Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Fourth Sunday of Easter May 8, 2022

Stand GATHERING HYMN



BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

- P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P 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.
- C Amen.
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Please kneel, sit or stand

- P Gracious God,
- C have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
- P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
- C Amen.

Stand 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.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

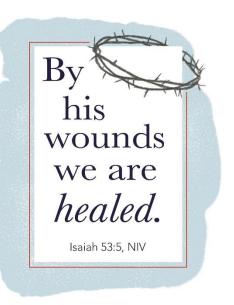
- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Pastoral Prayer
- C Amen.



Be seated FIRST READING: ISAIAH 53:1-6

Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ²He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. ³He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem. ⁴ Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. ⁶We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

- R The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.



PSALM 100

- R¹ Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.
- C² Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.
 - ³ Know that the LORD is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;

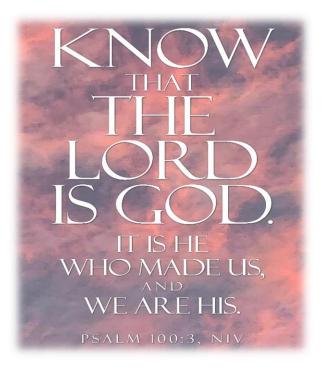
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

⁴Enter his gates with thanksgiving

and his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and praise his name.

⁵ For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.



SECOND READING: 1 PETER 2:21-25

²¹ To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

²² "He committed no sin,

and no deceit was found in his mouth."

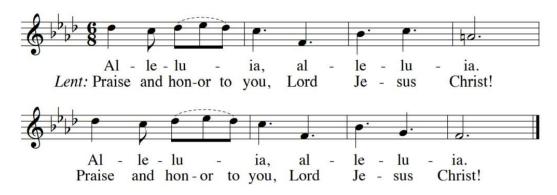
²³ When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴ "He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed." ²⁵ For "you were like sheep going astray," but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

- R The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.



CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Stand GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: JOHN 10:1-10

P The Holy Gospel according to John the 10th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

"Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

⁷ Therefore Jesus said again, "Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. ⁹ I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Be seated SERMON Taking Him a

Taking Him at His Word – The "I Am" statements of Jesus: Part Three "I Am the Door" Pastor Phil Hohulin

Moment of silent reflection after sermon



Stand HYMN OF THE DAY



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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED

C 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.

Kneel/sit/stand THE PRAYERS

- A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their need:
- A Holy God, we give you thanks for all the women in our lives who have nurtured us, raised us, and instilled in us a deep, abiding faith in you. Give all mothers the patience and grace to care for their families, trusting in you for guidance with this important mission. Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the door to eternal life. Help us to hear your voice, to seek life in no other, and to find nourishment and rest in you. Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

Compassionate Holy Spirit, we ask your tender care to be with all those who are struggling with grief, pain, confusion, or disease. Remind them of your never-failing love for them, grant them hope in the midst of darkness, and bring wholeness to their bodies and spirits. [We pray especially for ...] Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

Sovereign Ruler, grant your wisdom to all elected and appointed leaders of our republic. Protect them from corruption and temptation. Lend them courage to lead according to your statutes. Conform their wills to yours. Enable them to ensure the unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness to all, from first heartbeat to last. Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

Lord of the church, bless the leaders of our denomination: our bishop Dan Selbo; his assistants Amy, Brad, David, Gemechas, Phillip, and Andrew; and our seminary president, Eric. Further the ministry of our North American Lutheran Seminary and raise up a new generation of pastors to shepherd your flock. Enhance the missional efforts of all congregations that faithfully proclaim your word. Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

Stand PEACE

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us share a sign of Christ's peace.

