



Fourth Sunday of Easter

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*A congregation of the Montana Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Our mission: Sharing our faith in Christ by serving all with respectful compassion.*

GATHERING

Gathering Music: *Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus* Helen H. Lemmel/arr. Marianne Kim

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen! C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Words of Welcome

Prelude: *Lyrical Prelude* James Conely

L: In the name of the + One who was, who is, and who is to come. C: **Amen.**

L: Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

L: Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name.

C: **Baptized into you, O Living One, make us one as you are one.**

L: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making.

C: **Baptized into you, O Living One, make us one as you are one.**

L: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power.

C: **Baptized into you, O Living One, make us one as you are one.**

L: Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. C: **Amen.**

Opening Hymn: You Servants of God

ELW #825

1. You servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad his wonderful name;
the name, all victorious, of Jesus extol;
his kingdom is glorious and rules over all!
2. Ascended on high, almighty to save,
yet still he is nigh, his presence we have.
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus, our king!
3. Salvation to God who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.
4. Then let us adore and give him his right,
all glory and pow'r and wisdom and might,
all honor and blessing, with angels above,
and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

L: The grace of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie

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This is the Feast

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

1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. (refrain)
2. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. (refrain)

L: Let us all pray: **C: O God of peace, you brought again 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.**

WORD

1st Reading: Acts 9:36-43

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God!

A responsive reading of Psalm 23

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

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

L: he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

**C: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I 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; 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 my whole life long.**

2nd Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation:

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

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel: John 10:22-30

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

L: The Gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Time

Sermon

Rev. Tammy Bull

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.
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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.
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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.

L: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.

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 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 the People (petitions end: "God of grace,... **hear our prayer.**")

P: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

MEAL

The Offering (*At this time we bring our gifts and offerings to God in gratitude and joy! In response to God's love, we care for others in the name of Jesus. One of the ways we do this is through our partnership with Family Promise of Great Falls. We appreciate your gifts of time, money, energy, and prayer to this work! If you are our guest today – either in person or online – we invite you to join us in caring for God's people and God's world!*)

Offertory: *How Firm a Foundation*

J. Funk/arr. David Lasky

Offertory Response: Lord of Light (v. 1 only)

ELW #688

Lord of light, your name outshining all the stars and suns of space,
Use our talents in your kingdom as the servants of your grace;
Use us to fulfill your purpose in the gift of Christ your Son.
Father, as in highest heaven, so on earth your will be done.

Offertory Prayer: **C: Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, [...] we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Eucharistic Prayer L: You are indeed holy, [...] now and forever. **C: Amen.**

L: Now, 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.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

Lamb of God

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Hymn during Communion: Now We Join in Celebration

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1. Now we join in celebration at our Savior's invitation,
Dressed no more in spirit somber, clothed instead in joy and wonder;
For the Lord of all existence, putting off divine transcendence,
Stoops again in love to meet us, with his very life to feed us.
2. Lord, as round this feast we gather, fill our hearts with holy rapture!
For this bread and cup of blessing are for us the sure possessing
Of your loving deed on Calv'ry, of your living self, our vict'ry,
Pledge of your unfailing presence, foretaste here of heav'nly gladness.
3. Lord, we share in this communion as one fam'ly of God's children,
Reconciled through you, our brother, one in you with God our Father.
Give us grace to live for others, serving all, both friends and strangers,
Seeking justice, love, and mercy till you come in final glory.

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you, comfort you, and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us all pray... **C: Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. Amen.**

SENDING

L: May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy! Almighty God, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever! **C: Amen.**

Hymn: The Day of Resurrection

ELW #361

1. The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
the passover of gladness, the passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.
2. Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light,
and list'ning to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
his own "All hail!" and hearing, may raise the glad refrain.
3. Now let the heav'ns be joyful, let earth its song begin,
the round world keep high triumph and all that is there-in.
Let all things, seen and unseen, their notes of gladness blend;
for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end!
4. All praise to God the Father, all praise to Christ the Son,
all praise to God the Spirit, eternal Three in One!
Let all the ransomed number fall down before the throne,
and honor pow'r, and glory ascribe to God alone!

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen! **C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

L: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Postlude: *A Joyous Recessional*

Martin Ellis

Musicians: James Rickley (organ)

Cantor: Victoria Bull

Reader: Melanie Jensen Acolyte:

Communion Assistant:

Streaming Team: Allan Tooley & Neil White Fellowship:

Alter Care: Holly Hesper & Leanna Coulter

Announcements for the week of May 11:

Wed. 5/14: WOW! Children's ministry resumes from 6-7 pm (simple supper, Bible story, and activity) in the Social Hall. (Last one until fall)

Thu. 5/15: R.O.M.E.O, men's lunch group, meets in the Fireside 11:30 am.

Sat. 5/17: Memorial Service for Mari Wilbur's parents, 3:00 pm at the church.

Special Offering for May is Family Promise of Great Falls.

Keeping in Prayer... Jim; Tina; Rick; Pat; Larry; Jeff & family; Laurie; Pam; Christina; Mari; Beth; Kameron and family; Sumner; Dee; Danny; Triston; MaryAnn; Ann; Arvin; Beth; Arnie, Peggy & Larry; Sandy; Dorothy; Toni; Scott; Haley; Esther; Reta; Elaine; and others who are known to us and to you.

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