

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER
Pastor Rodger Prois ~ May 8th 2022

GATHERING

Please rise as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS ~ In the name of the Father, and of the †Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. 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.**

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. **Amen**

GATHERING HYMN ~ *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today, Alleluia!* ~ ELW 369

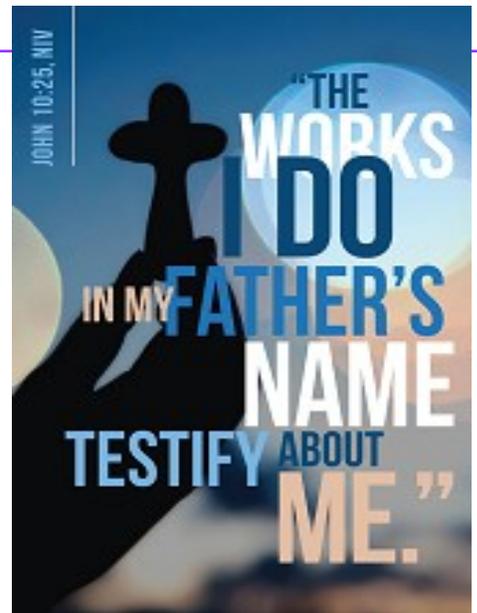
Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!
offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!
at the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!

For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!
sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

Christ, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!
God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!
when contending death and life, Alleluia!
met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!

Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!
all your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

GREETING ~ 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.**



HYMN OF PRAISE ~ This is the Feast ~ ELW Page 140

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.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power and riches, wisdom and strength, and honor and 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 and honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY ~ O God of peace, you brought from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

You may be seated.

SPECIAL MUSIC ~ Psalm 23 (I Am Not Alone) ~ Celebration Singers

WORD

FIRST READING ~ ACTS 9:36-43~ Peter in Lydda and Joppa

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

PSALM ~ PSALM 23 ~ The Divine Shepherd

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul:
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil:
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

SECOND READING ~ REVELATION 7:9-17 ~ *The Multitude from Every Nation*

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." ~ Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Please rise.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ~ *Alleluia* ~ S142a ELW Page 142

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL PROCLAMATION ~ The holy gospel according to Saint John the tenth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL ~ JOHN 10:22-30 ~ *Jesus is Rejected by the Jews*

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one." ~ The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

You may be seated.

SERMON ~ "Words You Don't Expect to Hear" ~ **Pastor Rodger Prois**

Silence for reflection.

Please rise to proclaim the word of God in song.

HYMN OF THE DAY ~ *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing* ~ ELW# 362

At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious king,
who has washed us in the tide flowing from his wounded side. Alleluia!

Praise we Christ, whose love divine gives his sacred blood for wine,
gives his body for the feast—Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!

Where the paschal blood is poured death's dread angel sheathes the sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go through the wave that drowns the foe. Alleluia!

Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, paschal victim, paschal bread;
with sincerity and love eat we manna from above. Alleluia!

NICENE CREED ~ Please rise and join me in the worlds of the Nicene Creed.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Gentle Shepherd, enable your church to respond to the voice of Jesus. Give us unflinching trust, unafraid to join in Jesus' work of renewing all things. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Feed your people at the table of creation. Prepare a safe place for those whose environments are dangerous or unhealthy. Prosper your creation for the sake of every living thing. Aid the end of suffering for all people and stop all senseless destruction of your kingdom. Give wisdom to the leaders of every nation to cooperate in ending the war in Ukraine. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Warm the hearts of all who celebrate and all who mourn on Mother's Day. Accompany those yearning to be mothers. Help us to heal from broken family relationships and open us to receive your nurturing love from all who serve mothering roles in our lives. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Seek our those who weep while they await healing or consolation especially those we hold in our hearts known only to you and those we name here...

Jacob Bangsberg; Matthew Olesiak; Doug Olesiak; Kathy Hanson; Felecia Kleven; Kyli Kleven; Larry Johnson; Chuck Jackson; Carolyn Blake; Jo Alvin; Bud Rieschl; Cheri Weingartner; Lois & Jim Gronberg.

Please observe a moment of silence reflecting on those for whom we pray.

