

TODAY, April 8	BETHANY	NEXT SUNDAY, April 15
Organist	Tim Nielsen	
Altar Guild for April		Pam & Mike Hermansen
Ushers: Ryan Veldboom, Mike Hermansen John Keller & Brady Cooke		David Sidles, *Elaine Nauss
Lector: Hannah Malm		Jacki Ellingrod
Greeters: Dianne & Randy Hough *Barb & Burdell Naugle		Wilma Nielsen *Elaine Nauss
Communion Asst:		Angie Hetrick, Joe Neary,
Acolytes: Josey Saxton & Ben Saxton		Olivia & Hannah Sanders

LOST ISLAND

Organist	Tim Nielsen
Altar Guild for April	Karen Thu, Kari Sorenson, Karyn Leininger
Reader: Madison Norris	Youth
Communion Asst:	Kadin Norris
Acolytes: Owen Lux	Miriam Hackbart-Morlock

OPPORTUNITIES

<u>Sunday, April 8</u>	Meeting right after Church with the Kids and Parents going to St. Louis 5-8:00 pm Outreach
<u>Monday, April 9</u>	9:00 am Quilters
<u>Tuesday, April 10</u>	6:30 pm Cub Scouts 6:50 pm Tabitha Circle @ Alaire's home
<u>Wednesday, April 11</u>	12 noon Men's Bible Study, lunch 3:30 pm SACK (grades 2-5) 5:30 pm Youth Board Meeting 6-7 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm COOL (grade 6) 7:00 pm Restored Mime
<u>Thursday, April 12</u>	6:30 pm Sarah Circle @ Church—working on kits
<u>Saturday, April 14</u>	Ruth Cluster at United Lutheran @ Ringsted
<u>Sunday, April 15</u>	8:45 am Lost Island Worship, Holy Communion 10:15 am Lost Island Sunday School 9:30 am Bethany Sunday School 10:30 am Bethany Worship, Holy Communion

The Bethany Youth have been involved in preparation for their MIME DRAMA— "RESTORED" that will be presented to you and the Public here at Bethany on April 11th and the 18th at 7 PM. This Drama portrays the restoration found through Christ and his life. There will be a Free Will Offering taken to help with the Mission Trip to St. Louis. Hope to see you there!

Bethany Lutheran Church 703 Broadway- Emmetsburg, IA Worship 10:30 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Rev. F. Peter Morlock and Vicar Sarah Schilcher We welcome you to worship today April 8, 2018	Lost Island Lutheran Church 3797-310th St. - Ruthven, IA Worship 8:45 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM
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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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.

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS/ SIGNING OF FRIENDSHIP SHEETS

We invite everyone to please sign the attendance sheets in the black notebook located at the end of pew. If you are a member, take a minute to notice people you don't know and welcome them to worship. If you are a visitor, we would like to get to know you better, please include your address and phone number. We welcome you to come again.

SERVICE FROM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP-SETTING 10

*Please stand as you are able

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:**

L: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. AMEN
L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
L: 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.

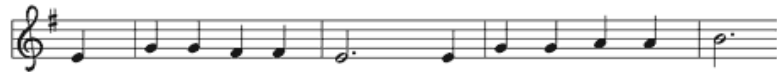
L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

***GATHERING HYMN:** LBW # 128 *“Christ The Lord is Risen Today, Alleluia!”*

***GREETING:**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

***KYRIE:** sung to tune of *Lord Jesus, Think on Me*



1 Have mer-cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol-ern prayer.
2 Have mer-cy on us, Christ, and wash a-way our sin.
3 Have mer-cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de-part.



We come to hear your liv-ing word; it saves us from de-spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be-gin.
Re-new us with your sav-ing pow'r; cre-ate in us new hearts!

***CANTICLE OF PRAISE:** sung to tune of *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for-ev-er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho-ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a-lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre-a-tion, Fa-ther of sur-pass-ing worth;
Son of God and gra-cious Sav-ior, you have come from heav'n a-bove;
Ho-ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex-alt you, we a-dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je-sus Christ, with God the Spir-it, in the Fa-ther's splen-dor bright.



Saints and an-gels bow be-fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re-store, for-give us; in your prom-ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in-her-it, glo-ry be to God on high!

Thank you for sharing Easter lilies with us:

In loving memory of my husbands, Lyle Schipull and Wayne Warmbier from Evelyn Warmbier.

In loving memory of Dave's parents: Helen & Lawrence Sidles from Dave & Elaine Sidles.

In loving memory of Elaine's father & step-father, Lyle Schipull and Wayne Warmbier from Elaine & Dave Sidles

In loving memory of Carol Andersen from Bob and their family.

In loving memory of Carroll and Wilma Olson, Mark & Pete Steger and others from their families

In memory of relatives & friends from Brian & Janis Campbell and Kim, BriAna & Phoenix Campbell.

**I failed to include the flowers that Kathy & Pat Mehan shared in memory of their families in last week's Easter bulletin.

You may pick up your flowers and take them home now. Thank You!!



Please remember Ladies—there will be a WELCA meeting directly following Church Services today.

Spring is on its way! There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for volunteers to sign up for mowing of the church lawn when the time is right! Thank you!

