

<b>TODAY, April 15</b>	<b>BETHANY</b>	<b>NEXT SUNDAY, April 22</b>
Organist	Tim Nielsen	
Altar Guild for April		Pam & Mike Hermansen
Ushers: David Sidles, *Elaine Nauss		Youth Sunday
Lector: Jacki Ellingrod		Youth
Greeters: Wilma Nielsen		Ron & Sandi Chapman
*Elaine Nauss		*John & Stephanie Larson
Communion Asst: Angie Hetrick, Joe Neary,	Kim Campbell	
Acolytes: Olivia & Hannah Sanders		Braxton Cooke, Henrik Gustafson

### **LOST ISLAND**

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

### **OPPORTUNITIES**

<b><u>Monday, April 16</u></b>	9 am Quilting
<b><u>Wednesday, April 18</u></b>	9:30 Mary Martha Circle meets @ Jacki Ellingrod's home 12 Noon Men's Bible Study, lunch 1:30-SACK (grades 2-5) NO Adult Bible Study 6-7 pm Confirmation 7:00 NO COOL GROUP 7:00 pm MIME (Youth) 7:00 Confirmation Youth will attend the MIME
<b><u>Thursday, April 19</u></b>	2:00 pm Ruth Circle meets @ Church
<b><u>Saturday, April 21</u></b>	9:00 Quilting @ Lost Island Church 9—12 pm Joint Council Mtg. @ Bethany
<b><u>Sunday, April 22</u></b>	8:45 am Lost Island Worship 10:15 am Lost Island Sunday School 9:30 am Bethany Sunday School 10:30 am Bethany Worship—Youth Sunday 1-3:30 pm N Home PARC, Kath, ECC (Pastor)

Bethany Lutheran Church 703 Broadway- Emmetsburg, IA Worship 10:30 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM	Lost Island Lutheran Church 3797-310th St. - Ruthven, IA Worship 8:45 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM
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We welcome you to worship today  
April 15, 2018

### **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER YOUTH SUNDAY-LOST ISLAND**

*The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Lord's day. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures: the two main elements of our Sunday worship.*

#### **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 HOLY COMMUNION SETTING ONE**

\*Please stand if you are able

Youth: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:** Please read responsively

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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.**

1 John 1:9 <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

*Brief pause*

**PSALM 51:1-4**-Congregation reads together

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

<sup>2</sup>Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

<sup>3</sup>For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

<sup>4</sup>Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge.

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:** WOV #674 ALLELUIA! JESUS IS RISEN

Alleluia! Christ is Risen. **CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED. ALLELUIA!**

### **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Just as God's work of creation never ends, so the gifts received in baptism are renewed every day. Let us give thanks together for the life given in baptism.

#### **We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life:**

for water to bathe in, water to drink, for waters to play in and waters that inspire wonder, for water that gives life to our planet.

#### **We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life.**

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place: for water from our tap, for rain, for local water sources like Lost Island Lake.

#### **We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place.**

We give you thanks for your salvation through water: for delivering Noah and his family through the floodwaters, for leading your people Israel through the sea into freedom, for preserving your prophet Elijah through the time of drought, for guiding your people across the Jordan into a new land, for quenching the Samaritan woman's thirst with living water.

#### **We give you thanks for your salvation through water.**

We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized, and for all who gather here; for godparents and baptismal sponsors, for children and grandchildren, for our brothers and sisters in Christ whom we have never seen but to whom we are bound.

#### **We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized.**

We give you thanks for life in Christ through your Holy Spirit: for our entry into Jesus' death through these waters, for our new birth into a life of freedom and service, for our calling to be your people, sent out for the life of the world.

**We give you thanks, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Bethany Youth have been involved in preparation for their:

**MIME DRAMA**

**"RESTORED"**

April 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!

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

We have been invited by the ladies of the Ruthven United Methodist Church to "A Ladies Night Out." This will be held on Wednesday, May 2 at 7:00 pm. There will be prizes, cake, ice cream and great fellowship. There is a flyer on the bulletin board in the Overflow Room with more information. All are Welcome!



We have also been invited on Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm, by the Church Women United of Palo Alto County to gather together for "May Friendship Day." This will be held at the United Methodist Church in Ruthven. The theme is "Reaching for Wholeness." All are welcome to attend.

