Fourth Sunday of Easter

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

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Prelude

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain Alleluia! Jesus is Risen Father, We Thank You A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing Shepherd Me O God Nancy Raabe Anne Krentz, Organ Anne Krentz, Organ John Carter Marty Haugen

Confession and Forgiveness

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all 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 of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

THE GREETING

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

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray.
- C O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Gathering Song Worthy of Worship Judson

Verse 1
Worthy of worship worthy of praise
Worthy of honor and glory

Worthy of all the glad songs we can sing

Worthy of all of the off'rings we bring

Chorus:

You are worthy Father Creator You are worthy Savior Sustainer You are worthy worthy and wonderful Worthy of worship and praise Verse 2
Worthy of rev'rence worthy of fear
Worthy of love and devotion

Worthy of bowing and bending of knees Worthy of all this and added to these

Chorus: Verse 3

Almighty Father Master and Lord King of all kings and Redeemer

Wonderful Counselor Comforter Friend Savior and Source of our life without end

Chorus:

WORD

First Reading: Acts 4:5-12

Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he can proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.

⁵The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders:

it has become the cornerstone.'

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

Jesus' death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God's commandments.

¹⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

P The holy gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.

[Jesus said:] ¹¹"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON Rev. Scottie Burkhalter

Hymn of the Day No Greater Love Marty Haugen

(Canter sings verses, congregation join in Chorus)

Chorus:

There is no greater love than this: Verse 2

To lay down your life for your friends.

A new commandment I give unto you:
Love on another, love one another

No greater love than this.

As I have loved you.

Verse 1 Verse 3

As the father has loved me,

So I have loved you.

You are my friends if you do what I say:
No longer servants, no longer servants,

Remain in my love, remain in my love, For I name you friends.

Just as I remain in my Father.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

P We have been made God's people through our baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

THE PRAYERS

AT THE OFFERTORY Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow (words are on the website)

OFFERING PRAYER

P God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

Holy Communion - Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

BLESSING

- P May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

He Is Exalted (Repeat verse and chorus)

Verse
He is exalted
The King is exalted on high
I will praise Him
He is exalted forever exalted
And I will praise His name

Chorus
He is the Lord
Forever His truth shall reign
Heaven and earth
Rejoice in His holy name
He is exalted
The King is exalted on high

He is exalted The King is exalted on high

THE DISMISSAL

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

- P Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
- C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!
- P WE ARE HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
- C Helping Transform Lives in Christ

Drive-Thru Holy Communion

As you receive the bread and wine today, may the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace. Amen.

May the Lord be with you as you drive away this day.

Meals on Wheels – **COOKS**: Brett and Sabrina Steele **DRIVERS**: BLUE- Childress; RED- Cleven; GREEN – Dickert; GOLD- Jantzi

Pastor: The Rev. Scottie Burkhalter | Assisting Minister: Leigh Bergemann
Ministers: Family and Friends of Holy Trinity
Staff: Sue Morgan, Parish Nurse; Janet Thomas, Admin. Assistant; Dr. Susan Waters, Musician

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