

*4th Sunday
of
Easter
May 15*



**Worship
Service**

**BENICIA
LUTHERAN
CHURCH
&
NOAH'S ARK
PRESCHOOL**



Bible Study
8:30-9:15am

Worship Service:
9:30am

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The mission of Benicia Lutheran is to make disciples of Jesus Christ and serve members of the congregation and surrounding community through worship, education, witnessing, fellowship, and service.

THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE TODAY. If you are looking for a church to call home, please consider joining this fellowship, where we seek to help each other grow in faith, in love, and in service. If we can be of service to you in any way, please call and leave a message on the church answering machine at 707/746-0201.

As Missouri Synod Lutherans we believe that the body and blood of the resurrected Lord Jesus Christ are truly present in and with the bread and wine when we receive the Sacrament. If you are baptized and desire to receive these gifts that Christ offers in His Supper, you are cordially invited to participate with us.

Looking forward to worshipping with you this Sunday at 9:30am or at our 8:30am Bible Study. Also, join us on *YouTube* for our Virtual Worship Service following our Sunday Service. You will find the link on our website:

BeniciaLutheranChurch.com.

As We Gather: Now we know the end of the story. In John's vision in the Epistle, heaven will be like an eternal wedding feast. All of us in the Church have been made presentable by Christ, the Bridegroom. Unlike the disciples, who in today's Gospel still had to experience their Lord's absence from Good Friday through Easter morning, we can be confident that no one can take our joy from us. Now we know that because He has paid the price on the cross, the Bridegroom will freely make all things new. In place of torrents of tears will be the spring of the water of life. When we receive His body and blood in the Sacrament, it is a foretaste of the feast to come, and we cannot wait to enjoy the rest of the eternal celebration!

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR MAY 15, 2022

Pre-Service Music By Barbara Keller

Welcome:

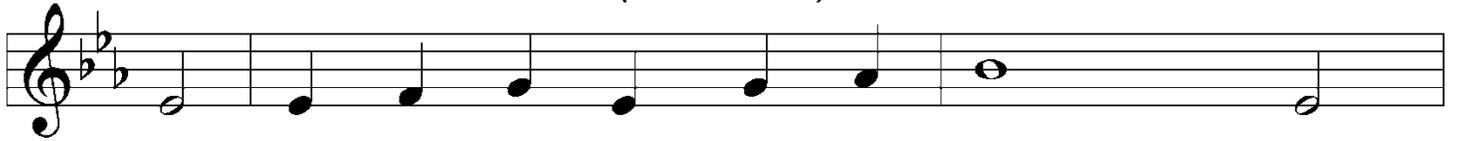
Special Announcements:

(See Announcements Section)

Opening Prayer:



“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”
(LSB #465)



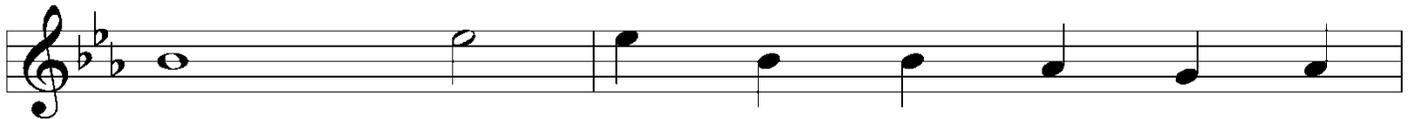
1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In
2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -
△ 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And



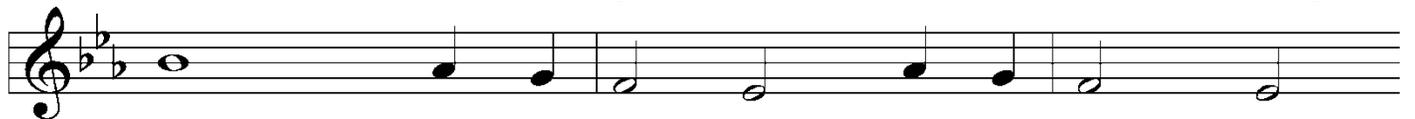
praise of love that still a - bounds: “Christ has tri - umphed!
fore our heart with rap - ture sings: “Christ has tri - umphed!
with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: “Christ has tri - umphed!