Reminders:

- \*An offering will be received;
- \*Bring "Least Coin" and "Nickels For National" offerings;
- \*Bring a Carload of Ladies from All Churches.



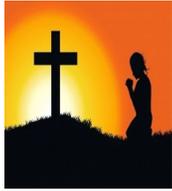
There will be a Bakken Family Benefit held on May 5<sup>th</sup> at the Ruthven Legion Hall. Free will donation—Supper at 6pm with the Live Action following at 7:30 pm.

Rhonda's family are members of Lost Island Lutheran Church. Rhonda was an avid supporter of her family and friends in the Ruthven Community.

To donate or more information, please contact:

Jon at 712-260-3212; Miranda at 507-327-6638 or Suzy at 712-584-5492

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**IN OUR PRAYERS:** We remember those in special need of God's love and care including: Dawn Daniels, Woodie Haynes, Linda Umbrell, Fiona Millican, Janis Campbell, Marilyn Egland, Deb Zanfes, Curt Ackerman, Kort Freeman, Fern Schmidt, Heide Rienhardt, Margaret Sloan, Evelyn Warmbier, Garwin Anderson, Lois Quam, Jim and Bonnie Anderson, Karyn Davis, Rod Snavely, Nancy Zeigler, Bob & Janet Mortensen, 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 in Chile.



We invite all who are baptized to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion with us. We ask that you believe that Christ is present in the bread and wine and that you desire the benefits He offers. If you would like to come forward for a blessing and not receive Holy Communion, please indicate by crossing your arms. If you are not able to come forward, please indicate to the usher and we will serve you at the pew. Grape juice is present in the center of

Please remember that on the 29th of April, there will be a Pancake/Omelet Breakfast sponsored by the Bethany Youth at the VFW starting at 8:30 to 12:30 pm. YUMMY!!



The First Annual Picnic in Centennial Park, Ruthven being hosted by the Lost Island and Bethany Lutheran Churches is in it's early stages of being planned. We are currently looking for a few people from both congregations to help plan this event!

The Park has been reserved for Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup>.

There will be a Potluck Dinner, Swimming, Playing Games and getting to know one another in a very laid back setting. Please contact Sarah at 920-229-5929 or Diane at 712-852-4450 if you

would like to help plan this.

**SALUTATION:** The Lord be with You. **And also with you.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Pray together

**Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**First Reading: Acts 3:12-19**

*After healing a crippled man, Peter preaches to the people how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus' name.*

<sup>12</sup>[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?"<sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

<sup>17</sup>"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

**Psalm: Psalm 4**

*The Lord does wonders for the faithful. (Ps. 4:3)*

<sup>1</sup>Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

<sup>2</sup>**"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?"**

<sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; the LORD will hear me when I call.

<sup>4</sup>**Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

<sup>5</sup>Offer the appointed sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>**Many are saying, "Who will show us any good?"**

**Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine abound.

<sup>8</sup>**In peace, I will lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.**

### **Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-7**

*God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.*

<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Here ends the reading. Please stand for the Gospel.

**\*RESPONSE:** Alleluia! He is Risen! **He is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!**

**\*GOSPEL ANNOUNCED AND RESPONSE:** Glory to you, O Lord.

### **GOSPEL: LUKE 24:36B-48**

*In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.*

<sup>36b</sup>Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?"

<sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence.

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things."

Here ends the reading of the Gospel

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

### **CHILDREN'S SPECIAL MUSIC MESSAGE**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY:** #678 WOV CHRIST HAS ARISEN, ALLELUIA

**\*NICENE CRED P.64**

**\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**\*SHARING OF THE PEACE**

Please be seated while the offering is received

**\*OFFERING/OFFERTORY:** Let the vineyards...

**\*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 GREAT THANKSGIVING:** LBW Pg. 68

**\*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION:** Pg. 69

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER:** Pg. 71

**HOLY COMMUNION:** Pg. 72 "Lamb of God..."

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**\*BLESSING:** P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen.**

**\*POST COMMUNION:** Pg. 72 "Thank the Lord..."

**\*PRAYER AND BENEDICTION**

**\*SENDING HYMN:** #673 WOV I'M SO GLAD JESUS LIFTED ME

**\*DISMISSAL:** Go in peace and serve the risen Lord. **Okay! We Will!**