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Fourth Sunday of Easter



Evangelical Lutheran Worship - Setting 3, page 138
Please leave your offering in the plate at the door
You may stand at times marked with an asterisk (*)

Opening

Prelude and Contemplation

Tena Rackow

Welcome and Announcements

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Litany after the Tornado

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

P: Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,
C: Have mercy upon us.

P: From the destruction of this tornado, the loss of homes and possessions,
C: Good Lord, deliver us.

P: For those who are frightened, homeless, or have lost loved ones,
C: Lord, bring them comfort.

P: For first responders, linemen, and volunteers, that they may be protected and given strength,
C: Lord, hear our prayer.

P: For our community, that we may be united in love and compassion as we rebuild,
C: Lord, guide us.

P: For emotional healing and peace for those traumatized by the storm,

C: Lord, heal our wounds.

P: For the strength to move forward and faith in the midst of tragedy,

C: Lord, give us hope.

P: We ask this in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

* Hymn *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* ELW # 807

* 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.

* Kyrie *ELW page 138*

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above… let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world… let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house… let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Amen.

* Prayer of the Day

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Readings

First Reading: *Acts 2:42-47*

L: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. 43 And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. 44 And all who believed were together and had all things in common. 45 And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved. *[ESV]*

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: *23*

L: Let us read responsively Psalm 23.

[1] The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

[2] **He makes me lie down in green pastures.**
He leads me beside still waters.

[3] He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

[4] **Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,**
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

[5] You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

[6] **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me**
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever. *[ESV]*

Second Reading: *I Peter 2:19-25*

L: A reading from the first letter of Peter.

[19] For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. [20] For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. [21] For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. [22] He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. [23] When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly.

[24] He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. [25] For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls. *[ESV]*

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

* Gospel Acclamation *ELW page 142*

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

* Gospel: *John 10:1-10*

P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[1] "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. [2] But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. [3] To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. [4] When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. [5] A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." [6] This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

[7] So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. [8] All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. [9] I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. [10] The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. *[ESV]*

Reflection

Sermon Rev. Thomas Mosbo

*** Hymn** ***The King of Love My Shepherd Is*** **ELW # 502**

*** Nicene Creed** *ELW page 104*

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**C: 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 whom 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,
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.**

Choir Anthem *Brother James's Air*

We lift our prayers for

Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Denny Bergmann, Rene', Paul Fahr, Gary Hudik, Virgil Martin, Caroline Jam, Darlene Aurand, Cyndy Schumacher, Virgil Gordon, Jerry Martin, Donna Christen, Richard Frietag, Waylon Andrews, Connor Stadermann, Ryse Stone, Nicole, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Lamar Hail, Connie, Pam, Caroline, Tina D., Jim DeMontigny Jr., Linda Kruger-Kleckler, Norman, Vivian, Tina Cheeney, Brenda, Kara Allen, Christine Beyer, Bob Schulz, Kenny Frie, Steve Rothschadl, Gary L. Hartwig, Josh, Hannah, Ray Phillips, Susan, Allison Biddick, Brad Rackow, Kim Choin, Jeannie, Dianne, Nancy, Pat McCluskey, Jim Briggs, Sandi, Tina, Jim, Ronald Schrader, Christine S., Carol Lartz, Jamie Maier and Amy.

Prayer

Prayers of Intercession *ELW page 143*

L: Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

Please respond to each petition with the following:

L: … Merciful God,
C: Receive our prayer.

P: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.
C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer *ELW page 145*

P: Let us pray with confidence as our Savior has taught us:

C: 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.

Blessing *ELW page 146*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you,
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace,
In the name of the Father, ☩ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit..

C: Amen.

* Hymn ***Have No Fear, Little Flock*** **ELW # 764**

* Dismissal *ELW page 146*

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. Serve the Risen Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Tena Rackow

Bible Study on First Peter

What does it mean when good people suffer?

Join us on Wednesdays from 11:30am at Good Shepherd through May 20th.

Everyone welcome.

Piece Corps Quilters

Stitching together friendships every

Office Closed

Monday April 27th through May 3rd.
Office will be open Monday May 4th.
Betty will be on vacation.

Hannah Circle

Sunday, May 3rd

After Worship Service, Sheila Keene will be Bible Study Leader.

Friendship Club

Thursday, May 7th

12:30pm Potluck, 1:00pm Entertainment provided by Zimmerman Family.

Good Shepherd Council Meeting

May 7th at 6:30pm



Memorial Day

May 25th
Office Closed.

PILLOWS

If you are in need of extra pillows around the house, contact a member of the Piece Corps they have pillows available.

Attendance,

Maundy Thursday, April 2nd
In-person 7, Online not available

Good Friday, April 3rd
In-person 13, Online not available

Easter Sunrise
In-person 7, Online not available

Easter Festival
In-person 56, Online 105



Blue Butterfly Day
By Robert Frost

It is blue-butterfly day here in spring,
And with these sky-flakes down in flurry on flurry
There is more unmixed color on the wing
Than flowers will show for days unless they hurry.

But these are flowers that fly and all but sing:
And now from having ridden out desire
They lie closed over in the wind and cling
Where wheels have freshly sliced the April mire.