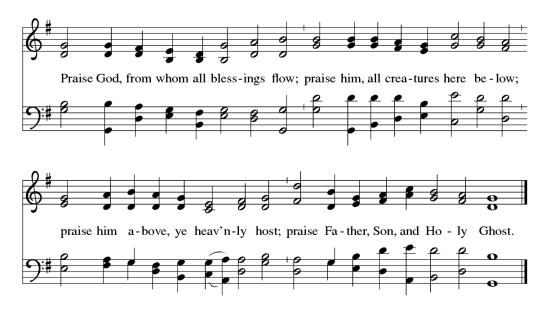


Special Music

Be seated OFFERING

Stand OFFERTORY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

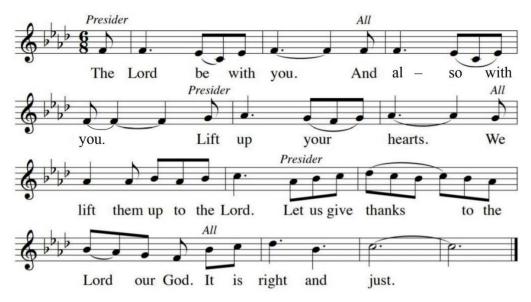


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OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A Let us pray.
- C Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

DIALOGUE



PREFACE

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and ever living God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, and with angels and archangels, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



SANCTUS ly, Ho Ho Ho ly, ly, Ho -ly -God Lord. of hosts. Heav-en and earth are d. full of your glo-ry. Ho high - san na in the Bless-ed who comes in the name of the est. is he Lord. Ho san na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high est.

THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

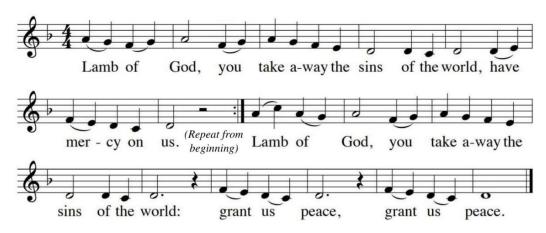
In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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 for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

- P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
- 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.

Be seated AGNUS DEI



COMMUNION

*White grape juice is in the center of each communion tray. Gluten-free wafers available at the rail upon request.

We believe that Holy Communion is the sacrament of the real presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ. As we partake of the *bread and the *wine, we trust Jesus' promise that we receive His Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sin and strength to service in our lives. If you are a baptized and repentant Christian who desires to commune with us, you are thereby publicly declaring your oneness in faith with us, and you too recognize the Lord's Body and Blood as fulfilling God's Covenant of Grace for us.

> The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. The communicant may say: Amen.

Stand PRAYER

- A Let us pray.
- C Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING



Irregular meter

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BLESSING

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.

SENDING HYMN



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DISMISSAL

- P Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



After the service today, each lady is welcome to take a flower from the altar arrangement.



Welcome to our guests!

Thank you for worshipping with us today. We invite you to come and get to know us at the pace that fits who you are, where you are on your spiritual journey, and to explore with us what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. If you would like to receive our weekly newsletter, Tidings of Grace, please send an email to our administrative assistant, Brenda, at gracewcsecretary@yahoo.com.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



Servant Schedule

Communion Servers

<u>Assistant Minister</u>

Lector

May 1Sandy RiceMay 8Joe CostantinoMay 15N'Anne KnightMay 22Shirley SchryverMay 29Sandy Rice

Nursery

May 1	Cassie & Debbie
May 8	Jean & Debbie
May 15	Kathy & Debbie
May 22	HELP NEEDED
May 29	Rachel & Debbie

Deb Ross Steve Gross Julie Hohulin Roseann Costantino George Reinhart

Sunday School

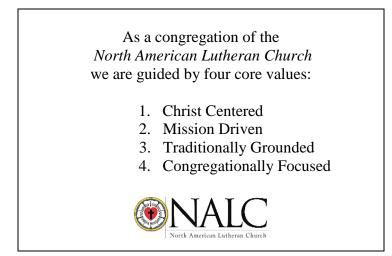
Julie & Susan Diane & N'Anne Wanda & Steve Mechelle & Ava Jean & Deb

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