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BRIEF ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

SETTING II



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 16, 2023

9:00 a.m.

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Family

PRELUDE: Valse #2 by Ludwig van Beethoven

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who journeys with us these forty days,
and sustains us with the gift of grace.

Amen.

Most merciful God

We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: *I Just Wanna' Be a Sheep*

Chorus

I just wanna be a sheep

Baa, baa, baa, baa

I just wanna be a sheep

Baa, baa, baa, baa

I pray the Lord my soul to keep

Baa, Baa, Baa, Baa

I just wanna be a sheep

Baa, baa, baa, baa

Verse 1

Don't wanna be a goat, nope
Don't wanna be a goat, nope
Haven't got any hope, nope
Don't wanna be a goat, nope

Chorus

I just wanna be a sheep
Baa, baa, baa, baa
I just wanna be a sheep
Baa, baa, baa, baa
I pray the Lord my soul to keep
Baa, Baa, Baa, Baa
I just wanna be a sheep
Baa, baa, baa, baa

Verse 2

Don't wanna be a hypocrite
Don't wanna be a hypocrite
'Cause they're not hip with it
Don't wanna be a hypocrite

Chorus

I just wanna be a sheep
Baa, baa, baa, baa
I just wanna be a sheep
Baa, baa, baa, baa
I pray the Lord my soul to keep
Baa, Baa, Baa, Baa
I just wanna be a sheep
Baa, baa, baa, baa

Verse 3

Don't wanna be a Pharisee
Don't wanna be a Pharisee
'Cause they're not fair you see
Don't wanna be a Pharisee

Chorus

I just wanna be a sheep
Baa, baa, baa, baa
I just wanna be a sheep
Baa, baa, baa, baa
I pray the Lord my soul to keep
Baa, Baa, Baa, Baa
I just wanna be a sheep
Baa, baa, baa, baa

Verse 4

Don't wanna be a Sadducee
Don't wanna be a Sadducee
'Cause they're so sad you see
Don't wanna be a Sadducee

Chorus

I just wanna be a sheep
Baa, baa, baa, baa
I just wanna be a sheep
Baa, baa, baa, baa
I pray the Lord my soul to keep
Baa, Baa, Baa, Baa
I just wanna be a sheep
Baa, baa, baa, baa

Verse 5

Just wanna be a child of God
Just wanna be a child of God
Walk along the road He trod
Just wanna be a child of God

Chorus

I just wanna be a sheep
Baa, baa, baa, baa
I just wanna be a sheep
Baa, baa, baa, baa
I pray the Lord my soul to keep

Baa, Baa, Baa, Baa
I just wanna be a sheep
Baa, baa, baa, baa

WELCOME AND EXPLANATION OF HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY

KYRIE

**Have mercy on us, Lord and hear our solemn prayer.
We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.
Have Mercy on us Christ, and wash away our sin.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may
begin.
Have mercy on us Lord; make sin and shame depart.
Renew us with your saving pow'r, create in us new hearts!**

Pastor Mike tells a joke.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread, open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶ On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare
a feast of rich food for all peoples,
a banquet of aged wine—
the best of meats and the finest of wines.
⁷ On this mountain he will destroy
the shroud that enfolds all peoples,
the sheet that covers all nations;
⁸ he will swallow up death forever.
The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears
from all faces;
he will remove his people's disgrace

from all the earth.
The LORD has spoken.
⁹ In that day they will say,

“Surely this is our God;
we trusted in him, and he saved us.
This is the LORD, we trusted in him;
let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Pastor Mike tells a joke.

PSALM: Psalm 114:7-8

⁷ Tremble, earth, at the presence of the Lord,
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
⁸ who turned the rock into a pool,
the hard rock into springs of water.