The 2018 Ruth Cluster meeting of the Western Iowa Synodical Women's Organization will be held Saturday, April 14, at the United Lutheran Church in Ringsted. Gathering time is at 8:30 AM with the program & meeting to begin at 9 AM. Please RSVP to Ilomae Meling at 712-298-1435 or Elaine Nauss by April 10.

Today's Noisy Offering will be given to Cherish House in Milford. The youth really do appreciate all the "Noise" that is made when your giving hits the cans! There is also an insert explaining their program. Thank you so much for your giving!!

The Riviera Theatre has notified our church that the movie titled, **"I Can Only IMAGINE"** began playing here in Emmetsburg on Friday, April 6 and will run until Thursday April 12, 2018. Shows every evening at 7 pm.

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***THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**-respond with “hear our prayer”

***SHARING OF THE PEACE** –in this cold & flu season you may wish to refrain from shaking hands and just extend the greeting

Please be seated while the offering is received

***OFFERING/OFFERTORY:** LBW #410 “*We Give Thee But Thine Own (vs1-4)*”
Noisy offering goes to Cherish House

***OFFERTORY PRAYER:** LBW Pg. 67 Merciful Father,
we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us-ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

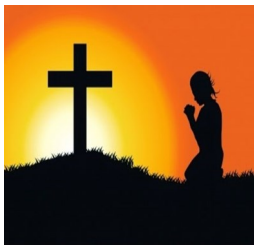
***THE LORD’S PRAYER AND BENEDICTION**

***SENDING HYMN:** LBW #130, “*Christ The Lord Is Risen Today!*”

***DISMISSAL:** P: Go in peace to love & serve the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN POSTLUDE

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IN OUR PRAYERS: We remember those in special need of God’s love and care including: Dawn Daniels (Sister of Darca Saxton), Woodie Haynes (Brother-in-law of Linda Twait), Linda Umbrell, Fiona Millican, Janis Campbell, Marilyn Eglund, Deb Zanfes, Curt Ackerman, Kort Freeman, Jim & Bonnie Anderson, Bill Ortman, Fern Schmidt, Heide Rienhardt, Margaret Sloan, Garwin Anderson, Lois Quam, Pastor Trudy Peterson, Karyn Davis, Rod Snavelly, Nancy Zeigler, Bob & Janet Mortenson, Lucille Anderson, Norma Larson, Richard

Omundson and those we name in our hearts.

***Our missionary:** Courtney Davis in Papua New Guinea

***Our companion synods:** The Southern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania-Yakobi Parish, companion with Lost Island and the Evangelical Lutheran Church Laz-Paz Parish in Chile, companion with Bethany.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Pray together

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord’s resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

VOLUNTEER CHOIR: WOV #780, “What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine
(Leaning On The Everlasting Arms)

FIRST READING: ACTS 4:32-35

While the apostles testified to others about the resurrection of Jesus, the early Christian community shared what they owned or sold their possessions to help their fellow believers who were in need.

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

PSALM 133

How good and pleasant it is to live together in unity. (Ps. 133:1)

¹How good and how pleasant it is, when kindred live together in unity!

²**It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard, upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe.**

³It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion. For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.

SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 1:1--2:2

The opening of this letter serves as a reality check. The reality of God is light, but our confessed reality has been sin. God cleanses us from our sinful reality through Christ’s death so that we live in fellowship with Christ and walk in God’s light.

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 1:1--2:2 (Cont'd.)

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. ^{2:1}My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Here ends the reading. Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** sung to *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*



GOSPEL ANNOUNCED and RESPONSE: Glory to you, O Lord. (Spoken)

GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-31

The story of Easter continues as the risen Lord appears to his disciples. His words to Thomas offer a blessing to all who entrust themselves in faith to the risen Lord.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-31 (Cont'd.)

²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the Mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." ²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

CONCLUSION OF THE GOSPEL: Praise to you, O Christ. (Spoken)

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** LBW #132, "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"

***THE APOSTLES' CREED:** LBW pg. 65

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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.

More than a shelter...

Cherish House, with compassion as its cornerstone, is a group maternity home in the Iowa Great Lakes area for pregnant teens and young women who desire to make the most of their lives. Each girl will have the opportunity for personal growth through life skills training in finance, nutrition, homemaking, parent training; personal counseling and adoption assistance (when needed); spiritual support; and learning to care for one another.

During her stay at **Cherish House**, the young lady will experience life within a structured, nurturing, and loving family setting. Our house moms will not only encourage her, but model healthy relationships. By the time the young mother leaves, she will have support mechanisms in place to help her live a responsible, fulfilling life...for herself...for her child...for her future children.

Parenting or placing for adoption? This decision is made by the young mother with the support of our caring staff. We are not an adoption agency but we will help her select one that will work for her. When needed, the young mother will have the option of staying at Cherish House for up to 3 months following the birth of her baby.

“For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for prosperity and not for calamity, plans for a future and a hope.” Jeremiah 29:11

You can help make a positive difference...

Volunteering Yes, I'm interested in serving as a volunteer.

Financial Support All funding comes through the generous gifts of individuals, churches, and organizations. Yes, I want to give a one-time gift in the amount of \$ _____. Yes, I will be a monthly supporter at \$ ____ per month.

Newsletter — Yes, I'd like to receive your quarterly newsletter.

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*** No Apologies for Teens**

Event promoting God's plan for purity

***Father/Daughter Dance**

Promoting the importance of Father/Daughter relationship

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