**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**April 30, 2023**

**9:30am**



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**Welcome to worship! We’re glad you’re here!**

To assist in your worship:

**bold** print means we respond together

**\*** meansstand as you are able,

+ you may make the sign of the cross should you so desire.

**TODAY’S worship THEME**

Today is sometimes called “Good Shepherd Sunday.” Jesus is called the “gate” of the sheep in today’s gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world’s violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God’s tender care to all creation.



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**PRELUDE** Roger Halvorson

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

**GATHERING SONG** *I Will Call Upon The Lord*

I will call upon the Lord (I will call upon the Lord)

Who is worthy to be praised (Who is worthy to be praised)  
So shall I be saved from my enemies (So shall I be saved from my enemies)

I will call upon the Lord

The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock

And let the God of my salvation be exalted  
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And let the God of my salvation be exalted

(Repeat All)

**HOLY BAPTISM OF KIMBERLY RENÉ SMITH**

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world….

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

*Response:***We do.**

\*I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

*Response:* **I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

**\*THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, O God, …

…To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

**BAPTISM**

**You belong to Christ,** **in whom you have been baptized.** **Alleluia!**

**WELCOME**

Let us welcome the newly baptized Kimberly René.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:** **join us in giving thanks and praise to God** **and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

*Those who have gathered at the font may return to their places.*

**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.**

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**pRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray together. *A brief silence***. 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.**

**WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE** *After this time, children will be invited to Sunday school. They will return during the passing of the peace.*

**SCRIPTURE READING** [Acts 2:42-47](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/TextsAndResources) PewBible New Testament Pg.124

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSIVE PSALM** Psalm 23 PewBible Old Testament Pg. 553

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
**2He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;**  
 3he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.  
**4Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me;  
 your rod and your staff — they comfort me.** 5You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.  
**6Surely 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.**

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**\*GOSPEL** John 10:1-10 Pew Bible New Testament Pg. 107

The Holy Gospel according to John the 10th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The reading concludes: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON** Pastor Laurie Arroyo

**\*SERMON SONG** *Make Me A Servant*

Make me a servant, humble and meek,

Lord let me lift up those who are weak;

and may the prayer of my heart always be:

make me a servant, make me a servant, make me a servant today.

(Repeat All)

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

…Hear us O God,

**Your mercy is great.**

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ’s resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

**\*SHARING OF PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

**OFFERTORY** *Indescribable* Chancel Choir

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE** *Take My Life, That I May Be* #583

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray together**, Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus.*

**\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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 our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**\*SONG OF THANKSGIVING**

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**\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore…

…With this bread and cup we remember our Lord’s passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

…with the whole world made perfect through your wisdom, all our sins and sorrows will be no more. **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

…Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit, that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world. **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

…through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

**\*LORD’S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.** **Amen.**

**DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

We believe that this is Jesus' table. All are welcome and invited to commune.  We serve communion by “intinction”; receive the bread and dip it in the chalice of red wine. Currently we are offering individual communion cups as an alternative to intinction if you so desire. Both wine and grape juice (white) are offered in the tray. Gluten free bread is available; let your server know. Should you choose not to commune, please come forward to receive a blessing. Please cross your arms across your chest.



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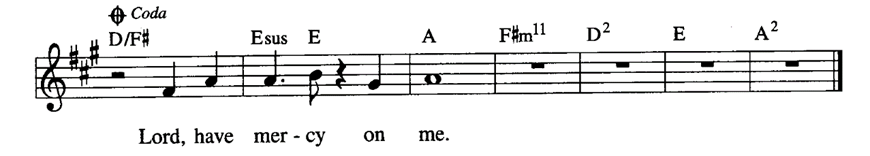
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**COMMUNION SONG** *Here Is Bread #483*

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray together.  **Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

**SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**\*BLESSING**

The God of all, who raised ☩ Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation. **Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN** *Just a Closer Walk with Thee #697*

**\*Dismissal**

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** Roger Halvorson



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**It is our joy to worship with your whole family this morning!**

**CHILDCARE**

We encourage everyone of all ages and abilities to worship together. If you do need to take a "time out", please do so in the narthex (gathering space at the entry), and return to worship when you are ready. A changing table is located in the restroom off the narthex. Activity bags, filled with crayons, paper and storybooks, are available in the narthex. Please ask an usher if you need any assistance.

**OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

*Christ Is Alive!*

**OUR VISION STATEMENT**

*Christ Lutheran Church is a community of believers committed to praising our Savior Jesus Christ. With his love, we reach out to those in need and welcome all with open hearts. Our worship dynamically combines, word, song and prayer to share God’s incredible message. Having faith in this, we go forth knowing that with God and the power of the Holy Spirit, anything is possible.*

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