He is liv - ing!” Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and
He is liv - ing!” Now still He comes to give us
Al - le - lu - ia!” Be to the Fa - ther and our



clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
life And by His pres - ence stills all
Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: “Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!”
strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Invocation:

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Easter Acclamation:

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Confession and Absolution:

John 16:20; Revelation 21:6

People: **Eternal God, we confess that we were born sinful and have continued to sin in thought, word, and deed. O God, in Your mercy, forgive our sin and renew Your Spirit within us that we may joyfully follow Your will and gladly obey Your commandments. For the sake of Jesus, our Lord, forgive our sins and direct us in ways of compassion and love.**

Pastor: In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I announce to you the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor: Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in peace.

People: **Amen.**

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Pastor: Let us pray.

Pastor: O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will.

People: **Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

First Reading:**Acts 11:1-18***Read by: Diane Church***Reader: The First Reading is from Acts, chapter eleven, beginning at the first verse.**

¹Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, ³“You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them.” ⁴But Peter began and explained it to them in order: ⁵“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. ⁶Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. ⁷And I heard a voice saying to me, ‘Rise, Peter; kill and eat.’ ⁸But I said, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ ⁹But the voice answered a second time from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, do not call common.’ ¹⁰This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. ¹¹And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. ¹²And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. ¹³And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.’ ¹⁵As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God’s way?” ¹⁸When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, “Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life.”

After the reading:

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading:**Revelation 21:1-7**

Reader: The Second Reading is from Revelation, chapter twenty-one, beginning at the first verse.

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." ⁵And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. ⁷The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son."

After the reading:

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Verse:**Romans 6:9; John 14:23**

Pastor: Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia.

People: **If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. Alleluia.**



Holy Gospel:

John 13:31–35

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. ³²If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. ³³Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, ‘Where I am going you cannot come.’ ³⁴A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

After the reading:

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon Hymn:

**By Barbara Keller
Versus 1, 2, and 5**

“The Church’s One Foundation”

(LSB #644)



1 The Church’s one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - ’ry na - tion, Yet one o’er all the earth;
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.
Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
And mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion With those whose rest is won.



From heav’n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;
One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
O bless - ed heav’n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
And to one hope she press - es With ev - ’ry grace en - dued.
That we, like saints be - fore us, May see You face to face.

Sermon:

“Giving What He Has Given Us”
(John 13:31–35)

Hymn of Reflection:

By Barbara Keller
Versus 1, 2, 4, and 7

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”
(LSB #633)



1 At the Lamb’s high feast we sing Praise to
2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His
4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal
7 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy! This a -



our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide
sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—
vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love
lone can sin de - stroy; From sin’s pow’r, Lord, set us free,



Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!
New - born souls in You to be. Al - le - lu - ia!

Apostles' Creed:

People: 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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

+ Installation of Congregational Officers +

(Those to be installed come forward. The pastor addresses the congregation)

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, Holy Scripture admonishes us that “all things should be done decently and in order.” To that end, the constitution and bylaws of this congregation establish various offices to which men and women are elected and appointed to serve. In so doing, the Church follows the example of the Early Christian Church as described in Acts, chapter six: The twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” The apostle Peter writes in his first epistle: As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Pastor: We now recognize the Church Council and Elders of Benicia Lutheran Church. The Officers are: President: Belinda Miller; Secretary: Barbara Keller; Treasurer: Rodger Engebretson; Financial Secretary: Tony Barriga; Head Elder: Brad Miller and other Elders are Rodger Engebretson, Wayne Stofferahn and Dave Weirich.