Set people in their path who can provide the care they need, and wipe away every tear from their eyes. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**



Inspire the words of prophets and saints who employ innovative imagery to stretch our understanding. Send Christ to instruct us with motherly care. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Enfold us in the great multitude of saints from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages. Wash us in your saving grace every day, guiding us to your waters of life. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

PEACE ~ The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**
Please share God's peace with one another.

MEAL

OFFERING HYMN ~ *Where Your Treasure Is*

Where your treasure is, there your heart shall be. All that you possess will never set you free. Seek the things that last; come and learn from me. Where your treasure is, your heart shall be.

OFFERING PRAYER ~ Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated.



COMMUNION ~ We invite you to prepare a place in your home to participate in Communion. Please take bread or crackers and grape juice or wine, whichever you choose, set them at your table. Pastor will bless the elements in the words of Thanksgiving at the Table. Join then with us receiving communion during the Distribution.

Please social distance when coming forward for communion

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ~ The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord our God.** 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 we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn...

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY ~ S144b ELW Page 144

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE ~ 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 in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER ~ Remember us in your kingdom, O Lord, and teach us to pray. **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.**

DISTRIBUTION ~ Here is food and drink for the journey. Take and be filled.

COMMUNION HYMN ~ *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart* ~ ELW# 484

Refrain: You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat.
Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

As when the shepherd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
so when you call your family, Lord, we follow and rejoice. *Refrain*

With joyful lips we sing to you our praise and gratitude
that you should count us worthy, Lord, to share this heav'nly food. *Refrain*

Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare our oneness in the Lord? *Refrain*

The myst'ry of your presence, Lord, no mortal tongue can tell:
whom all the world cannot contain comes in our hearts to dwell. *Refrain*

You give yourself to us, O Lord; then selfless let us be,
to serve each other in your name in truth and charity. *Refrain*

COMMUNION HYMN ~ *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* ~ ELW# 502

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth
and, where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me,
thy rod and staff my comfort still; thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thine unction grace bestoweth;
and, oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION ~ We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

SENDING

Please rise.

BENEDICTION ~ God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, †bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG ~ *He Leadeth Me: Oh, Blessed Thought!* ~ LBW# 501

He leadeth me: oh, blessed thought! Oh, words with heav'nly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be, Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain: He leadeth me, he leadeth me, By his own hand he leadeth me.
His faithful foll'wer I would be, For by his hand he leadeth me.

Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom; Sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
By waters calm, o'er troubled sea, Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me. (Refrain)

Lord, I would clasp they hand in mine, Nor ever murmur nor repine;
Content, whatever lot I see, Since 'tis God's hand that leadeth me. (Refrain)

And when my task on earth is done, When by thy grace the vict'ry's won,
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee, Since God through Jordan leadeth me. (Refrain)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL ~ Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
Go in peace. Tell what God has done. **Thanks be to God.**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO WORSHIP this fourth Sunday of Easter. And a Happy Mother's Day to all mother-figures! **Prepare for Today's Word:** God, like a mother you are both tender with your children and fierce on our behalf. Thank you for modeling motherly love or us all.

NEXT WEEKS READINGS: Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35.

THIS WEEK AT LONG LAKE: Wednesday ~ Quilting, 9:30 a.m.; Outdoors Club, 9:00 a.m.; Thursday ~ Men's Bible, Breakfast and Conversation, 8:30 a.m. at Rice Lake Family Restaurant, 2411 S. Main St. S ~ Friday, Outdoor Spring Clean-up, 10:00a.m.

SPRING OUTDOOR CLEAN-UP: Put on your work gloves, grab your rake, pick up your clippers and head over to spruce up the church yard on Friday, May 13th starting at 10:00 a.m.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL FUNDRAISER: Nick Adler has the responsibility to fundraise for Children's Hospital. If you were not able to attend last Sunday's Social Hour, please feel free to contact him as there are other methods to support. Checks should be made out to Children's Hospital. Nick thanks you in advance for all your support!

BREAKFAST WITH THE PASTOR: Saturday, May 21st at 8:30 a.m. Join Pastor Rodger for breakfast, socializing and devotion. Call or email the church office, 715-354-3804 or assistant llchurch@centurytel.net. Limited seating.



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