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**MAY 24, 2020  
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
10:30 A.M.**

# WELCOME

**Bethel's Mission Statement** – Bethel's mission is to be a Lutheran congregation of the Church of Jesus Christ in the community of Miller, in which members are nurtured in the faith and by whom community residents are ministered to, with the expectation that the Holy Spirit will add to our fellowship and ministry.

**Welcome to worship!** May you experience the blessing of God for you and your life during this time. Bethel Lutheran Church is open to everyone and all are welcome here. Enjoy the music; raise your voice in song and prayer. Let the Spirit of the Lord touch your heart and soul and feel free to join in worship again in the coming weeks.

**Holy Communion** – During this time of Covid-19 while we are worshiping remotely, we will celebrate communion once per month on the second Sunday of the month. When we return to worshipping face to face we will celebrated communion most Sundays and it is open to all the baptized in addition to those who worship here on a regular basis. Distribution of the bread and wine is by intinction. After receiving the bread (wafer) from the pastor move to the worship assistant holding a chalice of wine (silver chalice) or grape juice (blue chalice) and dip the bread (wafer) into the chalice.

**Coffee and fellowship** immediately after the worship on a Zoom conference: Zoom Meeting ID: 652 966 3880 Password: Bethel. Or click the link below: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6529663880> (Password: Bethel)

Everyone is invited and welcome.

**Additional information** about the variety of ministry opportunities here at Bethel are listed at the end of this worship bulletin.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.

**Amen.**

Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Eternal God our creator,

**in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God forgives you all your sins.

**Amen.**

# GATHERING HYMN

## Beautiful Savior



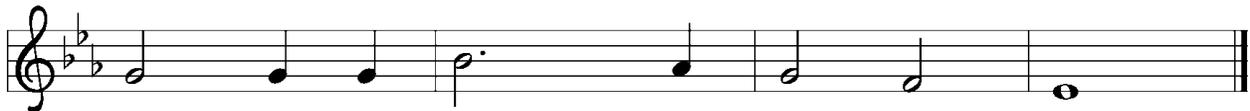
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!  
robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,  
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
than all the an - gels in the sky.  
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904  
Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

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## GREETING

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

Cong: **And also with you.**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM: Let us pray.

Cong: **Lord of the resurrection, you died and were raised so that ultimately death would not prevail. Remind us daily that sin, and even death, have no power over us. Amen**

## FIRST READING:

**1 Corinthians 15: 1-26, 51-57**

A reading from 1 Corinthians

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup>through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you — unless you have come to believe in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup>and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them — though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

<sup>12</sup>Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup>If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; <sup>14</sup>and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. <sup>15</sup>We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ — whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup>For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. <sup>17</sup>If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup>Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup>If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have

died. <sup>21</sup>For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; <sup>22</sup>for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death. <sup>51</sup>Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, <sup>52</sup>in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. <sup>53</sup>For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. <sup>54</sup>When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:

"Death has been swallowed up in victory."

<sup>55</sup>"Where, O death, is your victory?

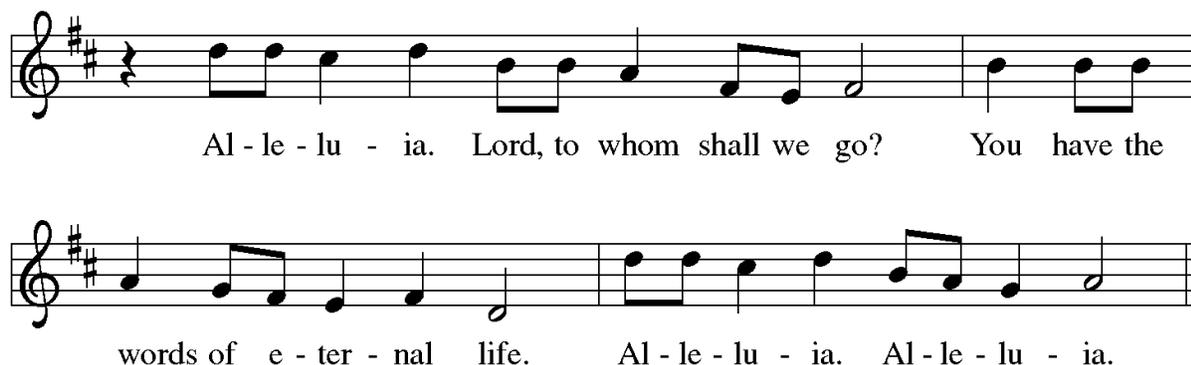
Where, O death, is your sting?"

<sup>56</sup>The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup>But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Pastor: Word of God, word of life.

**Cong: 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. Al - le - lu - ia.

**GOSPEL:**

**Mark 12:26-27a**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>26</sup>And as for the dead being raised, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the story about the bush, how God said to him, 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? <sup>27</sup>He is God not of the dead, but of the living; you are quite wrong."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**PASTOR JOY**

HYMN OF THE DAY

We Are Marching in the Light of God



Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -  
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',  
light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
we are march - ing in the light of God.



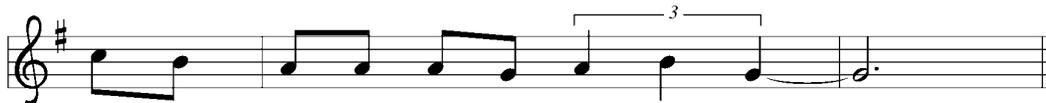
Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo  
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo  
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
we are march - ing in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:  
We are dancing ...  
We are praying ...  
We are singing ...