Pastor: You have been chosen to fill specific offices and positions of responsibility at Benicia Lutheran Church. While holiness of life and obedience to Christ are expected of all members of the congregation, it is especially important that you, as office-bearers in His Church, show yourselves, by word and example, to be faithful to Him in service and Christian devotion. In the presence of God and of this congregation, I therefore ask you: Do you accept the office(s) entrusted to you, and do you promise faithfully to carry out your duties, trusting in the Lord and conforming yourself to His Word in accordance with the faith of the Evangelical Lutheran Church? If so, then answer: I do.

Officer: I do.

(The pastor addresses the congregation)

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, you have heard the promises of faithfulness spoken by these men and women whom you have selected to serve as officers of Benicia Lutheran Church. Do you promise to support them in their work, to remember them in your prayers, and to work with them to the best of the abilities that God has given you, so that He may be glorified and His work be done in our midst? If so, then answer: We do.

People: **We do.**

(The pastor addresses the officers-elect)

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, I install you as officers of Benicia Lutheran Church in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: The almighty and most merciful God enlighten and strengthen you in your offices that you may be good and faithful stewards to the glory of His name and the good of His people.

People: Amen.

(Please Stand)

Pastor: We also remember with appreciation the service of Eddie Baumberger who has served as an elder and also Dave Weirich who has served many years as Head Elder and now continues to serve as a regular Elder.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Pastor: Lord God, heavenly Father, we give thanks that You have raised up these servants for work among Your people. We humbly implore You to grant them, by Your Holy Spirit, those gifts needed for the faithful carrying out of their tasks, most especially wisdom, strength, and willing hearts. Let Your blessing rest on this congregation. Strengthen the faith, quicken the love, and enkindle the zeal of its members, that Your name may be glorified and that here and in all places under heaven the kingdom of Your Son may be advanced. We remember with thanksgiving those who have faithfully served Your people and have now completed their time of service. We pray that in the end of days we, with all Your faithful people, may hear the voice of Christ saying: "Come, you who are blessed by My Father; inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world"; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Go in the name of the Lord. Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

People: Amen.

Offertory Music by Barbara Keller



The Offering: Feel free to bring your offering to church and drop it in the mail slot under the church office window.

OR

Mail it to 201 Raymond Drive, Benicia, CA 94510 if you are not at church

Prayers:

Pastor: Let us pray to God on behalf of the Church and all people in their various needs.

Pastor: You told Peter, "What God has made clean, do not call common." Remember those people on the margins of society, O Lord; provide caring people and institutions, open doors of opportunity, and free them from the results of their past poor decisions. Bridegroom of the Church, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Peter and the others recognized that they could not "stand in God's way." Guide the Church's clergy and lay leaders here and around the world to seek Your will, Lord Jesus, working together creatively to find new ways to spread the Gospel in accord with Your will. Bridegroom of the Church, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Holy Lord, in John's vision You proclaimed, "Behold, I am making all things new." Graciously work through the talents and knowledge of meteorologists, naturalists, engineers, and visionaries as they seek to find ways to renew the health of this planet. Grant that seedtime and harvest, sun and rain produce bountiful harvests that we all rejoice in Your many blessings. Bridegroom of the Church, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord over all, as You foretold, often we "will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice," so we see injustice, oppression, constant warfare, and unrest in many nations. Raise up wise leaders intent on serving their citizens, police and first responders focused on maintaining the peace, and armed forces determined to reestablish calm. Bridegroom of the Church, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Gracious Savior, by the faith given us by the Holy Spirit, we look forward to the wedding feast of the Lamb, who will end mourning, crying, and pain. Before we enter that time of rejoicing, we bring the petitions of people near and dear to us as they call out in sorrow, through tears and enduring pain. As fits Your gracious plans, give them peace, joy, and relief. Bridegroom of the Church, in Your mercy.

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting that You have heard us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

+ The Sacrament of Holy Communion +

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalm 136*

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.



Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Pastor: Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

The Words of Our Lord:

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

Pastor: In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Proclamation of Christ:

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Lord's Prayer:

People: 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.