Pastor Mike tells a joke.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 5:6-8

⁶ Your boasting is not good. Don't you know that a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough? ⁷ Get rid of the old yeast, so that you may be a new unleavened batch—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. ⁸ Therefore let us keep the Festival, not with the old bread leavened with malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God. – Said silently as response is read.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia! Lord and Savior; open now your saving word. Let it burn like fire within us, speak until our hearts are stirred. Alleluia! Lord we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Pastor Mike

Holy Gospel according to Luke 24:13-49.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles^[a] from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶ but they were kept from recognizing him.

¹⁷ He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?”

They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸ One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, “Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?”

¹⁹ “What things?” he asked.

“About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. ²⁰ The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; ²¹ but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. ²² In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³ but didn’t find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁴ Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.”

²⁵ He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

²⁸ As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³² They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

³³ They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁴ and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." ³⁵ Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

³⁶ While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

³⁷ They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."

⁴⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹ And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate it in their presence.

⁴⁴ He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah

will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ. – Said silently as response is read.

SERMON – Pastor Mike

Pastor Mike tells a joke.

HYMN OF THE DAY: Freely, Freely

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,
I've been born again in Jesus' name,
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His love as He told me to.

Chorus

He said, Freely, freely you have received;
Freely, freely give.
Go in my name and because you believe,
Others will know that I live."

All power is given in Jesus' name,
In earth and heaven, in Jesus' name;
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His power as He told me to.
He said, Freely, freely you have received;
Freely, freely give.
Go in my name and because you believe,
Others will know that I live."

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

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 into hell.

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.

**God of rebirth, the good news of your resurrection brings
refreshment to a weary world. Following the women at the tomb,
empower us to boldly share your radical love through our words
and our work. Hear us, O God.**

Your mercy is great.

As you breathed your Spirit into the disciples, breathe your spirit of healing upon all creation. Nourish the earth with sufficient rains. Strengthen us to counter the effects of pollution and destruction. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You prepared the disciples for their ministry by calming their fears and granting them your peace. Equip our communities' leaders (*especially...*). Give them a spirit of peace and hearts that burn for justice, that their leadership reflects your love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You come among us in unexpected ways. Send us to those who hide in fear or question your love. Be a healing presence for any isolated by addiction, incarceration, mental illness, chronic pain, sickness, or grief (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

As you met the disciples on the road to Emmaus, show us your presence along our journeys. Bless our doubts and questions. Provide trusting and safe relationships for all ages, to nurture our connection to you and one another. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Resurrecting God, you bring us to new life every day. Thank you for blessing us with companions on our faith journey, especially those who now rest in your love (*especially*). Strengthen us with the eternal peace of your promises. 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 peace.

OFFERING HYMN: HYMN #466, In The Singing – Both verses

1 In the singing, in the silence,
in the hands expectant, open,
in the blessing, in the breaking,
in your presence at this table,

Refrain

Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ,
be the wine of grace;
Jesus, Christ, Jesus Christ,
be the bread of peace.

2 In the question, in the answer,
in the moment of acceptance,
in the heart's cry, in the healing,
in the circle of your people, *Refrain*

Refrain

Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ,
be the wine of grace;
Jesus, Christ, Jesus Christ,
be the bread of peace.

OFFERING

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.

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.

THANKSGIVING ACCLAMATION

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We welcome to Holy Communion all those baptized who believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Hymn #389, Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing — Five verses

- 1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.
- 2 Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching ev'ry place and time.
- 3 In ev'ry insult, rift, and war,
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.
- 4 Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.
- 5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

Hymn #376, Now the Green Blade Rises — Four verses

- 1 Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.
- 2 In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,
thinking that he would never wake again;
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

- 3 Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.
- 4 When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
your touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

Hymn #469, By Your Hand You Feed Your People — Three verses

- 1 By your hand you feed your people,
food of angels, heaven's bread.
For these gifts we did not labor,
by your grace have we been fed:

Refrain

Christ's own body, blessed and broken,
cup o'er flowing, life outpoured,
given as a living token
of your world redeemed, restored.

- 2 In this meal we taste your sweetness,
bread for hunger, wine of peace.
Holy word and holy wisdom
satisfy our deepest needs. *Refrain*

Refrain

Christ's own body, blessed and broken,
cup o'er flowing, life outpoured,
given as a living token
of your world redeemed, restored.

