

Welcome to Pilgrim Lutheran Church

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Fourth Sunday after Easter

April 25, 2021

THE GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God,
The keeper of the covenant,
The source of steadfast love,
Our rock and our redeemer
Amen.

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

Fountain of living water,
Pour out your mercy over us.
Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.
Rebuild what we have ruined
and mend what we have torn.
Wash us in your cleansing flood.
Make us alive in the Spirit
to follow in the way of Jesus,
as healers and restorers of the world you love.

Amen.

How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of Jesus Christ, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

Amen

Gathering Hymn~~Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation~~ELW #645

Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ our head and cornerstone;
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever,
and our confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call you,
come, O Lord of Hosts and stay;
Come with all your loving-kindness
hear your people as they pray;
and your fullest benediction
shed within these walls today.

Here bestow on all your servants
what they ask of you to gain;
what they gain from you forever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in your glory
evermore with thee to reign.

Praise and honor to the Father,
Praise and honor to the Son,
Praise and honor to the Spirit,
ever three and ever one;
one in might and one in glory,
while unending ages run.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

READINGS

A reading from Acts 4:5-12

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone."

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Let us read Psalm 23 responsively

¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures; he
leads me beside still waters;

³ he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

⁴ 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.

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

⁶ 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.

A reading from 1 John 3:16-24

¹⁶We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸ Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³ And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Al-le-lu-ia! Lord to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia.**

The Holy Gospel according to John 10:11-18

Glory to you, O Lord.

11 ‘I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take

it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

This is the Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Hymn of the Day~~Have No Fear Little Flock~~ELW #764

Have no fear, lit-tle flock;	Praise the Lord high a-bove;
have no fear, lit-tle flock,	Praise the Lord high a-bove,
For the Fa-ther has cho-sen	For he stoops down to heal you,
To give you the king-dom;	Up-lift and re-store you;
Have no fear, lit-tle flock!	Praise the Lord high a-bove.

Have good cheer, lit-tle flock;	Thank-ful hearts raise to God;
Have good cheer, lit-tle flock,	Thank-ful hearts raise to God,
For the Fa-ther will keep you	For he stays close be-side you,
In his love for-ev-er;	In all things works with you;
Have good cheer, lit-tle flock!	Thank-ful heart raise to God!

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APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

and he will come 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Hear us O God

Your mercy is great.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERATORY HYMN

186 Create in Me a Clean Heart

The musical score is written on four staves in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 7/8 time signature. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of love,

You call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved child, Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING~~ELW pg 152

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

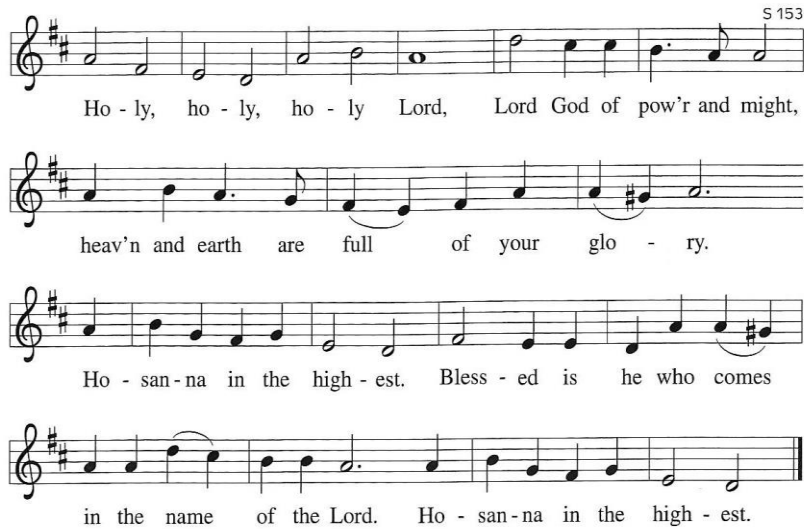
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

... We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Hymn of Thanksgiving



S 153

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n 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.

WORDS OF INSITUATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of steadfast love,
At this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world.
Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us
new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

POST COMMUNION HYMN

Communion

The assembly may be seated. Music may accompany the communion, and may begin with:

S 154

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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BENEDICTION

May the Lord Bless you and keep you
May the Lord make his face to shine upon you
May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN~~Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us~~ELW #789

Sa-vior like a shep-herd lead us;	You have prom-ised to re-ceive us,
Much we need your ten-der care.	Poor and sin-ful though we be;
In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us,	You have mer-cy to re-lieve us,
For our use your fold pre-pare.	Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus,	Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus,
You have bought us; we are yours.	Ear-ly let us turn to you.
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus,	Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus,
You have bought us; we are yours.	Ear-ly let us turn to you.
We are yours; in love be-friend us,	Ear-ly let us seek your fa-vor,
Be the guar-dian of our way;	Ear-ly let us do your will;
Keep your flock, from sin de-fend us,	Bless-ed Lord and on-ly Sav-ior,
Seek us when we go a-stray.	With your love our spir-its fill.
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus,	Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus
Hear us chil-dren when we pray.	You have loved us, love us still.
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus	Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus,
Hear us chil-dren when we pray.	You have loved us, love us still.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Confirmation will meet April 28 at 3:30; please confirmation students get your sermon notes into the pastor.

A sign-up sheet for people to volunteer is available. We have gone through a long year with a few volunteers doing the work, and now we need to add more volunteers to help with the work of the church. You will notice I have added back in some of those spaces that we need help in. Thank you so very much! We will see you next week. God bless!

Thank you to Linda Bork for facilitating our CPR class.

Thank you to all who volunteered to help beautify the church and help with planting of plants this last Saturday. We especially thank the landscape committee for all their hard work.

Thank you Fay and Trudy for attending synod assembly via Zoom on April 24.

THE DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed!

Go in peace. Share the Good News. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God

Lectionary Readings for Next Sunday

Acts 8:26-40

Psalm 22:25-31

1 John 4:7-21

John 15:1-8

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