

*Sunday, April 30, 2023*

*Fourth Sunday of Easter, Yr A*

*Ringing of Bell*

PRELUDE

WELCOME — ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Blessed by the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, with love that lives forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we give thanks for the mercy and forgiveness that wrap our true selves in sacred belonging and purpose.

C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

P: For a word at the dawn of creation which spoke water and life into being.

C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

P: For the great flood that revealed nature's power and God's commitment to life after death.

C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

P: For the river that carried Moses to safety, building a bridge between mothers and nations.

C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

P: For the rock split open in the desert, spilling water for those thirsting for freedom.

C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

P: For the One who turned water to wine and met a woman at the well with living water.

C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

P: For the gift of holy baptism, which declares there are no more godforsaken places, and nothing can separate us from the love of God in Jesus. For Christ is risen!

C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

HYMN *God Is Here!*

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- 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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

**C: Almighty God, open our hearts to receive your great story as it is proclaimed once more. Where we have unbelief, help us to trust. Where we doubt, help us to have faith. Remind us that your story is our story for we are your children, whom you deeply love. Direct our hearts and lives now and always. May our worship be pleasing to you and a blessing in our journeys. In the sacred name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S WORD

### A READING FROM: ACTS 2:42-47

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

<sup>43</sup>Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup>they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>Day 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, <sup>47</sup>praising 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.**

### PSALM 23 *We read responsively*

L: The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.

**C: The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

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

**C: Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

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

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

### HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 10:1-10

**C: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>"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. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

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

P: THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD. **C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

SERMON Pastor Julie Rogness

- 1 I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.  
it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.  
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;  
I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.
- 2 I love to tell the story; how pleasant to repeat  
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!  
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
the message of salvation from God's own holy word.  
I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.
- 3 I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,  
I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long.  
I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED TODAY

*Alyssa & Maurice Samlaska, with daughters Marissa & Vivian — Brent & Bryana Lothert, and daughter Madelyn — Karen Wetzstein*

APOSTLES CREED

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.

## PRAYERS

SHARING THE PEACE — *The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.***

## GRATITUDE IN ACTION—OFFERING—OFFERTORY —GLOBE OFFERING

*Children are invited to bring forward an offering to the globe in the front of the church. Globe offerings will go to one of our global mission partners to be decided by our youth.*

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Life-giving God,

C: **Nothing could compare to what we have received through your Son, Jesus. Yet we come before you to offer our whole lives to you, our hearts, our gifts and our service. Pour out your favor upon us, and all that we bring before you, that through them, the world around us may find hope in the Good News that is Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION—LORD'S PRAYER

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

*Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.*

- 1 **Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care.  
In your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use your fold prepare.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours.**
- 2 **We are yours; in love befriend us, be the guardian of our way;  
keep your flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray.**
- 3 **You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;  
you have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.**
- 4 **Early let us seek your favor, early let us do your will;  
blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.**

## COMMUNION BLESSING

*The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.*

BENEDICTION

**P:** The God of all, who raised Jesus from the dead, bless you  
by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

**C:** **Amen.**

HYMN *Have No Fear Little Flock*

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- 1 **Have no fear, little flock; have no fear, little flock,  
for the Father has chosen to give you the kingdom;  
have no fear, little flock!**
- 2 **Have good cheer, little flock; have good cheer, little flock,  
for the Father will keep you in his love forever;  
have good cheer, little flock!**
- 3 **Praise the Lord high above; praise the Lord high above,  
for he stoops down to heal you, uplift and restore you;  
praise the Lord high above!**
- 4 **Thankful hearts raise to God; thankful hearts raise to God,  
for he stays close beside you, in all things works with you;  
thankful hearts raise to God!**

*Ring of Bell*

DISMISSAL

**L:** Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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## PARTICIPANTS

PASTOR—Julie Rogness                      INTERN—Kris Hertsgaard Kincaid                      ASSISTANT—Rhana Olson  
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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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## CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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SUN/APR 30	9 AM	WORSHIP-In person & Live-Streamed
	10 AM	<i>Intergeneration FUN DAY with Kris Kincaid (see below)</i>
	7 PM	AA
WED/MAY 3	6 PM	WORSHIP
THU/MAY 4	7 PM	AA
FRI/MAY 5	----	Wedding Rehearsal
SAT/MAY 6	8 AM – 5 PM	SYNOD ASSEMBLY – ROCHESTER
	3 PM	Wedding
SUN/MAY 7	9 AM	WORSHIP-In person & Live-Streamed
	10 AM	Sunday School
	4-7 PM	PREP—Caramel Rolls
	7 PM	AA

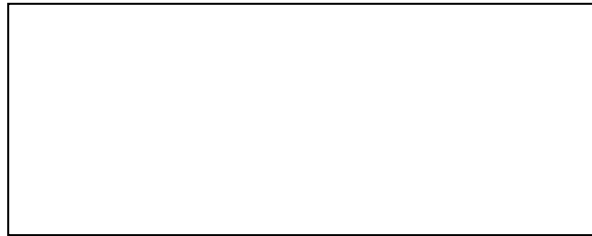
**INTERGENERATION FUN DAY:** Sunday April 30, 9:50–10:45 - -- FOR ALL AGES!! We gather in the fellowship hall for a lively round of Generation Jeopardy plus sharing of Church & Sunday School Memories. Part of Intern Kris' Internship Project. Come for Treats – Stay for Friendships.

**YOUTH Fundraiser: Mother's Day Caramel Rolls** - Help support our Youth summer ministries by purchasing homemade take-and-bake caramel rolls. COST: 6 rolls/ \$12 dollars —12 rolls/ \$20 dollars. ORDERING: Use Sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall. Or contact Sarah Hildebrandt -- [smhildebrandt7@gmail.com](mailto:smhildebrandt7@gmail.com) Or Intern Kris Kincaid - [firstkenyon.kincaid@gmail.com](mailto:firstkenyon.kincaid@gmail.com) ORDER & PAY by Thurs. May 4. (Cks payable to 1st Lutheran Youth). PICK UP frozen rolls on Sat./May 13 (2 to 4 pm) or Sun./May 14 (before 11am). Supported by Thrivent Action Grant.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARCY:** **Enjoy Coffee Treats Sunday May 7** - Courtesy of Marcy Kvitem who is turning 100 on May 10th. (She will remain at home on the farm.) Cards & emails welcome (no presents). Open to visitors at her home--Sun/May 7 afternoon & evening, or anytime Mon/May 8 or Tues/May 9. May 10th will be private for the family.

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4TH SUN OF EASTER



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*The Lord is My Shepherd*  
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