

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

**Risen One, You call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of Your abiding love. Form us to be Your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.**

**COMMUNION**

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\*Word's of Institution, \*Lord's Prayer, Distribution  
(Wine is a light pink, grape juice is a dark purple.)

**COMMUNION HYMN**

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*"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"*

**\*COMMUNION BLESSING**

Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Shepherding God, You have prepared a table before us and nourished us with Your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim Your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

**\*BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

**\*DISMISSAL**

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

**\*SENDING HYMN**

*"My Life Is in You, Lord"*



**“HE LEADS ME BESIDE STILL WATERS.”**

PSALM 23:2, NRSV



Psalm 23:1

*Welcome to  
Worship at Bethel*

*Sunday, April 21, 2024*

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

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*“A Family in Christ;  
Moved by His Spirit;  
Sharing His Love.”*

\*: Please stand if you are able.  
LBW: Lutheran Book of Worship (green)  
WOV: With One Voice (blue)

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*INVOCATION

*"In the Name of the Father"*

\*GATHERING HYMN

*"My Life Flows On in the Endless Song"*

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\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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\*HYMN OF MERCY

*"Make Me Like You"*

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**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.**

FIRST LESSON

Acts 4:5-12

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PSALM

Psalms 23

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The LORD is my shepherd,  
**I shall not want.**

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

he restores my soul.  
**He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.**

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.**

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

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 LESSON

1 John 3:16-24

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\*GOSPEL VERSE

*"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"*

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\*GOSPEL

John 10:11-18

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The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON HYMN

*"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"*

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SERMON

Rev. Mark Kindem

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**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**

\*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

*"Have No Fear, Little Flock"*

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