A nursery is available on the First Floor for infants and children under 3 years.

After Children's Time, preschool through 5th grade is invited to **Children's Church** in the Children's Wing. When communion is served, the children will be brought back into the sanctuary and are invited to take communion with their family.

Altar Flowers: The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God and in honor of the members of Lydia Circle by Maureen King.

Next Sunday we celebrate our mothers and Epworth! Most of the children served by Epworth will not be celebrating Mother's Day with their birth mothers this year. Instead, they will be surrounded by loving staff or foster parents who walk with them daily to provide spiritual, educational, emotional, and physical support. The Mother's Day Offering is our opportunity to partner with Epworth to improve the lives of the children and families they serve.

Prayer Requests

Beth Brewer	Patti Moran
Gary Brewer	Tracie Powell-Wilkin
Aaron Cohen	Beverly Rakestraw
Judy Eaker	Jerry Reitzel
Cathy Hanks	Maxine Reynolds
David Holder	Linda Seifert
Toni Holder	Shelley Winkler

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Week of April 27

Worship Attendance	159
Gifts to Budget	$7,184
Goal per Week	$15,883
Year-to-date Budget Goal	$270,017
Year-to-date Budget Received	$157,111

Church Office Hours
Monday – Thursday: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Friday: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Brad Gray
Pastor

Chad Deetz
Youth Minister

Dale Fischer
Director of Music

Jennifer Bartless
Coordinator of Children's Ministry

Dr. Kristine Lee
Organist

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Invite. Grow. Send.

To all who are weary and need rest; To all who are burdened and need relief; To all who are lonely and need friends; To all who are looking for something that only God can provide; To all who sin and need a Savior; To whosoever will come, Bethel UMC, the House of God, opens her doors, and in the name of Jesus Christ says, "Welcome!"

May 4, 2025 **3rd Sunday of Easter**

11:00 AM Worship Service

Prelude *"Our Father Who Art in Heaven"* Arthur Foote

Trinity Chimes

Welcome & Announcements

*Call to Worship
Come, let us worship God!
We come with joy and amazement. We come, startled and frightened. We come as we are.
We assemble together, saying, "It is true!"
Are not our hearts burning within us?
Look! Touch and see! It is Jesus!
He has appeared! Our Lord is risen indeed!
Christ stands among us, saying, "Peace be with you."
And we are witnesses of all these things!

*Passing of the Peace

*Hymn *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"* UMH 139

*Psalter Reading *Psalm 150* UMH 862

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Smith Walton Robinson
Son of Keane & Caitlyn Robinson
Godparents: Taylor Wright & Kasey Wright
Officiants: Rev. Brian Gilmer & Rev. Kenneth Bobo

Song of Response *"God Claims You"*
Refrain: Smith, Smith, God claims you. God helps you, protects you and loves you, too.

Offering

Offertory Anthem *"Oh, Lord, Your Table Now Is Spread"* Brad Nix
Sanctuary Choir

*Doxology *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* UMH 95

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Children's Time

Prayers of the People
Leader: The Lord be with you.
Response: **And also with you.**
Leader: Let us pray.

Scripture Reading John 20: 19-31

Later on that day, the disciples had gathered together, but, fearful of the Jews, had locked all the doors in the house. Jesus entered, stood among them, and said, "Peace to you." Then he showed them his hands and side. 20-21 The disciples, seeing the Master with their own eyes, were awestruck. Jesus repeated his greeting: "Peace to you. Just as the Father sent me, I send you." 22-23 Then he took a deep breath and breathed into them. "Receive the Holy Spirit," he said. "If you forgive someone's sins, they're gone for good. If you don't forgive sins, what are you going to do with them?" 24-25 But Thomas, sometimes called the Twin, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples told him, "We saw the Master." But he said, "Unless I see the nail holes in his hands, put my finger in the nail holes, and stick my hand in his side, I won't believe it."26 Eight days later, his disciples were again in the room. This time Thomas was with them. Jesus came through the locked doors, stood among them, and said, "Peace to you." 27 Then he focused his attention on Thomas. "Take your finger and examine my hands. Take your hand and stick it in my side. Don't be unbelieving. Believe." 28 Thomas said, "My Master! My God!" 29 Jesus said, "So, you believe because you've seen with your own eyes. Even better blessings are in store for those who believe without seeing." 30-31 Jesus provided far more God-revealing signs than are written down in this book. These are written down so you will believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and in the act of believing, have real and eternal life in the way he personally revealed it.

Sermon *"Closed and Locked Doors"* Rev. Brian Gilmer

Invitation, Confession, and Pardon UMH 12

The Great Thanksgiving UMH 13

Giving the Bread and Cup

*Hymn *"Crown Him with Many Crowns"* UMH 327

*Benediction

*Postlude *Postlude on "Diademata"* Gordon Young

**Please stand if able*