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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – APRIL 11, 2021 – 9:00 AM

Prelude: *"Show Us Christ"* - Doug Plank & Bob Kauflin

Welcome & Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness

Gathering Song: *"Now the Green Blade Rises"* ELW 379, all

The Greeting

"Kyrie Eleison" ELW pp. 184-185

Prayer of the Day Screen/Insert

Scripture Readings:

First Reading Acts 4:32-35

Psalm 133 Read responsively

Second Reading 1 John 1:1 – 2:2

Gospel Acclamation: *"Alleluia"* Setting 8, p. 188

Gospel John 20:19-31

Children's Message Pastor Jeff Geiger

Sermon Deacon Lynn Egesdal

Hymn of the Day: *"I Believe, I Do Believe"* John C. Ylvisaker

The Apostles' Creed and the Prayers of the Church

Response: L: Lord in your mercy **C: Hear our prayer.**

Offering: *"Be Exalted, O God"* - Brent Chambers

The Great Thanksgiving, Words of Institution and the Lord's Prayer

Holy Communion

"Lamb of God" ELW p. 191

Post Communion Blessing & Prayer and the Benediction

Sending Hymn: *"Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"* ELW 363, vv. 1, 2, 5

Dismissal

Postlude: *"Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"* – arr. Mary McDonald

♪ Worship Notes ♪

Welcome to worship! Thank you for joining us today— here at Bethany and in our livestream to homes near and far away. It is our hope that each and every one of you experience the love of Christ this morning and His presence during our worship service today.

The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need. (*Sundays and Seasons v. 20210331.0851 Copyright © 2021 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.*)

The liturgical color for Easter and the Easter season can be either white or gold or both. White symbolizes purity, holiness, respect and reverence. White is also used for the season of Christmas. Gold symbolizes what is precious and valuable, and so symbolizes majesty, joy, and celebration. Because of its brightness, metallic gold also symbolizes the presence of God.

Our service today includes Holy Communion. All who seek Christ's true presence promised to us through the bread and wine, body and blood, are welcome and invited to commune. For those attending in person, please complete a communion card (in the pew rack) for our records and leave it in the offering plate as you exit the church. Thank you! Drive up communion is available for our home viewers, following the service through 10:30 am. Come to the north parking lot entry to receive the elements and a blessing.

Our worship leaders this morning are: Pastor Jeff Geiger, Deacon Lynn Egesdal and pianist/organist, Elina Leander Ozolins. Many thanks to our worship volunteers today: Greeter/Reader-Judy Hiemstra; Ushers-Jaci Schrier, Judy Hiemstra; Tech Booth-Sandi Schmidt, Hannah Geiger and Randy Phillips;

PRAYER CONCERNS

Health Concerns:

Kent Baker, Lloyd Duffney, Linda Kunzmann, Kim McCune, Sandy Manwarren, Marsha Nelson, Hallee & Gentry Salton, Michele Summers, Marv Umbrell; Ed Duffney (*Lloyd Duffney's son*); Duane Schneider (*Twila Henning's brother*); Josh Dizzine (*Susan Geiger's co-worker's son*); Jackie Braunschweig (*Lynn Egesdal's sister-in-law*)

Those who mourn (the families of):

Mike Hawke (*Pastor Jeff's uncle*)

Thanksgiving:

New baby girl, Rudy, born to Taylor & Ryan. Grandparents are Dawn & Rory Huntoon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER LILIES Many thanks to everyone who shared an Easter lily or other plant to beautify the Sanctuary on Easter morning. You are welcome to take your plants home with you following worship today.

WEDDING COORDINATOR Bethany is looking for a Wedding Coordinator. The Wedding Coordinator supervises the wedding process at Bethany, scheduling with other coordinators, supervising the rehearsal and ceremony in consultation with couples and in accordance with standards and guidelines provided by Bethany Lutheran Church. As the primary liaison between Bethany and wedding couples, the Wedding Coordinator works in the spirit of love, transformation and service and seeking to build positive relationships with the bride, groom and all people they encounter through their work with weddings at Bethany. If you are interested in serving as Bethany's Wedding Coordinator, please contact the church office (262-2327) for more information.

BETHANY APP Bethany Lutheran Church has an app!!! Go to your app store and search for Tithely church app. Once you have that downloaded, search for Bethany Lutheran Church Spencer!!! The app is a quick way to access Bethany's worship services, events and news. There is even a Bible and you can submit and see prayer requests. This is still new so there may be some updates along the way!! And, while you're on the web, check out the new look for our website at: www.bethluthspencer.com.

THE WAY STATION is a relatively new outreach ministry in Spencer and you are welcome to be a part of it. Designed to be a stopping place, a station along the way with the intent of providing a place of relaxation, renewal, recharging, and restoration through the love of Christ. Along with coffee and snacks, The Way Station also provides a used book store and reading room called Friar Tuck's Book Nook, where people can read, study and purchase or borrow books. There is an art studio, where visitors can create custom arts and crafts. The Way Station also offers a space where healing prayers can be offered to individuals and groups. This a place for people to come meet Jesus, experience His love and bask in the transforming, restorative power of His Spirit. Through June 1, Bethany is collecting supplies to help support their ministry. Some of the items needed include: individually wrapped snacks or chips, cans of soda and bottled water. A collection basket is located in the foyer of the parking entry. Monetary donations are being accepted as well – earmark your gift for “The Way Station” and leave at the church office. Other ways to help include volunteering, participating in or teaching art classes, teaching heritage skills (sewing, weaving, canning, chair caning, etc.). If you have questions, please contact Lynn Egesdal at Lynn@bethluthspencer.com or Beth Preston at revbethpreston@gmail.com.

SCHOLARSHIP REMINDER: Bethany is offering scholarship(s) to this spring's graduating seniors who plan to attend a post-secondary educational program at a university, community college or trade school. Scholarship applications may be picked up at the church office. Completed applications returned to the office by April 20 will be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee. Our scholarship recipient(s) will be announced in May.

ONSITE SERVICE DAY Lutheran Lakeside Camp (2491 170th St., Spirit Lake IA) is having an on-site service day on Saturday, April 24, from 9am-noon. Grab a pair of gloves, your God's Work Our Hands t-shirts, and join with others in helping prep the camp for a summer of faith formation!! For questions or to RSVP, phone: 712-336-2109. There will be indoor and outdoor projects. Masks are required and social distancing will be enforced. Help camp get ready for campers with a variety of projects: Tree Removal – Tree Planting – Painting – Cleaning - Organizing – Cabin prep. Many hands will make light work!

CALENDAR:

Sunday, April 11

- 9:00 am Worship online & in-person
- 10:15 am Drive through Communion
- 10:15 am Sunday School

Tuesday, April 13

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting (OW)
- 5:00 pm Service Rebroadcast-SMU Channel 2

Wednesday, April 14 - WOW – *Check your Email!*

- 10:00 am Service Rebroadcast-SMU Channel 2
- 10:00 am Prayer Group (*via email*)
- 12:00 pm Text Study
- 4:00 pm Sunday School
- 6:30 pm Confirmation
- 7:30 pm **Bethany Youth Group (BYG)**
- 7:30 pm Women of Bethany Book-Bible Study via Zoom

Saturday, April 17:

- 8:00 am Men of Bethany Bible Study via Zoom

Sunday, April 18

- 9:00 am Worship online & in-person
- 10:15 am Drive through Communion
- 10:15 am Sunday School