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BRIEF ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

SETTING II



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 30, 2023

SUNDAY 9:00 a.m.

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Family

PRELUDE: Because He Lives by William J. Gaither, Instrumental

GATHERING

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and for his sake God forgives us our sins.

As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins. In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG: Hymn #526, God Is Here! – Four verses

- 1 God is here! As we your people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.
- 2 Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit;
here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,

here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.

3 Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.

4 Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the gospel;
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe!

(Pg. 120)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of
the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the
Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

(Pg. 122)

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might
be to God and the Lamb forever.**

Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING: Acts 2:42-47

⁴²[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

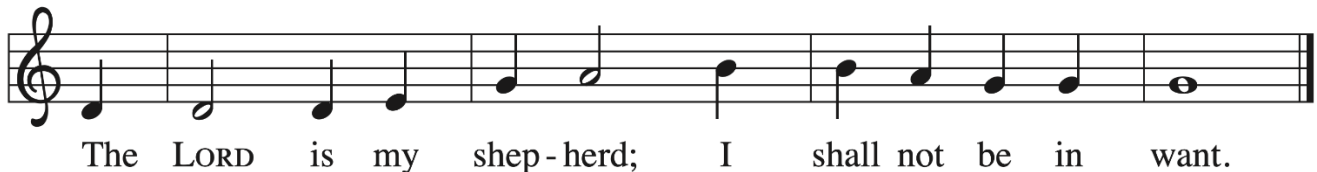
Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

A time of silence follows the readings.

PSALM: Psalm 23

Refrain



¹The LORD¹ is my shepherd;
I shall not ¹be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down ¹in green pastures
and leads me be- ¹side still waters.**

³You restore my ¹soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways ¹for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I
shall ¹fear no evil;**

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they ¹comfort me. R

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence ¹of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is ¹running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days ¹of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the ¹LORD forever. R**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:19-25

¹⁹It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

²²"He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth."

²³When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL (Pg. 124)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹"Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

(The gospel is proclaimed, concluding...)

The gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON – Pastor Mike Patterson

CHOIR ANTHEM: St. Paul's Choir, Give to the Wind Your Fears
Paul Gerhardt, alt., Robert Christianson

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

**You are the shepherd who gathers us in your mighty and loving arms. Help your church to listen for your voice, especially when the voices of sin, idolatry, and oppression threaten to overpower us. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.**

The green pastures, still waters, and dark valleys of this earth all belong to you, O Lord. Sustain your creation with a love that is both mighty and just. Where there is destruction, bring healing. Where there is desolation, bring abundance. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You proclaim shepherding love, comfort, and protection for all people and all of creation. Direct leaders in our own time to learn from your example and instruction. Give them servant hearts, that they generously seek the good of all. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You journey with us wherever our paths may lead. We pray for those feeling overwhelmed by anxiety or depression or suffering in any way (*especially...*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You are the sheepgate that gives safety to your beloved flocks. Provide protection for refugees, victims of domestic violence, those who are imprisoned, and all people who are vulnerable to violence and mistreatment. (*Local concerns may be named.*) Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

You call your sheep by name and lead them through the valley of death. We give you thanks for those who have died and now dwell in your house forever (*especially*). Be with those who mourn, and give them hope in the promise of resurrection. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for our brothers and sister in service to the Lord at St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church and Airport Road Church of Christ. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Please share a sign of that peace.

OFFERING HYMN: Hymn #464, Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal – Four verses

1 Bread of life, our host and meal,
Jesus, feed us.
Christ, by faith, to see and feel,
feed us with your love.

2 Bread now break and wine now pour,
Jesus, feed us.
Make us one, our hope restore;
feed us with your love.

3 Grant forgiveness in the feast
Jesus, feed us
for the greatest and the least;
feed us with your love.

4 Thank you for this gift we share.
Jesus, feed us.
Save God's children everywhere;
feed us with your love.

OFFERING

Generous God,
in this meal you offer your very self.
We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.
In the breaking of this bread
reveal to us the Risen One.
In the pouring of this wine
pour us out in service to the world;
through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to stand and to give thanks.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your heart.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that at all times and in all places we give thanks and praise.

(The minister continues with the preface of the day.)

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(Pg. 130)

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again after supper, He took the cup,
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the
forgiveness of sin.
Do this in remembrance of me.

And now we are bold to pray as Jesus taught us:
**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, the power, and the glory, forever
and ever.
Amen.**

Come to the banquet for all is ready and all belong and are welcome to
Christ's table.

(We practice open Communion with both bread, gluten free wafer, wine, or
grape juice.)

(Lamb of God Will Be Sung, Pg. 135)
**Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world;
grant us peace.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Communion Hymns

HYMN #376, Thine is the Glory – Three verses

1 Thine is the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes
where thy body lay.

Refrain

Thine is the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!

2 Lo, Jesus meets thee,
risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee,
scatters fear and gloom;
let his church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth;
death hath lost its sting! *Refrain*

Refrain

Thine is the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!

3 No more we doubt thee,
glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee;
aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors,
through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above. *Refrain*

Refrain

Thine is the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!

HYMN #392, Alleluia! Sing to Jesus – Five verses

- 1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
has redeemed us by his blood."
- 2 Alleluia! Not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us;
faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise:
"I am with you evermore"?
- 3 Alleluia! Bread of heaven,
here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! here the sinful
flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's redeemer, hear our plea
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.
- 4 Alleluia! King eternal,
Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary,
earth your footstool, heav'n your throne.

