



# RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH, LCMC

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## THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | Sunday, April 30, 2023

### PRELUDE

*Please consider signing the friendship pad at the end of your pew*

### WELCOME *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE INVOCATION *and* GATHERING PRAYER

P: We gather under the sign of the cross, and in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

C: Living God, your Son cares for your people as a shepherd cares for his sheep, calling us each by name. Grant that we may hear and recognize his voice, and, following him, be brought safely through every trial and temptation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### GATHERING HYMN: **God Is Here** – vss. 1,3,4 (*see back of the bulletin*)

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our 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.

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination*

P: Most Merciful God,

C: We confess that we are in bondage 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.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake, God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

## THE HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

*We sing a hymn of praise to God as a response to the proclamation of forgiveness*

The musical score is written on five staves in G major and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, Lord God of hosts. Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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## CHILDREN'S SERMON

## **FIRST READING: Acts 2:42-47**

*The newly baptized Christians who are being added to the community of believers are ones who held everything in common. Whoever had a need among them would be taken care of by the others. Even food was distributed evenly, and all existed with joy and thrived together as one body.*

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

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

## **RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 23**

*God's providence is like a shepherd who watches over the sheep, keeping them from harm, grazing them in fertile pastures, protecting them when they rest. The Shepherd takes care of all our needs.*

R: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

C: He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

R: He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

C: 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.

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

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

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## **SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:19-25**

*As those who are devoted to Christ, we are bound to experience suffering because Jesus experienced unjust suffering. Following his example, when we are abused, we refrain from abusing; when we are threatened, we do not return threats. We are freed from sin and healed by his wounds.*

<sup>19</sup>For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>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. <sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>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. <sup>25</sup>For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

## GOSPEL READING: John 10:1-10

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 10<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

<sup>1</sup>“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. <sup>2</sup>But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. <sup>7</sup>So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and 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: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

## SERMON: A Father's Voice

HYMN: The King of Love My Shepherd Is.....RECLAIM No. 198

## OFFERING PRESENTATION

*As the usher brings forward the offering, please stand to sing:*



Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.  
Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.  
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

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.

P: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in this peace and in community with one another, let us confess our faith:

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 Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Each petition ends with the words "Lord, in your mercy." Respond by saying, "Hear our prayer."*

## LORD'S PRAYER

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.

## BENEDICTION

**SENDING HYMN: Savior, Like a Shepherd.....RECLAIM No. 205**

## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, loving and serving in the name of our crucified and risen Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

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## THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

Sunday	April 30	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship
Monday	May 1	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	May 2	11:00am	E/E/O Committee
Wednesday	May 3	Noon	Lectionary Lunch
		1:00pm	Women's Bible Study
		2:30pm	Worship Committee
		5:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
		6:30pm	Adult Bible Study
Thursday	May 4	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
		Noon	National Day of Prayer
Sunday	May 7	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome to Worship!** Resurrection Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered and cross-focused member congregation of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ. To learn more about our association of churches please visit [www.lcmc.net](http://www.lcmc.net). Members and visitors are encouraged to sign the **friendship pad** at the end of your pew.

Resurrection Lutheran's **National Day of Prayer worship service** will be held this Thursday, May 4, 2023 at noon. Please join us as we sing hymns and offer petitions for our American families, churches, businesses, educators, military members, government officials and media. Invite your friends and neighbors!

The **Rachel Evans Piano Studio** invites you to a recital here at Resurrection Lutheran this afternoon at 2:00pm. It will be a lovely afternoon of music with 6 students, ranging from ages 6 to 12, performing pieces from Disney to Mozart. Rachel uses our Sanctuary to teach lessons on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

**Bob and Carol Volness** have moved to Piper's Good Tidings Home for Seniors in Faribault. If you are interested in visiting or sending a card, the address is: 16940 Coe Trail – Room 6 – Faribault, MN, 55021. The facility phone number is 507-333-2121.

Mankato and North Mankato ACT on Alzheimer's presents **Singing Hills Chorus** "Good Vibes Concert" on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm at Hosanna Lutheran Church. A reception will follow. General admission tickets are \$10. For tickets, email [katoactonalz@gmail.com](mailto:katoactonalz@gmail.com).

**Joy For the Journey** is RLC's newest ministry. Coming together for mutual support, conversation and encouragement, Joy For the Journey aims to support those who feel isolated in life's suffering or lonely in life's deepest valleys. This may include (but is not limited to) those grieving the loss of a loved one, undergoing health crisis, living alone, experiencing strife in their home or suffering caregiver's fatigue. Our first meeting will be Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm in the Fireside Room. See the May newsletter for more information.

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## THOSE SERVING TODAY

**Pastor:** Rev. Aaron L. Deutsch

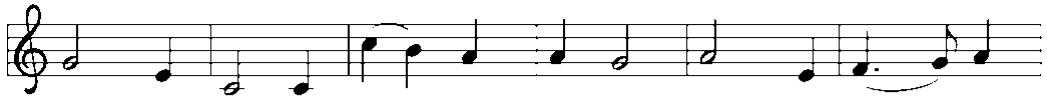
**Reader:** Chuck Kindgren

**Greeters:** Sue Mayer and Michal Clobes

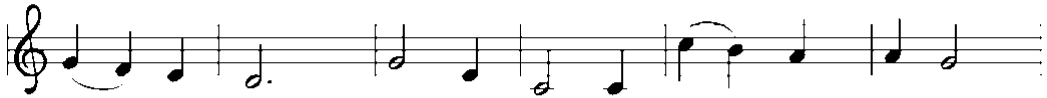
**Keyboardist:** Nikki Basel

**Ushers:** Doug Mayer and Gene Meschke

# God Is Here!



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer  
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long  
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's  
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure  
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;  
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,  
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the  
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -  
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants  
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts  
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,  
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore  
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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