

St. Luke Lutheran Church

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Evangelical Lutheran Worship
4th Sunday of Easter

Setting IV
May 7, 2017

“WHAT DOES FOLLOWING JESUS LOOK LIKE?”

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE. ASK ANY USHER.

Dear Members & Guests - Welcome to Worship!

God has greatly blessed us with your presence here today. Thank you for responding to his invitation.

If you have a prayer request, bright yellow forms are located on the back of the pews. They are collected during Offering in this morning's worship. You will also find pew pads in each pew, as it is passed to you during the service, we ask that all visitors & members sign in.

Name tags are available in the back of the church. Please wear your name tag to assist those of us with failing memories to remember your name!

SERVING US THIS MORNING

Ministers: All of the Members of this Congregation!

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Greeter(s) - Front Door: Wil & Deb Mandac Greeter(s) - Side Door: John & Mary Krogman

Ushers: John Krogman, John Dhanaraj

Altar Guild: Laura Dhanaraj, Wendy Callahan

Background Worship: Kathleen & Erin Peters

Contemporary Worship Leader: Joe Howard

Worship Team: Joe Howard, Seth Henderson, Paul Mitchell, Claudia Zichterman, Ron Zichterman, and Deb Mandac.

Director of Music: Claudia Zichterman

Organist: Beth Stauter

Choir Director: Chris Frye

Bell Choir Director: Wil Mandac

Sound-Computer Tech: Brad Sime & Francis Prabhu

Altar flowers given today by Fred & Karen Greguras, in loving memory of Karen's parents, Richard and Nancy Barry.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Beth Stauter

CALL TO WORSHIP

"EVERLASTING FATHER"

WELCOME

Pastor Bob McKee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG:

"THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS"

*ELW #502
(Red Hymnal)*

INVOCATION & KYRIE (Please Stand)

(music found on page 147)

[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.

[A] *In peace, let us pray to the Lord.*

[C] Lord, have mercy.

[A] *For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.*

[C] Lord, have mercy.

[A] *For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.*

[C] Lord, have mercy.

[A] *For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.*

[C] Lord, have mercy.

[A] *Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*

[C] Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE “The Feast of Victory”

(music may be found on page 149)

[A] *This is the feast of victory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.*

[C] Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing, and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

[P] Let us pray...

[C] 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. Amen.

CHILDREN’S TIME WITH PASTOR BOB MCKEE

SONG: “JESUS IS THE ROCK”

SHARING OF THE PEACE

[P] The peace of the Lord be with you always.

[C] And also with you. (Share your peace, with one another, and then please be seated.)

GOD ENCOUNTERS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

1st Reading – Acts 2:41-47

Read by Janet Riddell

Today's reading is a description of life in the community following Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost, when the Spirit was outpoured on God's people. This new community is founded on the teachings of the apostles and sustained in the breaking of the bread.

The baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. 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, 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.

Psalm 23

Led by Janet Riddell

[W] *The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.*

[M] *The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.*

[W] *You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.*

[M] *Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;*

[W] *for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.*

[M] *You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;*

[W] *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.*

CHORAL OFFERING

“SHEPHERD ME O GOD”

Worship Choir

By Marty Haugen

2nd Reading – 1 Peter 2:19-25

Read by Erin Peters

Doing the right things does not guarantee that one will not experience difficulties, hardships, rejection, or even suffering. Here Christ is presented as the model for our path of endurance and loyalty to God, particularly in the midst of adversity.

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been

healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

[P] Lift up your heart and receive the Holy Gospel...

[C] **Glory to you, O Lord.** (spoken)

Gospel – John 10:1-10

Read by Pastor Bob McKee

Jesus uses an image familiar to the people of his day to make a point about spiritual leadership. Good shepherds bring people to life through Jesus, but those who avoid Jesus are dangerous to the flock.

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

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. 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.** (spoken)

MESSAGE:

**“WHAT DOES FOLLOWING
JESUS LOOK LIKE?”**

Pastor Bob McKee

SERMON SONG:

**“WHOM SHALL I FEAR”/
“GOD OF ANGEL ARMIES”**

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.

(*universal)

GATHERING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

(All members and guests, please sign in on the form in the pew pads when it is passed to you. Prayer requests are collected when plates are brought forward.)

OFFERTORY VIDEO

Denise Tsang

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

[A] Let us pray...

[C] **Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

[A] Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

I. GOD FORGIVES HIS PEOPLE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (Please stand)

[P] Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who calls us beloved children, who gathers us into one flock, who guides us into all truth.

[C] **Amen.**

[P] Let us confess our sins, trusting that God will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

[P] Faithful and just God,

[C] **we confess that we are captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We have not loved our sisters and brothers as you have first loved us. Forgive us, God of mercy. Let your Holy Spirit work in us to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the abundant life given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

[P] In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent the Son to atone for our sins. In the name of † Jesus Christ, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven.

Let the perfect love of God cast out fear, fill you with joy, and inspire you to live for others.

[C] Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE 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.

"LAMB OF GOD"

(music found pg. 154)

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION - THE EUCHARIST (be seated)

Our Lord Jesus is the host of his table. He invites all to come to him. Those who are baptized and believe in our Lord's presence "...in, with, and under the bread and wine..." are invited to commune by intinction. If you are not communing, please receive a blessing of the day. We come to his table via the center aisle, returning to our seats via the side aisles. If you are unable to come forward but wish the gifts Christ has for you, please notify an usher, and the servers will come to you.

COMMUNION SONG: **"ALL THE WAY MY SAVIOR LEADS ME"**

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

[C] Amen.

(music is located in red hymnal – service music hymn #207)

[C] Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev'ryone what God has done. Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and bear the name of Christ. Send us with your promises and lead your people forth in joy with SHOUTS of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.

SENDING SONG: **"I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES!"** **ELW #619**
(vs. 1-4 & 8) **(Red Hymnal)**

BENEDICTION

(Forgiven and fed, we are empowered to return to the world in service. Turn your attention to the receding cross of Christ, as he leads us back to the world with his final "good word" God's Benediction.)

THE DISMISSAL

[A] Our worship continues; our service is just begun. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

[C] (with the joy of Christ) **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

POSTLUDE

Beth Stauter

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