



Feed My Sheep by Nicolette Peñaranda/Inspired by John 21:1-19/SantifiedArtLLC/Sanctifiedart.org

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*Bethany Reformed Church seeks to be a caring and inclusive community  
called by Christ to glorify God –  
empowered by the Holy Spirit to express God's love,  
serve our neighbors and community, and invite others  
to follow Christ in a life changing way.*

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**Order of Worship**  
April 7, 2024  
Second Sunday of Easter

\*Means rise in body or spirit

**Bold** print for congregational response.

There are **hearing assistance devices** in a box by the entrance to the Sanctuary for those who need them. Please ask a greeter for assistance.

**Offerings** may be placed in the basket by the Sanctuary door.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

VOTUM & CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus said,

**"Follow me."**

Jesus said,

**"Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."**

Jesus said,

**"Forgive seventy times seven."**

Jesus said,

**"Feed my sheep."**

In response, we say:

**"Here's my heart. Take and seal it. Seal it for thy courts above."**

Let us worship God with all our hearts.

\*OPENING HYMN #356 (Red) "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"  
Violinist: Nell Moses

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, like Peter, we crawl out of the boat only to sink. You tell us your truth and we push it away. We ask about forgiveness and are surprised by abundance. We profess our faith and deny it three times. We run to the empty tomb and leave in silence. Over and over again, we find ourselves wandering along the journey of faith. Tether us to your heart.**

**Forgive our surprise, our denial, and our limited imagination.  
Call us out of the boat once more. We are eager to return to you.  
With humble hearts we pray...**(Personal prayers continued in  
silence)...**in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord we offer this  
prayer. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\**GLORIA PATRI* #579 (Red Hymnal)

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.**

### **The Word of God**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Liturgist: Nell Moses

John 21:1-19 (pg. 115)

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All”

1. Jesus, my Lord, my God, my All,  
Hear me, blest Savior, when I call;  
Hear me, and from Thy dwelling place  
Pour down the riches of Thy grace;  
Jesus, my Lord, I Thee adore;  
O make me love Thee more and more.

2. Jesus, too late I Thee have sought;  
How can I love Thee as I ought?  
And how extol Thy matchless fame,  
The glorious beauty of Thy name?  
Jesus, my Lord, I Thee adore;  
O make me love Thee more and more.

3. Jesus, what didst Thou find in me  
That Thou hast dealt so lovingly?  
How great the joy that Thou hast brought,  
So far exceeding hope or thought!  
Jesus, my Lord, I Thee adore;

O make me love Thee more and more.

4. Jesus, of Thee shall be my song;  
To Thee my heart and soul belong;  
All that I have or am is Thine;  
And Thou, blest Savior, Thou art mine;  
Jesus, my Lord, I Thee adore;  
O make me love Thee more and more.

SERMON

"Here's my heart"

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Apostle's Creed)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His Only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #377 (Red) "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Communion of the People**

**Prayer after Communion**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING/DEDICATION**

\*DOXOLOGY #592 (Red) "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

ANNOUNCEMENTS (written announcements are at the end of Bulletin)

\*HYMN OF PARTING "Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult"

1. Jesus calls us o'er the tumult  
of our life's wild, restless sea;  
day by day His sweet voice soundeth,  
saying, "Christian, follow me."  
Jesus calls us from the worship  
of the vain world's golden store,  
from each idol that would keep us,  
saying, "Christian, love me more."

2. In our joys and in our sorrows,  
days of toil and hours of ease,  
still He calls, in cares and pleasures,  
"Christian, love me more than these."  
Jesus calls us by Thy mercies,  
Savior, may we hear Thy call;  
give our hearts to Thine obedience,  
serve and love Thee best of all.

\*BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: #539 (Red Hymnal) (Verse 1)

"Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise"  
**Savior, again to thy dear name we raise  
with one accord our parting hymn of praise.  
Once more we bless thee ere our worship cease,  
then, lowly bending, wait thy word of peace.**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-Zoom Sing & Pray will meet on Wednesday, April 10 at 5 PM. Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83512239240?pwd=ckFCSGJ6TUF1QkMzcG5IcUdrYTJ5QT09#success>

-Our Secretary, Rachel, is away and will return to the office on Tuesday, April 16. Pastor Elizabeth is still in the office and is available via email and phone as usual.

-Albany Classis Work Day: Saturday, April 27, 8 AM-5 PM at 3<sup>rd</sup> Reformed Church Property. The Classis is looking for handy men and women to come get the house at 16 Ten Eyck Avenue in Albany ready for the next phase of ministry. All levels of skill are helpful. Interested? Contact Nancy Landrigan ([classisofalbanyrca@yahoo.com](mailto:classisofalbanyrca@yahoo.com)) or Dirk Gieser ([dirk@encounterERC.com](mailto:dirk@encounterERC.com)).

-We are looking for volunteers to help during Bethany RC's Plant and Flower Sale on May 10 and 11--many hands make light work! Signup sheets are located on the Narthex bulletin board. More information about this sale is at the end of the Bulletin.

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Internet Offerings:

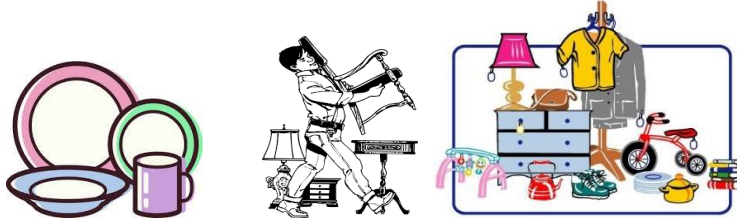
- 10 AM Sunday Worship
- 5 PM Wednesday Internet Sing & Pray

March 31, 2024 donations to the General Fund: \$3,190, and the Easter Special Offering: \$1,175.

Total donations as of March 31, 2024 to the Fellowship Hall renovation: \$18,333.21. Thank you so much!

# WANTED!

Your treasures, once loved, but no longer needed.



We welcome any good, clean, usable items you would like to donate for our Attic Treasures Sale.

***We are not accepting any large items/furniture.***

Folks will be available to accept items at the Education Wing door on:

Sunday, 4/14: 11 AM-1 PM  
Monday, 4/15 – Saturday, 4/20: 10 AM-1 PM  
Sunday, 4/21: 11 AM-1 PM  
Monday, 4/22: 2-4 PM  
Tuesday, 4/23: 10 AM-1 PM

Questions? Please see Jessica Fuglein (Deacon), or call the Church Office: (518) 482-7998.



# **Attic Treasures Sale & Bake Sale**

**Friday, April 26: 10 AM-3 PM**  
**Saturday, April 27: 9 AM-3 PM**

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Once loved, but no longer needed:



...and more!

**Indoor "yard sale."**  
**Come and find your treasure!**



# Plant & Flower Sale

Rain or Shine!

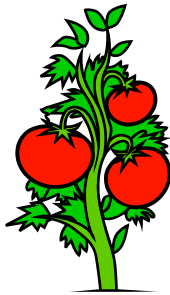
**Friday May 10th**  
8 AM to 6 PM



**Saturday May 11th**  
8 AM to 3 PM

**ANNUALS**

**Perennials**



**Patio Pots**

**Hanging Baskets**

Geraniums

Vegetables

Herbs

**Patio Garden Raffle**

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**Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 7p.m.**



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**A concert of Spirituals,  
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**Admission is free, donations accepted to benefit  
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