

Prayer Page

Thanksgiving

- Simon (son of Chris and Kelly Frampton) - born 4/23

Entrusting into God's Care

- Pat (mother of Karen Swanson) - Parkinson's disease
- Tony Dixon & family (King of Kings DCE) - house fire on 2/25
- Nathan & Sarah Federwitz - Lutheran Bible Translators
- Peace in Europe and throughout the world
- Project 24 students, Yvonne and Lorine

Healing

- Shannon (relative of Tim Potter) - cancer
- Phyllis Landis - health issues
- Jill (relative of Sue Kroemer) - cancer treatment
- Millie Zimmerman - recovering after surgery
- Ruby (relative of Emily Kroemer) - recovering after surgery
- Abi Clark - health issues
- Linda Patten - recovering at Cottage Grove after surgery
- Rick Foreman - recovering at home after surgery
- Kelly Johnson - life issues
- Pat Krekeler - health issues
- Ron Prescott - recovering after surgery
- Tom Larson - health issues
- Dave Christian - cancer treatment
- Deb Heitland - health issues
- Ethel Doehrmann - immunotherapy treatment

Homebound

- Pat Krekeler - at home

Mourning, friends and family of

- Rick (relative of Ann & Dan Balvanz) - died 4/16
- Linda (sister of Bonnie Breiholz) - died 4/16
- Tom (grandfather of Taylor Chittick) - died 4/14

Serving Our Country

- Aiden (grandson of Foremans) - US Army
- Mallory (friend of Abi Clark) - IA National Guard
- Amber (daughter of Ann Balvanz) - US Army, Germany
- Ben (son of Kroemers) - IA National Guard
- Devin (friend of Kroemers) - IA Army National Guard
- Mitchell & Benjamin (relatives of Schoens & Smiths) - US Navy
- Jordan (grandson of Kim Neuhaus) - IA National Guard
- Harrison (son of Siecks) - US Army, Germany

Servants of Worship

Sunday, April 27

Elder	Phil Hedtke
Usher (8:30)	Dave Karsten
Usher (11)	Ben Mims
Greeter (8:30)	Ed & Gloria Schumacher
Greeter (11)	Rita Tiedt, Karen Schmidt
Lector (8:30)	Rick Thorington
Lector (11)	David Behrens
Video (8:30)	Jeff Gebert
Video (11)	Jack Zimmerman
Sound (8:30)	Karl Hoech
Sound (11)	Aiden Erickson
Acolyte (8:30)	Wynne Kroemer
Acolyte (11)	Addy Stackhouse
Nursery (11)	Dawn Mims, Rebecca Ballstaedt
Coffee	Schmiths

Sunday, May 4

Mark Holt
Wade Ramsey, Ed Schumacher
Chuck Kroemer, Greg Dunn
Darrell & Naomi Chiavetta
Doug & Sheryl Knutson
Rick Foreman
Elaine Behrens
Greg Dunn
Doug Knutson
Nicholas Williams
Phil Hedtke
Lucas Heller
Sydney Wilson
Natalie Steggall, Susan Schoen
Youth

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...these are written
so that you may
believe that Jesus
is the Christ, the
Son of God...

JOHN 20:31

April 27, 2025

The Second Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m. Service

Living and Sharing God's Love

Order of Service

Divine Service IV

Call to Worship & Announcements	
Hymn of Invocation	LSB # 470
<i>O Sons and Daughters of the King</i>	
Confession and Absolution	LSB pg. 203
Introit	I Peter 2 & Psalm 105
Kyrie	LSB pg. 204
Gloria in Excelsis	LSB pg. 204
Salutation and Collect of the Day	
First Reading	Acts 5:12-20
Gradual	Featuring Janet Hoech
<i>“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”</i>	on Harp
Second Reading	Revelation 1:4-18
Alleluia and Verse	LSB pg. 205
Holy Gospel	John 20:19-31
Apostles’ Creed	
Children’s Message	
Hymn of the Day	LSB #532
<i>The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns</i>	
Sermon	
Prayer of the Church	
Lord’s Prayer	
Luther’s Morning Prayer	
Benedicamus and Benediction	
Closing Hymn	LSB #480
<i>He’s Risen, He’s Risen</i>	

Notes and Announcements

The American Red Cross will host a **blood drive** at Bethany on Thursday, May 22, 1:30-5:30 p.m. Please consider making an appointment to donate blood! Appointments can be made online at redcrossblood.org or by calling 1-800-RED CROSS.

Our youth are selling **Bethany coffee tumblers!** In an effort to be better stewards of the environment and our resources, we are encouraging members to bring reusable cups for coffee. The Bethany coffee tumblers cost \$20 each, and all proceeds will support our youth attending the LCMS Youth Gathering. To place your order, please sign up at the Welcome Center.

The congregation is invited to the public examination of our confirmands today at 9:45 in the Family Life Center. We will celebrate the **Rite of Confirmation** at 8:30 service next Sunday, May 4. God’s blessings to our 2025 confirmation students!

Registration for **Vacation Bible School** 2025 is now open! “Epic Australian Adventure” VBS will be held at Bethany June 23-26 (Monday-Thursday). Meals will be served at 5:00 and the program will run from 6:00-8:00 p.m. VBS is for all students in preschool through 5th grade. Register now at bethanycr.org/vbs.

Thank you to our trustees and everyone who helped care for the maintenance of our facilities at **“Serve the Lord Day”** yesterday!

Participate in Bethany’s version of the **Mt. Trashmore Challenge!** Throughout the spring and summer our Bethany group will meet at Mt. Trashmore to summit the trail together. Please look for more information to come about our meetup dates. Registering for the challenge through the Linn County Solid Waste Agency is not required to participate in Bethany’s version.

Fast facts about our **new member directory**

- Find it online by clicking “LOGIN” at www.bethanycr.org
- The secure directory is only visible to Bethany members.
- We are starting fresh! Each member must log in and give permission for their information to be visible.
- If you do not have email but want to be listed in the directory, call the church office to give your permission.
- Hard copies will be printed for members without email.
- Contact the church office if you need any help!

Our Calendar This Week

Today	8:30 am Divine Service (Traditional) 9:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Confirmation Public Examination 11:00 am Divine Service (Contemporary) 1:00 pm Bethany Lutheran Food Pantry Open
Monday	6:30 am Coffee & Cocoa Outreach 6:30 pm Area Wide Stephen Min. - King of Kings
Tuesday	8:00 am Prayer in the Square - Greene Square 9:00 am Walking for Exercise 1:30 pm Prayer Group 6:00 pm Handbells Practice
Wednesday	6:00 am Men’s Bible Study 6:00 pm Confirmation Class 6:00 pm High School Youth 6:30 pm Vocal Choir
Thursday	9:00 am Adult Bible Study 9:00 am Walking for Exercise 6:00 pm Human Care Meeting
Saturday	9:00 am Holy Yoga - Lower Level
Next Sunday	8:30 am Divine Service (Traditional) w/ Comm 9:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Adult Bible Class 11:00 am Divine Service (Contemporary) w/ Comm 1:00 pm Bethany Lutheran Food Pantry Open 5:00 pm Young Adults Group

Stewardship Note: John 20:19 – “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.’” Fear is the opposite of faith. That is, the kind of cringing fear we have in the face of something that is hostile to us and more powerful than we are. Jesus spends a lot of His time telling the disciples to not be afraid. Our fears constantly hem us in and prevent us from following the Lord’s will. But there is no need to fear. Jesus has conquered. No fear can keep us locked up. We have been set free by Jesus for lives that declare His marvelous deeds.