As within the veil you entered,
robed in flesh, our great high priest,
here on earth both priest and victim
in the eucharistic feast.

- 5 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
has redeemed us by his blood."

HYMN #461, All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly – Three verses

- 1 All who hunger gather gladly;
holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wand'ring.
Here in truth we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness,
all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.
- 2 All who hunger, never strangers;
seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming.
Here in joy we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered
in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.
- 3 All who hunger, sing together,
Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing.
Here in peace we have been fed.
Blest are those who from this table

live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

HYMN #480, O Bread of Life from Heaven – Three verses

- 1 O bread of life from heaven,
O food to pilgrims given,
O manna from above:
feed with the blessed sweetness
of your divine completeness
the souls that want and need your love.
- 2 O fount of grace redeeming,
O river ever streaming
from Jesus' wounded side:
come now, your love bestowing
on thirsting souls, and flowing
till all are fully satisfied.
- 3 We love you, Jesus, tender,
in all your hidden splendor
within these means of grace.
Oh, let the veil be riven,
and our clear eye in heaven
behold your glory face to face.

Let us pray.

**We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible Study

Today after the service, Pastor Mike will hold a new Bible Study. Topics will include: Who is the ELCA? How did we get here? and What do we believe? The Acts of the Apostles will also be studied.

There will be a meeting of Dios Con Cristo in Friendship Hall today from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Please join Vicki Hamilton for the WELCA Ladies' Bible Study on Tuesday, May 2nd at 9:30 a.m.

Carson City Strings use Friendship Hall for practice on Thursday, May 4th from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

This Saturday, May 6th is the Painting Party to refurbish St. Paul's outside signage. The fun begins at 9:00 a.m.

For more info, contact Nikki Rohrs at erohrs1943@yahoo.com or sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

Thanks in advance for your help!

As we honor our mothers on May 14th, please take a few moments to look at the children's quilts and lap robes Stitchers has on display. The quilts will be given to the Advocates to End Domestic Violence shelter for the children who come there. The lap robes will be given to seniors in area nursing homes, assisted living facilities, etc.

Thanks to all our wonderful women who make the quilts and lap robes on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to noon and Friendship Hall. We would love to have you join us.

Sarah Jevne, Stitchers Co-Chair
Shirley Rickard, Stitchers Co-Chair

WELCA has scheduled a tour of FISH as requested by some of our members. It will be on Wednesday, May 17th at 10:00 a.m. The tour usually lasts 30 to 40 minutes.

Please confirm with Joan Schultz at cc.jfran@yahoo.com or call (775) 883-6833 if you plan to attend, so that we can report a headcount.

Perhaps we can meet at church and carpool.

SENDING SONG: Hymn #619, I Know My Redeemer Lives, Verses 1-4

- 1 I know that my Redeemer lives!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
he lives, my ever-living head!
- 2 He lives triumphant from the grave;
he lives eternally to save;
he lives exalted, throned above;
he lives to rule his church in love.
- 3 He lives to grant me rich supply;
he lives to guide me with his eye;
he lives to comfort me when faint;
he lives to hear my soul's complaint.
- 4 He lives to silence all my fears;
he lives to wipe away my tears;
he lives to calm my troubled heart;
he lives all blessings to impart.

POSTLUDE: Hymn #789, Savior Like a Shepherd Lead, Instrumental

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

See you next week!

Worship Volunteers

Greeter – Tim Hamilton

Reader – Judy McPhail

Communion Assistant – Hope Chowanski

Ushers – Greg Griffith and Deanna Fine

Counters – Jean Opperman and Mary DeFelice

Acolytes – Clay Woslum and Greg Griffith

Youth Acolyte – TBA

Live-streaming Assistant – Nick Cotsonis

Musician – Dave Lingensjo

Altar Guild: Joan Schultz and Sharon Gesick

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Sharon Gesick, shoulder surgery; Judy McPhail, surgery; Nellie Revelle's daughter Karin Randle; Denise Muller; Doug and Pat Thunder; Jay Olshen, a severely fractured ankle; Beverly and Grant, friends of Susan Bunker-Niles, Grant suffered a stroke; Vera Logie; Tom, a friend of St. Paul's; Patricia Rickard, mother-in-law of Shirley Rickard, stage-4 lung cancer; Joan Yeskie; Mike Harrell (Dave and Ellen Harrell's son), COVID-19; son-in-law John Samp, a growth on his skull and spine, and daughter Vicki Ranger, early-onset dementia; Glenn Laursen; Edward Yoho; Madelene Yoho; Fern Yoho; Maxine McGregor (Madelene's sister); and a special prayer for all those living with devastating diseases and life-threatening injuries.

CONTINUING PRAYERS

Jim Kennett; Audrey Stroub; Bev Steinert, ongoing vision issues; Bob Stroub; Wayne Opperman; Bill Sandell; Frank and Shirley Bartlett; Carol Kalleres, continued health issues; James Wilson, continued health issues; Mary Ann Adamik, healing; Ellen Harrell, medical issues; Betty Razor, healing; Karen (Hone) Nolte; Hannelore Hanke; and Diana Johns.

*We grieve with the McPhail family
on the loss of Colin's nephew Eric McPhail
who passed away on April 16th.*

He was 52.

May Eric's memory be a blessing.

*Our deepest sympathy goes out to
Nellie Revelle
on the passing of her sister
June Rawson
and to her family members Jennifer Overlock,
Ashle Doran, and Stevie Overlock.
May June's memory be a blessing.*

