

West Prairie Lutheran Church

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Fourth Sunday in Easter

April 30, 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

(*Stand as you are able)

Prelude

Enter joyously to worship the Lord

L: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

C: He has risen indeed, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*OPENING HYMN "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" #456

*Confession & Forgiveness

L: Blessed are those who call on the strong name of the risen Lord!
As we gather in the victorious name of Christ, let us open our hearts to him and confess the ways in which we have failed to follow His will, and the ways in which we simply neglected our calling as his disciples.

(Silence for self-reflection and examination.)

L: Lord of heaven and earth, of the living and of the dead,

C: We come before you confessing our sins, asking for your gracious mercy. By our human nature we are sinful and unclean; we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. By your loving kindness, we implore you to grant us forgiveness and restore us to your salvation, that we might live holy lives here and now, and be with you in the final resurrection. Amen.

L: Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, God declares to all who believe and confess their sins, that we are forgiven and restored to a right relationship through Jesus Christ. We have been redeemed and renewed by Christ, our Passover Lamb. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit, let us walk in newness of life, following our Lord Jesus in holy obedience.

C: Amen.

*Greeting

L: Christ is Risen!

C: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who went to the cross for our sake; the love of the Father who put an end to the power of death through the resurrection of Christ; and the promised Holy Spirit who gathers us together; be with you all.

C: And also with you.

*The Kyrie

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*Hymn of Praise "Glory to God in the Highest"

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*Prayer of the Day

Let us pray

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.

FIRST READING

Acts 2:42-47

PSALMS

Psalm 23

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:19-25

*Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia"

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"Glory to you, O Lord"

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*HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

"Praise to you, O Christ"

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PULPIT HYMN

"The Lord's My Shepherd"

#451

Children's Message

Lanette Branstad

Sermon

Dr. Bob Sarver

HYMN OF THE DAY

"He Touched Me"

Grey Book #628

*Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

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*Prayers

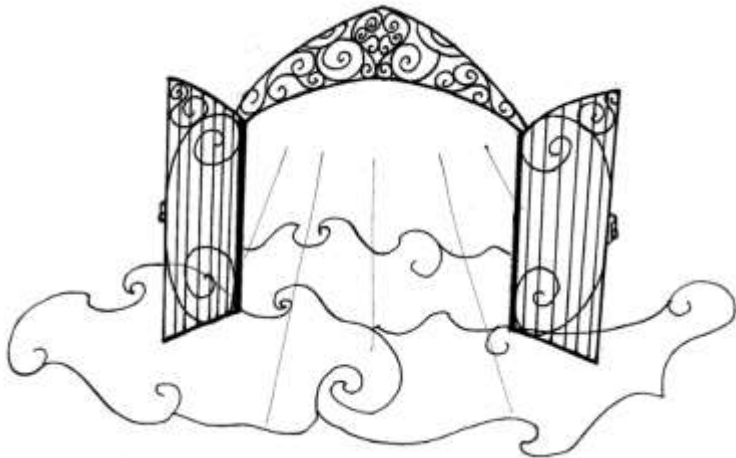
Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

10 "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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The first lesson is from the 2nd Chapter of Acts

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. **43** Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. **44** All the believers were together and had everything in common. **45** They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. **46** Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, **47** praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Let us pray Psalm 23 (responsively)

¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

² **He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,**

³ He refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

⁴ **Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶ **Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

Amen



The second lesson is found in the 1st Chapter of 1 Peter

¹⁹ For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. ²⁰ But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. 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.

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Announcements & Activities

West Prairie prayer list:

Phyllis Disque, Irene Eide, Joyce Greer, Brittney Hawke, Dennis Kramer, Ryan Mullins (in the military), Allen Peterson, Jean Peterson, LeAnn Peterson, Roger Peterson, our sister church in the LCMC, St Paul Lutheran Church, Hull, IA, and Immanuel Lutheran, Waukee, IA.

Please let me or Pastor Tony know of any prayer requests you may have. We will gladly list them. Cindy at csarver52@gmail.com or 319-931-3570.

May 7th is the last Children's Sunday School meeting for this school year. Sunday school will start again in the Autumn.

Visitation and Memorial Service for Jim Mitthun will be at the First Baptist Church in Forest City

Visitation: Friday, May 19th from 4–6 pm.

Memorial Service: Saturday, May 20th at 10 am, lunch following.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed supplies and money to the **LWR School Kit Lenten project!** Donations being accepted until **May 1st.**

Substitute Sunday School Teacher needed. If you are interested in teaching God's Word to our youth, please contact Jodi for details.

Vacation Bible School

If you would like to help plan or participate in VBS, please attend a meeting on Wed., May 10th at 5:30 pm. Late arrivals are welcome.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Manly, Iowa

“Create your own” Omelet Breakfast,

sides: cheesy potatoes, toast, drink

Sunday, May 7th

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Free will donation, Bake Sale

Two \$50 raffles (need not be present to win)

This Week's Activities

Wed., May 3, 2023	7:00 pm	Naomi Circle, Jodi Fjeld hosting at her home.
Sun., May 7, 2023	8:30 am	Worship with communion, fellowship following.
	9:45 am	Sunday school

May Volunteers

Fellowship: May 7 —
May 14 — Janet and John Haugen (Mother's Day)
May 21 — (Graduation Weekend)
May 28 —

Lector: Lisa Durby

Usher(s):

Altar Flowers:

Communion Prep & Clean-up: Lisa Durby

Happy Birthday: Faith Finer (4/30)

Please note: Pastor Tony and Nancy will be gone 4/20 thru 5/2.

Covering for Pr. Tony,

4/20- 4/26: Pr. Eric Hulstrom (507) 841-1765, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, BC (641) 562-2552

4/26 - 5/2: Pr. Ryan Henckel (815) 842-7273, Emmons Lutheran Church (507) 297-5471

Note: Bulletin Information can be sent to Cindy by email: csarver52@gmail.com or phone-319-931-3570. Entry deadline, Wednesdays at 5:00 pm.