Pax Domini:

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

Distribution of Communion:

The elder and pastor will bring the individual cups to you as you remain in your seats. Please let them know if you would like grape juice rather than wine or a gluten free wafer. We will all commune at the same time. Ushers will come and pick up your empty cups as soon as you are done.

Distribution Hymn:

Solo By Barbara Keller

Post-Communion Thanksgiving:

Pastor: Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood.

People: **Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Benediction:

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: Amen.

Closing Hymn:

By Barbara Keller
Versus 1, 2, & 3

“Now Thank We All Our God”
(LSB #895)



1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voic - es,
2 Oh, may this boun-teous God Through all our life be near us,
△ 3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be giv - en,



Who won-drous things has done, In whom His world re - joic - es;
With ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless - ed peace to cheer us
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in high - est heav - en,



Who from our moth - ers' arms Has blest us on our way
And keep us in His grace And guide us when per - plexed
The one e - ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



With count-less gifts of love And still is ours to - day.
And free us from all ills In this world and the next!
For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

Dismissal:

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Pastor: The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even forevermore.

People: **Amen.**

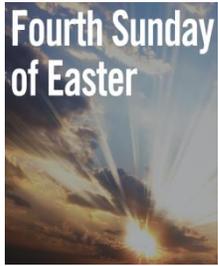
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Calendar

5/16/22 **Monday @ 6:30pm** Ministry Idea/Action Team
 5/17/22 **Tuesday @ 6:00pm** Church Council Meeting
 6/7/22 **Tuesday @ 6:30pm** Worship Committee Meeting
 6/9/22 **Thursday @ 1:30pm** Elders' Meeting



Announcements

IN-PERSON IMMERSE BIBLE GROUP A new in-person Immerse Bible Group has begun. The group meets on Tuesday at 2:00 pm at church. We'll be reading through the New Testament in 8 weeks. Please consider joining this in-person group or join the **Wednesday 6:30pm Zoom** Immerse Bible Group. Check with Pastor for details. Order your book ASAP. The Zoom link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87026313575?pwd=UmNsdGF4UWxJa3AwcG9SZ1BuV1V1QT09>

Meeting ID: 870 2631 3575 Passcode: 697322

NOON HOUR PRAYER EVERY THURSDAY ON ZOOM, 12:15-12:45pm Take a half hour of your Thursday lunch time to spend in prayer. Please call Pastor 925-586-2575 or email BLCPastor@sbcglobal.net if you have any questions.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84737491380?pwd=bHBqT3VremFsWit5TENgzRNMEpqUT09>

Meeting ID: 847 3749 1380 Passcode: 933866

GRIEF SHARE starts **today at 1:00 pm**. Since participants can join any week of the thirteen week program, we encourage you to continually keep those in mind who are grieving and encourage them to participate in the group. Flyers are available in the Narthex to pass on to others and to post where you think is appropriate.

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Looking for volunteers to help with Vacation Bible School, 6/20-6/22, 9-12pm. Contact Belinda Miller at 707/515-8063 or belpint.mill@gmail.com if you are interested.

KNITTING GROUP Sally will have the next meeting on 5/18. After that, they meet on 6/1 at Sally's house. Please contact Sally if interested and she will provide you her address, 415-250-6728 or by email at: Sally.Engebretson@sbcglobal.net.

LUTHERAN HOUR FOR SUNDAY MAY 15, 2022 This week's Speaker for The Lutheran Hour is Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. His message is entitled "***What the Bible Is About***" and is based on **1 Corinthians 15:3-5**. To make sense of a 1000-piece jigsaw puzzle, one needs to know "the big picture." The Bible is like that, too. Listen to this week's Lutheran Hour on KCBC, AM 770, at 7:30am on Sundays, or anytime on the web at www.lhm.org. Also available on the web are Spanish & Armed Forces versions as well as MP3, Podcast and Sirius XM Satellite radio. An updated mobile app is now available for your convenience.





Next Sunday is Noah's Ark Preschool Sunday. The children will sing and the staff will be recognized for their many years of service.

