

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Fourth Sunday of Easter - Bach Cantata #4

April 25, 2021 - 9:30am (live-stream) & 11:00am

✠ Gathering ✠

PRELUDE

Suite in G Major for solo cello, BWV 1007

J.S. Bach

I. Prelude

II. Allemande

WELCOME

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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.

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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!



1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" All on earth with an - gels say;
 2 Love's re-deem-ing work is done, fought the fight, the bat - tle won.
 3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has burst the gates of hell.
 4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious king! Where, O death, is now your sting?



raise your joys and tri - umphs high; sing, O heav'ns; and earth, re - ply.
 Lo! The sun's e - clipse is o'er. Lo! He sets in blood no more.
 Death in vain for - bids his rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
 Once he died our souls to save; where your vic - to - ry, O grave?

5 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!
 Praise to thee by both be giv'n.
 Thee we greet triumphant now:
 hail, the resurrection, thou!

6 King of glory, soul of bliss,
 everlasting life is this:
 thee to know, thy pow'r to prove,
 thus to sing, and thus to love!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: ORIENTIS PARTIBUS, Pierre de Corbeil, d. 1222

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.

✠ Word ✠

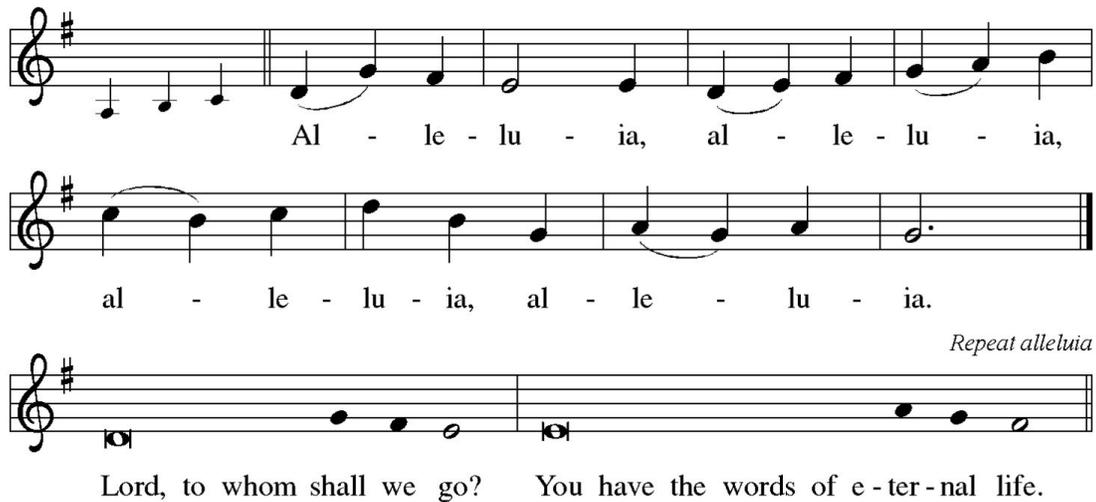
LESSON

1 Corinthians 5:6-8

⁶Your boasting is not a good thing. Do you not know that a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough? ⁷Clean out the old yeast so that you may be a new batch, as you really are unleavened. For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed. ⁸Therefore, let us celebrate the festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL

Mark 16:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Nate Preisinger

I. Sinfonia**II. Verse 1 - Chorale**

Christ lag in Todesbanden
Für unsre Sünd gegeben,
Er ist wieder erstanden
Und hat uns bracht das Leben;
Des wir sollen fröhlich sein,
Gott loben und ihm dankbar sein
Und singen halleluja. Halleluja

Christ lay in death's bonds
Given over for our sins,
He has risen again
And brought us life
Therefore we should be joyful
Praise God and be thankful to Him
And sing hallelujah, hallelujah

III. Verse 2 - Duet

Den Tod niemand zwingen kunnt
Bei allen Menschenkindern,
Das macht' alles unsre Sünd,
Kein Unschuld war zu finden.
Davon kam der Tod so bald
Und nahm über uns Gewalt,
Hielt uns in seinem Reich gefangen. Halleluja!

