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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 21, 2024
Fourth 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 (Based on Psalm 23)

Our Good Shepherd has led us to this place.

He leads us beside still waters; he restores our soul.

Even though we walk through dark valleys, even though we are fearful and in need of comfort,

Our cup overflows with God's goodness and mercy; we shall dwell in the house of the Lord our whole lives long.

*OPENING HYMN #457 (Red) "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Savior God, you guide us, but we are slow to follow and stubborn. You welcome us to your fold, but we make others feel as if they don't belong. Forgive our life-alienating ways, our exclusion and judgment; the way we evaluate and compare, demean and degrade. Redeem us. Restore us. Help us be faithful as your flock. (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

John 10:11-18 (pg. 103)

1 John 3:16-24 (pg. 240)

Liturgist: Jessica Fuglein

CHOIR ANTHEM

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

1. My Shepherd will supply my need;
Jehovah is His Name:
In pastures fresh He makes me feed,
Beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back
When I forsake His ways,
And leads me, for His mercy's sake,
In paths of truth and grace.
2. When I walk through the shades of death
Thy presence is my stay;
One word of Your supporting breath
Drives all my fears away.
Your hand, in sight of all my foes,
Does still my table spread;
My cup with blessings overflows,
Your oil anoints my head.

3. The sure provisions of my God
Attend me all my days;
O may Your house be my abode,
And all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest,
While others go and come;
No more a stranger, or a guest,
But like a child at home

SERMON

"Being a Shepard"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From: *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE "Lord, You Are My Shepherd"
TO GOD BE THE GLORY 11.11.11.11 with Refrain

Lord, you are my shepherd and so I am blessed;
You make me lie down in green pastures to rest.
You lead me beside the still waters, O Lord;
In you I find peace and my soul is restored.

Refrain:

In this world, there is much that can tempt me away,
Yet in you, I'm content, as you guide me each day.
O Lord, I don't need to feel lost or alone;
For you are my Shepherd and I am your own.

You lead me to do what is just, in your name;
You guide me through valleys of death and deep pain.
I'll fear nothing evil with you by my side;
Your rod and your staff, Lord, will comfort and guide. (Refrain)

You set me a table right here by my foes;
You bless me with joy till my cup overflows.
Your goodness and mercy will follow me through;
I'll live in your presence, forever with you. (Refrain)

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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 #387 (Red) "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

*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

-The Consistory is meeting today, April 21, after worship.

-Zoom Sing & Pray will meet on Wednesday, April 24 at 5 PM. Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83512239240?pwd=ckFCSGJ6TUF1QkMzcG5IcUdrYTJ5QT09#success>

-Please send any May Newsletter Articles to the Church Office no later than Thursday, April 26.

-Albany Classis Work Day: Saturday, April 27, 8 AM-5 PM at 3rd 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) or Dirk Gieser (dirk@encounterERC.com).

-The Handbell Choir will meet next Sunday, April 28, after worship.

-The Annual CROP Walk is right around the corner: Sunday, May 5. Bethany was the recipient of the Silver Sneaker Award, raising more than \$10,000 in last year's walk. Please consider donating to this year's walkers: John and Wendy Delehanty, Bill Murray, and David Nichols. Cash/checks, as well as online donations are always appreciated! Link to donate online: [2024 CROP Hunger Walk - Bethany Reformed Church Albany NY](#). See Wendy Delehanty or Pam Menton with questions.

-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.

Internet Offerings:

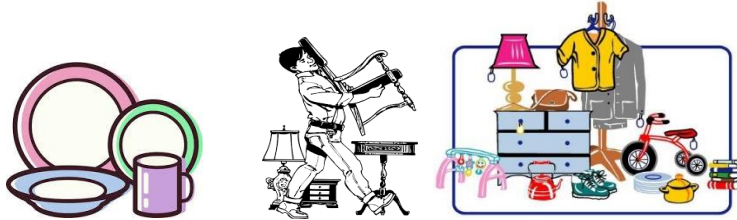
- 10 AM Sunday Worship
- 5 PM Wednesday Internet Sing & Pray

April 14, 2024 donations to the General Fund: \$378.

Total donations as of April 14, 2024 to the Fellowship Hall renovation: \$18,283.21. 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, 4/21: 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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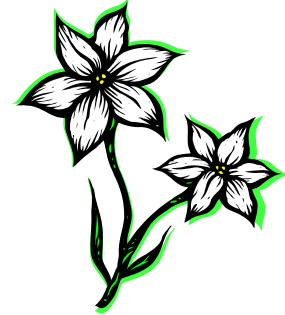
...and more!

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

Plant & Flower Sale

Rain or Shine!

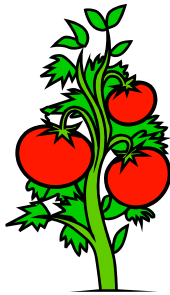
Friday May 10th
8 AM to 6 PM



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 6th at 7p.m.



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**A concert of Spirituals,
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**Admission is free, donations accepted to benefit
Family Promise of the Capital Region**