The Farmers Market dates for Preschool and the Church are **May 19, June 16, and August 11.**

No School on **Monday, May 30th**, for the Memorial Day holiday.

The last official day of school **is 6/1 and 6/2** with **Graduation on June 1st** and a Graduation Walk in the parking lot. The Graduation ceremony will be **recorded May 25-27** and sent home by **June 6th**.

There is **space available** in the T/TH 3 year old class if you know of anyone interested in the Preschool.



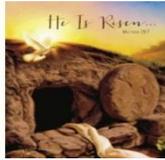
Ukraine Presentation

Our next Ukraine Presentation is at BLC on Saturday, May 21, 10:00-11:45am with Russian Orthodox Priest, Dr. Edward Henderson, of Berkeley. He was born in USA and has very good English even though he knows Russian, having lived there some and having received a MA in Russian Studies.

Approximately half the time will be devoted to questions and answers. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the Christian Faith, the potential manipulations of that Faith, and what discipleship includes.

We have **flyers available** in the Narthex for the Second Presentation on the Ukraine Crisis. **The flyers are to be posted where you think is appropriate and to share with others that you think might be interested.**

Contributions of refreshments, again, will be greatly appreciated at that time. Invite your friends. We hope you will all join us.



Easter
4th Sunday of Easter
Worship

SERVING TODAY IN WORSHIP: May 15, 2022, 9:30 AM Service

Pastor	Rev. Kohlmeyer	Coffee Fellowship	Liz and Tony Barriga
Elders	Wayne Stofferahn, Brad Miller Rodger Engebretson, Dave Weirich	Reader	Diane Church
Music	Barbara Keller	Altar Guild	Liz Barriga & Roger Keller
Ushers	Wayne Stofferahn & Scott Irwin (Ushers will light the candles)	Church Counter	Tony Barriga

GOD'S GRACE IN ACTION:	Number Attending	Total Offering	Needed /Week
<p>May 8, 2022</p> <p>Simply Giving Weekly Contribution</p>	30	<p>\$4,620.00</p> <p>\$ 209.00</p>	\$2,985.00
<p>Special & Designated Offering: LWML Mite Box Offering</p>		\$ 56.00	

**Drop off your Tithes, Offerings
and Prayer Request
to the church
OR
Mail them to
201 Raymond Drive, Benicia, CA 94510**



May Birthdays

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| 5/11 Nita Tyree | 5/16 Marli Karrasch |
| 5/11 Debbie Weirich | 5/25 Elfriede Adams |
| 5/12 Kim Weirich | 5/25 Tony Barriga |
| 5/14 Donna Noska | 5/31 Nancy Stiltz |



Prayer RequestsPrayers for those with Cancer:

Pat Aune (Nephew of LeRoy & Frances Miller) Mouth cancer, beginning Chemo treatment 5/10/22

Helen (Grant family friend) Cancer 5/1/22

Mark (Cheryl Toth's brother) recently diagnosed with cancer 3/11/22

Kim Mendel (Sally Engebretson's friend) Diagnosed with triple negative breast cancer and started chemo. It's an aggressive tumor, but, localized 2/4/22

Kia (Grant family friend) breast cancer 1/9/22

Mary Hrize (Lisa Moffett's cousin) Pancreatic cancer, undergoing treatment 11/21/21

Ted Valli (Laura Sinats' brother) Prostate cancer 1/24/22

LeRoy & Frances Miller Health issues 5/1/22

Recuperating from Accidents, Illness, Surgery, orChronic Health Conditions:

Dick Innes Stroke 5/2/22

Pat (Sara Cregar's Sister) Will be 89 on 6/1, end stage Alzheimer's & Dementia 5/1/22

Dianne Pendleton's Uncle Jim Placed on hospice. He turned 94 on 2/28/22

Dave & Jillian Pritting (friends of Julie Barriga). Triplets born at 29 weeks 2/2/22