- 3 Send us now with faith and courage
to the hungry, lost, bereaved.
In our living and our dying,
we become what we receive: *Refrain*

Refrain

Christ's own body, blessed and broken,
cup o'er flowing, life outpoured,
given as a living token
of your world redeemed, restored.

Hymn #482, I Come with Joy – Five verses

- 1 I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall
in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.
- 2 I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.
- 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.
- 4 The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here,
alive among us here.
- 5 Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God,
in you we live and move and have our being.
With your word and this meal of grace,
you have nourished our life together.
Strengthen us to show your love
and serve the world in Jesus' name.
Amen.

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible Study

Beginning April 30th, Pastor Mike will hold a new bible study on Sundays after the worship service. Topics include: Who is the ELCA; how did we get here; and what do we believe? The Acts of the Apostles will also be studied.

WELCA Reminder

On Friday, April 21st, there will be a workday to organize inventory and clean the church kitchen.
Please join us at 9:00 a.m. for a great exercise in teamwork.

Painting Party

Please join us on Saturday, May 6th at 9:00 a.m. for a painting party to refurbish St. Paul's outside signage.
There will be a signup sheet in the narthex for all those interested.
If you have any questions, please contact Nikki Rohrs.
Pastor Mike tells a joke.

BLESSING

Gracious God,
in you we live and move and have our being.
With your word and this meal of grace,
you have nourished our life together.
Strengthen us to show your love
and serve the world in Jesus' name.
Amen.

SENDING SONG: Jesus Is a Rock

Chorus

Jesus is the Rock and he rolls my blues away.
Jesus is the Rock and he rolls my blues away.
Jesus is the Rock and he rolls my blues away.

Verse 1

When you wake up in the morning
And the sky ain't bright and blue
When you wake up in the morning
And the big world's after you
When you wake up in the morning
Jesus' gonna pull you through.

Chorus

Jesus is the Rock and he rolls my blues away.
Jesus is the Rock and he rolls my blues away.
Jesus is the Rock and he rolls my blues away.

Verse 2

When you're out on the streets
And you're really feelin' down and low,
When you're out on the streets
And there's really no place to go,
When you're out on the streets
Well, Jesus gonna save your soul.

Chorus

Jesus is the Rock and he rolls my blues away.
Jesus is the Rock and he rolls my blues away.
Jesus is the Rock and he rolls my blues away.

Verse 3

When you look in the mirror
And your face causes it to crack;
When you're through with your day
And you feel like you've been attacked,
Well, Jesus gonna love you
And that's a fact, Jack!

Chorus

Jesus is the Rock and he rolls my blues away.
Jesus is the Rock and he rolls my blues away.
Jesus is the Rock and he rolls my blues away.

Chorus

Jesus is the Rock and he rolls my blues away.
Jesus is the Rock and he rolls my blues away.
Jesus is the Rock and he rolls my blues away.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Christ Arose by Robert Lowry

See you next week!

Today's Worship Volunteers

Greeter – Jeanne Russell
Reader – Jeanette Peck
Communion Assistant – Sharon Gesick
Ushers – Dave Harrell and TBA
Counters – Judy McPhail and Sharon Gesick
Acolytes – Clay Woslum and Greg Griffith
Youth Acolytes – TBA
Live-streaming Team – Nick Cotsonis
Musician – Dave Lingensjo

Altar Guild: Joan Schultz and Sharon Gesick

Faith L.I.N.K. meets from 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Judy McPhail, surgery to remove her gallbladder; Nellie Revelle's daughter Karen and sister, June Rawson; Denise Muller; Doug and Pat Thunder; Jay Olshen, a severely fractured ankle; Jim Kennett, an infection in his arm; Beverly and Grant, friends of Susan Bunker-Niles, Grant suffered a stroke; Eric McPhail (Colin McPhail's nephew) in hospice for cancer; 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

Audrey Stroub, rehab from back surgery; 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.