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**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

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*(pause for silent reflection)*

O God, call your people to be one, as you are one. Unite your church in the truth of your gospel, the love of our neighbor, and the call to proclaim your reign to all people. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Breathe life into your creation. Guide your people as we explore the mysteries of the universe. We pray for the work of scientists and mathematicians whose skill enriches our understanding (*like Nicholas Copernicus and Leonard Euler, whom the church commemorates today*). Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Make your justice known among the nations of the earth. Protect the vulnerable. Redirect those who use violence and greed as weapons. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Come to the aid of your children. We pray for those engulfed in grief, those without supportive families, and for all who are isolated, powerless, or afraid, that all may rest their anxieties in your care. *Especially Mattie Beemon, Jomar Hess, Alice Hoskins, Jennifer Mariani, Mrs. McCain, Mykaila and Matty McLaurin, Carlton Potts, Bayne Spotwood, Connie Hubbard, Amber Letbetter, Patricia Bueltmann, Chuck Blanchard, Eddie Robinson, Ben Watkins, Carol Armiger, Willie Patterson, Sandra Lewis, Marvin Lewis, Danny McCoy, Bob Arvidson, Mildred Shannon, Vertis Bolden, and John Karagory* Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Give courage to all who embark on new ventures. We especially remember this day those who risked their lives to serve in our armed forces. Grant safety to those serving at home or abroad, and assure them of your never-failing strength. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Raise all your saints to eternal life. Until that day, we give you thanks for the faithful examples of those who have listened to your voice and now rest in you. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always

Cong: **And with you also**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERING** (For Online Contributions go to <https://tithe.ly/give?c=1234592> or the Giving page on the website [www.bethelmiller.org](http://www.bethelmiller.org) )

# Create in Me a Clean Heart

## Offering Song

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.  
Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me  
with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,  
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

Music: *Liturgy of Joy*, James M. Capers, b. 1948  
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### OFFERTORY PRAYER

AM: Let us pray:

Cong: **Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

## **BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

### Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



- 1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
- 2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
- 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.  
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

## DISMISSAL

AM: Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak, and help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Cong: **Amen.**

AM: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Cong: **Thanks be to God.**

Cong: **With joyful hearts, living in Christ  
We love and serve our neighbors.  
We are Bethel!**

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***We welcome our visitors in the name of Jesus.***

*If you do not have a regular church home, we invite you to return to worship with us every week. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Joy Heine at 219-938-6677 or visit our website [www.bethelmiller.org](http://www.bethelmiller.org)*

## THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES

**PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR WAYS YOU CAN JOIN THESE TIMES TOGETHER ON-LINE!**

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday Morning Worship</b>
	<b>12:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Fellowship via Zoom</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Bible Study via Zoom</b>
	Meeting ID: 936 646 7032	
	Password: L1LAC or click the link below:	
	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9366467032?pwd=RWh3ZUR2TVWadRTcGtVY1ZYOE1jUT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9366467032?pwd=RWh3ZUR2TVWadRTcGtVY1ZYOE1jUT09</a>	
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday Morning Worship</b>
	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Fellowship on a Zoom</b>
	Meeting ID: 652 966 3880	
	Password: Bethel or click	
	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6529663880">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6529663880</a> (Password: Bethel)	
	link below:	

*All in person events are canceled or on-line. Please see the website [www.bethelmiller.org](http://www.bethelmiller.org) or our Facebook page for more information <http://www.facebook.com/bethelmillerbeach>*

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**IN OUR PRAYERS TODAY** we remember those who are in need of healing (illness, infirmity, homebound, etc. *especially Mattie Beemon, Jomar Hess, Alice Hoskins, Jennifer Mariani, Mrs. McCain, Mykaila and Matty McLaurin, Carlton Potts, Bayne Spotwood, Connie Hubbard, Amber Letbetter, Patricia Bueltmann, Chuck Blanchard, Eddie Robinson, Ben Watkins, Carol Armiger, Willie Patterson, Sandra Lewis, Marvin Lewis, Danny McCoy, Bob Arvidson, Mildred Shannon, Vertis Bolden, and John Karagory.*



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**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Worship Service Bulletins are printed first thing Thursday mornings. Please provide the office any announcements you would like posted by the Wednesday. You can include words of encouragement in the bulletin during this time of isolation. Please send words of encouragement to [bethelmiller@hotmail.com](mailto:bethelmiller@hotmail.com). Thank you.

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**THE BETHEL FAMILY** lifts up in the saints of every time and place *especially the families of Robert Ricketts, Faye Wewe, Riitta Hayes, Curtis Nevils, Bobby Hooper, Jim Topolewinaki, Barbara Young, Thomas Henley, Freddie Hooper, Don Argyilan, Judy Waugh, and Greg Hubbard III.* Please hold the families in prayer as they mourn these losses, comforting and supporting them in the example of our Savior, Jesus Christ, our Lord.



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**WEEKLY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:** Here is the link for Wednesday morning Bible Study!

**Meeting ID: 936 6466 7032**

**Password: L1LAC**



Wednesday Morning Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Central time

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**DAILY REFLECTIONS:** During this Easter Season, we will have daily reflections by members of Bethel and the Pastor. We will post them on Bethel's facebook page and youtube channel. If you are interested in videoing a reflection, please let Pastor Joy know, I will send out some guidelines. Thank you to those who have taken the risk to create and share videos! Please take a look at these reflections. They are a true gift from our Lord."

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**THE BETHEL FAMILY:** continues to pray for God to

Open the ways of love, in the pursuit of peace throughout the world, and bless the efforts of healthcare professionals, administrators, first responders, cleaning crew, grocery store workers, truck drivers, activists and caregivers for women and children experiencing domestic violence, relief workers, especially those who find themselves in harm's way, *Lillie McElroy, Latonya Lark, Kendra Riley, Matthew McLaurin, Brandon Campbell, and Edward Sampson*)

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