduate's name and where they plan to go after high school or college. Thank you!

#### OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 30 - MAY 6

| Today     | 9:30 am  | Sunday School                                  |
|-----------|----------|--|
|           | 10:30 am | Worship  |
|           | 1:00 pm  | Fellowship Sunday at Bethlehem Baptist Church  |
|           | 5:15 pm  | Youth Group                                    |
|           | 6:30 pm  | Bible Study on Ephesians                       |
| Monday    | 2:30 pm  | Prayer & Care Card Class                       |
| Tuesday   | 6:00 pm  | Worship & Music - Room 141                     |
|           | 6:30 pm  | Project Nectar                                 |
|           | 6:30 pm  | Sistercare                                     |
| Wednesday | 6:30 pm  | Handbell Choir Rehearsal-McCullough Music Room |
|           | 7:30 pm  | Senior Choir Rehearsal-McCullough Music Room   |
| Thursday  |          |  |
| Friday    |          |  |
| Saturday  | All Day  | Reserved                                       |

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## Attendance for April 23, 2023

| Sunday School | 29  |
|---------------|-----|
| In-Person     | 85  |
| Online        | 73  |
| Total         | 158 |

## Offering for this Week:

Needed Weekly - \$6,000.00 Received 4-23-23 - \$5,234.55