No one could defeat death
Among all humanity,
This was all because of our sins,
No innocence was to be found.
Therefore death came so soon
And took power over us,
Held us captive in his kingdom. Hallelujah

IV. Verse 3 - Solo

Jesus Christus, Gottes Sohn,
An unser Statt ist kommen
Und hat die Sünde weggetan,
Damit dem Tod genommen
All sein Recht und sein Gewalt,
Da bleibet nichts denn Tods Gestalt,
Den Stach'l hat er verloren. Halleluja!

Jesus Christ, God's son
Has come in our place
And has done away with sin
Thereby taking from death
All his rights and power
Nothing remains but death's form
He has lost his sting. Hallelujah

V. Verse 4 - Chorale

Es war ein wunderlicher Krieg,
Da Tod und Leben rungen,
Das Leben behielt den Sieg,
Es hat den Tod verschlungen.
Die Schrift hat verkündigt das,
Wie ein Tod den andern fraß,
Ein Spott aus dem Tod ist worden. Halleluja!

It was a strange battle
That death and life waged
Life claimed the victory
It devoured death
The scripture had prophesied this
How one death gobbled up the other
A mockery has been made out of death. Hallelujah

VI. Verse 5 - Aria

Hier ist das rechte Osterlamm,
Davon Gott hat geboten,
Das ist hoch an des Kreuzes Stamm
In heißer Lieb gebraten,
Das Blut zeichnet unsre Tür,
Das hält der Glaub dem Tode für,
Der Würger kann uns nicht mehr schaden. Halleluja!

Here is the true Easter lamb
Offered up by God
Which was, high on the cross; stalk
Roasted in hot love
The blood marks our door
Faith holds it against death
The strangler can no longer harm us. Hallelujah

VII. Verse 6 - Duet

So feiern wir das hohe Fest
Mit Herzensfreud und Wonne,
Das uns der Herre scheinen läßt,
Er ist selber die Sonne,
Der durch seiner Gnade Glanz
Erleuchtet unsre Herzen ganz,
Der Sünden Nacht ist verschwunden. Halleluja!

So we celebrate the high festival
With joy of heart and delight
Which the Lord radiates upon us
He himself is the sun
That through the splendor of his grace
Illuminates our hearts completely
The night of sin has disappeared. Hallelujah

VIII. Verse 7 - Chorale

Wir essen und leben wohl
In rechten Osterfladen,
Der alte Sauerteig nicht soll
Sein bei dem Wort der Gnaden,
Christus will die Koste sein
Und speisen die Seel allein,
Der Glaub will keins andern leben. Halleluja!

We eat and live well
On the true Easter bread
The old leaven shall not
Exist next to the word of grace
Christ will be our food
And nourish the soul alone
Faith will live in no other way. Hallelujah

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

✠ Offering ✠

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ANTHEM

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PRAYERS

✠ Meal ✠

WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

BLESSING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE 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

✠ Sending ✠

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

Hymn #368



1. With high de-light let us u - nite in
2. Let prais-es ring; give thanks, and bring to



songs of great ju - bi - la - tion. You pure in heart, all
Christ our Lord ad - o - ra - tion. His hon - or speed by



bear your part, sing Je - sus Christ, our sal - va - tion. To
word and deed to ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na - tion. So



set us free for - ev - er, he is ris'n and sends to
shall his love give us a - bove, from mis - er - y and



all earth's ends good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.
death set free, all joy and full con - so - la - tion.

