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GATHERING

Gathering Music	"Organ Meditations"	organ
Welcome & Announcements		
Mission Minute	Puerto Rico Partners	
Minnesota Food Share Video Thank You		
Call To Worship		on screen
Opening Prayer		on screen
Confession and Forgiveness		
Gathering Song	"Give to Us Laughter" (sung to the tune ELW 765)	on screen
Greeting		
Prayer of the Day		

WORD

First Reading	Isaiah 55:10-13	
Psalms	Psalms of Joy	on screen
Children's Hymn	"Ho, Ho, Ho, Hosanna"	on screen
Children's Word	That's a Good One!	
Gospel	John 20:19-29	
Sermon	Peace Be With You	
Hymn of the Day	"The Day of Resurrection!"	ELW 361, vs. 1,3,4
Sacrament of Holy Baptism: Finnlee Grace Palmby & Nash Rowan Goldsmith		
Prayers of the People		
Sharing of the Peace		
Gathering of Gifts		
Offering Prayer		

MEAL

Sacrament of Holy Communion		
Words of Institution		
The Lord's Prayer		ELW p. 154
Distribution		
Post Communion Blessing		

SENDING

Benediction and Blessing		
Sending Song	"Go, Tell It On the Mountain" (sung to the tune ELW 290)	on screen
Dismissal		
Sending Music	"Christ Has Arisen"	organ



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Welcome to Our Contemporary Service!

Gate of Life is a service that will impact you musically, visually, and with the power of God's Word and Jesus' salvation as its backbone. **The name "Gate of Life" comes from the scripture John 10:9-10**, where Jesus says: *"I am the gate ... I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."* Expect worship to be highly engaging through the use of images, music that moves the body and soul, a message that encourages all to participate, and a community focused atmosphere with Christ at the center.

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April 12th, 2026
Holy Humor Weekend



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WORSHIP INFORMATION

Bible Reading	A reading based on Psalms of Joy
Children's Sermon	That's a Good One!
Gospel	John 20:19-31
Sermon Title	Peace be With You

Worship Participants:

Preacher: Rev. Lisa Hawe

The Gate of Life Worship Leader: Michele Nyman

Do you enjoy The Gate of Life?

WE INVITE YOU TO VOLUNTEER!

If you would like to **be a part of the Gate of Life service** in a musical way, helping with visuals, or behind the scenes work, please contact Michele Nyman at nyman@bethellutheran.com.

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BAPTISMS

- Saturday, April 11th -

Finnlee Grace Palmby,
daughter of Michael &
Kristi Palmby

Sponsors: Kara & Zach More

Nash Rowan Goldsmith,
son of Joseph &
Lexie Goldsmith

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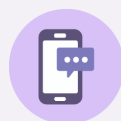
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