

Bethany Lutheran Church
703 Broadway- Emmetsburg, IA
Worship 10:30 AM
Sunday School 9:30 AM
Rev. F. Peter Morlock

Lost Island Lutheran Church
3797-310th St. - Ruthven, IA
Worship 8:45 AM
Sunday School 10:15 AM
Vicar Sarah Schilcher

We Welcome You to Worship Today
April 22, 2018

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The image of the Good Shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sister or brother 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 visitor, we would like to get to know you better, please include your address and phone number. We welcome you to come again.

ORDER OF SERVICE-LBW SETTING ONE-NO COMMUNION

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:** LBW Pg. 56

*Please stand if you are able

***GATHERING HYMN:** LBW 551, *#Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

***GREETING AND KYRIE:** LBW Pg. 57 (green hymnal)

***HYMN OF PRAISE:** Pg. 58 **Glory to God...**

***SALUTATION:** P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY** Let us pray together.

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

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***FIRST READING: ACTS 4:5-12**

Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he is able to proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.

⁵The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' ¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

***PSALM 23**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps. 23:1)

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

***SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 3:16-24**

Jesus' death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God's commandments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Bethany Youth have been involved in preparation for their:
MIME DRAMA
"RESTORED"

April 25th at 7 PM (Snow Make-up Day!)

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!

This is a reminder that Lost Island's & Bethany's WORSHIP BOARD will be meeting on Thursday, April 26th at 6:00 pm. This was not put on the Church Calendar.

Also, WIC will be using Bethany's Church Basement on April 26th during the day.

Next Sunday, the 29th of April, Bethany Youth will be sponsoring their annual Pancake/Omelet Breakfast at the VFW starting at 8:30 to 12:30 pm. It is Free Will Donation. Donations will go towards the St. Louis Mission Trip. Hope to see you there!



Next Sunday, April 29th, the Quilters from the Bethany and Lost Island Lutheran Churches will be displaying their quilts that they have pieced and sewn together over the past winter months, during Worship Services. They have asked that we take a special offering to help with the shipping expense to send these quilts overseas for Lutheran World Relief.



***GOSPEL RESPONSE: Praise to you, O Christ.**

***CHILDRENS MESSAGE**

***SERMON**

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** LBW #456, *“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”*

***THE NICENE CREED:** Pg. 65

***THE PRAYERS—** Please 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 Pg. 75 *“Create in me a clean heart....”*

***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:** Pg. 76

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING HYMN:** Praise #105, *“God Be With You”*

***DISMISSAL:** P: Go in peace to love & serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ORGAN POSTLUDE



IN OUR PRAYERS:

We remember those in special need of God’s love and care including: Orville Stephas, Dawn Daniels, Woodie Haynes, Linda Umbrell, Fiona Millican, Janis Campbell, Marilyn Eglan, Janis Campbell, Wilma Nielsen, Curt Ackerman, Debra Zanfes, Bonnie Anderson, Kort Freeman, 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.