DISMISSAL

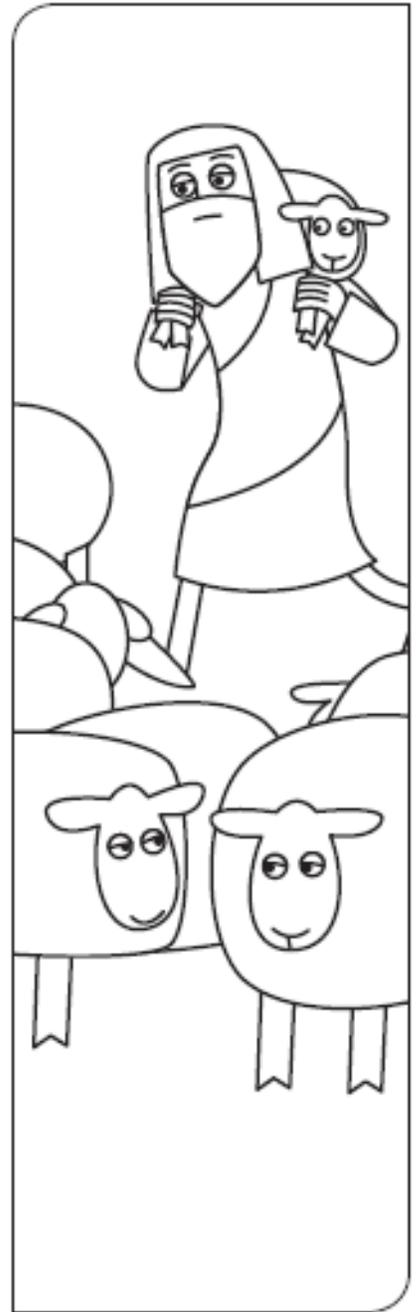
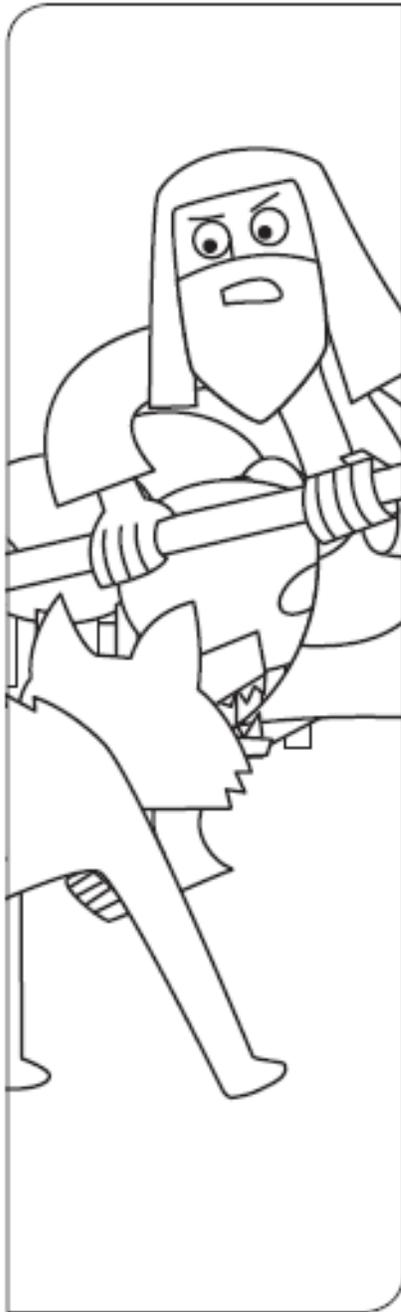
Christ is Risen! **He is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Musicians: Chancel Choir Ensemble, James Kim, director - Sara Michael, soprano - Laura Tribby, soprano - Rebecca Robinson, mezzo-soprano - Derek Chester, tenor - Matt Weissenbuehler, baritone - Margaret Gutierrez, violin - Heejung Kim, violin - Robyn Julyan, violin - Ben Tomkins, violin - Phillip Stevens, viola - Aniel Caban, viola - Jeff Watson, cello - Sarah Biber, cello - Forest Greenough, contrabass - Ricard de Setienne, continuo

Did You Know? In the Bible, there are 7,487 promises made by God to humankind!

The Good Shepherd



Jesus is called the Good Shepherd because he takes care of his followers. What else do shepherds do?