Richard Johnson Very Ill and hospitalized 12/5/21

Virginia Galletta, Virginia Galletta (daughter) and Matt Stillwell dealing with health issues 11/12/21

Chris (Dianne Pendleton's friend) Recovering from a brain aneurysm. 11/9/21

Ella Mae Aune (LeRoy's sister) Recovering from a serious fall which has affected her movement 9/15/21

Blakely Marie Christiansen (Sally's niece, 1st grandchild) After 8 months, Blakely got approval to move from Omaha Children's Hospital to Ambassador Health of Omaha. Ambassador Health will transition Blakely to go home and her parents will get additional training from the nurses since Blakely has a trach. Her current weight is approx. 15 lbs. at almost 8 months old. Blakely was born July 27, 2021 at 24 weeks, weighing 1lb. 3 oz. 4/18/22

Joanie (Janie Peterson's sister) Recovering from surgery for fall 6/21/21

Pastor Andry Recovering from heart surgery 7/25/21

Jon (Janie Peterson's Brother) many difficult health issues, pray for his wife Stana also 2/7/22

Martin (Norma's friend) Heart problems, lung cancer, respiratory problems 3/10/22

Tyler Barber (LeRoy & Frances' grandson) Pray for guidance in his life choices 3/10/22

Michael and Karie Wong (Tricia's cousins) Health issues 2/1/22

Sandra (Elfriede's friend) Health issues 3/10/22

Carol Beckemeyer (Kimberly Collins's mother) Pray for strength as she cares for Emma and deals with the loss of Stephanie 3/10/22

Brandon DeLago (Christine S. Son-In-Law) Cystic Fibrosis 3/10/22

Pastor & Ruth Glock Pray for their health. 3/10/22

Colin Burkhardt (Heinitz's Friend) Alzheimer & Dementia 11/20/21

Robbie (Susan H. son) Help to overcome his addiction 1/27/22

Gloria Barrow (Weirich's friend) Chronic heart valve complications & lung disease 2/23/22

Kathy (Dianne P. Aunt) C.O.P.D. 2/24/22

Prayers for Cheryl Waters Thomas' Family 6/30/21

Helen V. Waters (Mother) Pray for her wellbeing

Garrett L. Thomas (Husband) Difficulty with cancer treatments

Bachan Chahal (Doctor's Mother) Difficulty with cancer treatments

MacNary Waters 60 yrs. old, died in sleep, heart congestion

Jean Waters mourning the death of her only Son

Denise Waters mourning the death of her only brother

Families & Friends Who Grieve:

Richard Boltz Nataly Keller's father. Pray for Nataly, Mark and Nataly's family as they grieve Richard's loss 5/2/22

Carol Ham (Bryant's neighbor) lost battle with cancer. Pray for comfort & peace for John & family 5/1/22

Savilla (Gloria Lambousy's sister) Pray for Gloria's family as they grieve her sister's loss 2/2/22

Bob Maineri Pray for Emily and the Maineri family as they grieve Bob's loss 9/7/21

Irene & Warren Peters Pray for the Peter's family and friends who grieve Irene & Warren's loss 12/15/21

We pray for our Call Committee:

Diane Church, Kimberly Collins, Tricia Grant, Scott Irwin, Brad Miller, Ken Pendleton, Wayne Stofferahn, and Dave Weirich

Pray for Ukraine victimsPray for COVID victimsPray for all of the families at Noah's Ark Preschool and our Director and TeachersRemember Our Military, Especially:

Jonathan Lee (Bell), David Hughes, Coy Egbert, Aaron Reed, Chris Atkinson, Christopher Standard, Ross Castell, Scott Draper, Robert Harpe, Aaron Bell (Bell), Rob Alfeld (Alfeld), Ethan Lister (Ames), and Nickalaus Keller (Keller)

Please email your Prayer Request or updates to blcoffice@sbcglobal.net, drop them in the church mail slot
Or mail them to: BLC, 201 Raymond Drive, Benicia 94510

