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May 8, 2022 – 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Fourth Sunday of Easter

WELCOME VISITORS! We welcome all who believe in Jesus Christ to the Lord’s Supper as we partake in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup. For those who would prefer, grape juice is available in the center ring of each serving tray. If you do not wish to receive communion you are invited to come forward for a blessing. God’s forgiveness and love is for everyone.

We are honored that you are with us today and we ask everyone to please sign the Friendship Register in each pew, and again -- **Welcome!**

***Invites the Congregation to stand.**

HOLY COMMUNION

Prelude: “*Settings on Psalm 23*” by Sam Batt Owens

Welcome and Announcements

***Hymn:** “*Good, Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing*” ELW #385
As the hymn begins, the congregation turns toward the entrance to face the processional cross.

***Greeting**

[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.**

***The Kyrie**

(*Verse 1* Worship Assistant; *Verse 2* Women; *Verse 3* Men; *Verse 4* All)

Refrain

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
 2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the

u-ni-ty of all; for
 hun-gry and the poor; that
 friends and fam-i-ly; for
 wa-ter and the word; that you

this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
 we may live out truth and jus-tice and grace,
 life and for love, for our work and our play,
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,

Refrain

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

***Hymn of Praise**

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the
Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.
1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be
peo-ple of God. Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, and
Refrain
hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his. This is the feast of
vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-
le-lu-ia. 2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and
join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or,
glo-ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

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Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the
Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

***The Prayer of the Day**

- [P] The Lord be with you.
- [C] **And also with you.**
- [P] Let us pray...
- [C] **Amen**

Insert

The First Lesson: Acts 9:36-43

- [L] The Word of the Lord.
- [C] **Thanks be to God.**

Insert

Psalm: 23; refrain, Ps. 23:1

(When Chapel Choir is singing, Congregation sings verses in **bold** print only.
When Chapel Choir is not present Congregation sings all verses.)

Insert

The Second Lesson: Revelation 7:9-17

- [L] The Word of the Lord.
- [C] **Thanks be to God.**

Insert

***The Verse:**

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Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

***The Gospel:** [P] The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 10th Chapter.

[C]Glory to you, O Lord.

John 10:22-30

Insert

[P]The Gospel of the Lord.

[C] Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

Pastor David Armstrong-Reiner

***Hymn of the Day:** “For All the Faithful Women”(v. 1,2,6,9,last) ELW #419

***The Nicene Creed**

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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.

***The Prayers**

Insert

After each portion of the prayers:

[A] God, in your mercy,

[C] hear our prayer.

The Offering

Offertory:

"Simple Gifts"

arranged by Mary Lynn Thompson - Rung by Epiphany Ringers

***The Offertory Hymn**

"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

ELW #182



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

***Offering Prayer**

[A] Let us pray together.

[C] **Risen One, as you broke bread with the disciples on the shore, meet us now in this meal. Nourish us to follow you, using our gifts to feed the hungry and tend the weary, and all for your love's sake. Amen.**

***The Great Thanksgiving**

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[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, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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



heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -



est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

[P] In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

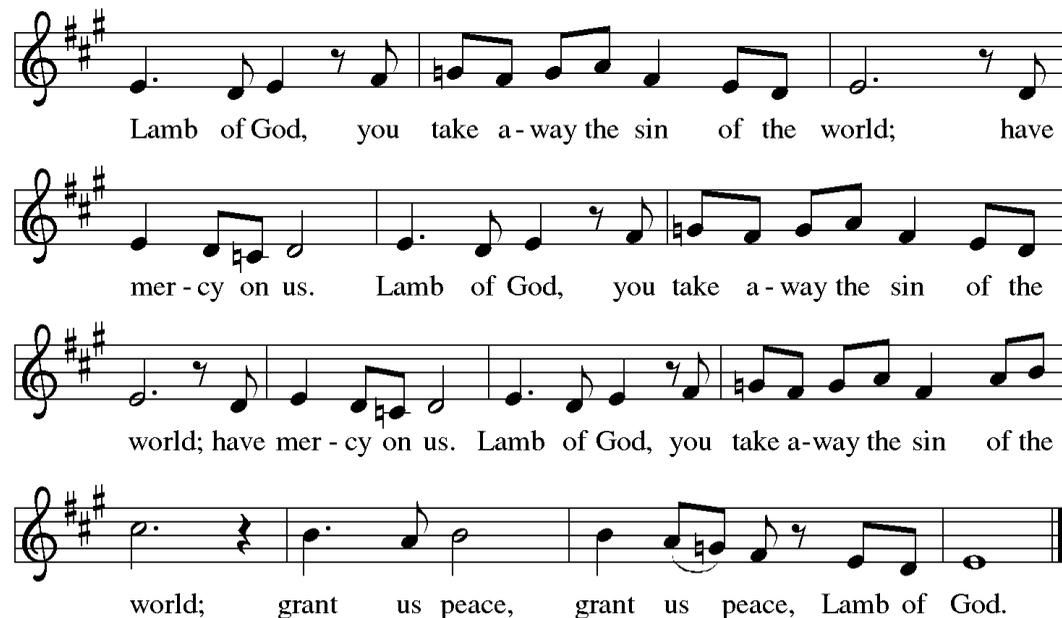
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

[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.

The Communion *Please follow the instructions of the ushers in coming to receive communion.*

“Lamb of God”

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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, Lamb of God.

Special Music (11:00 service) *“Because He Lives”* Sung by Nelson Kelly

Communion Hymn: *“Have No Fear, Little Flock”* ELW #764

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Post-Communion Prayer**

[A] Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord.

[C] Amen.

***Benediction (Blessing)**

[P] God bless us with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that we may live deep within our hearts.

God bless us with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that we may work for justice, freedom and peace.

God bless us with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war, so that we may reach out our hands to comfort them and turn their pain into joy.

And God bless us with enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in this world, so that we can do what others claim cannot be done.

The God of all grace ✝ bless you now and forever.

[C] Amen.

***Recessional Hymn:**

“He Leadeth Me”

LBW #501

As the cross is carried out during the singing of the hymn, the congregation turns to face the cross.

1 He lead-eth me: oh, bless-ed thought! Oh, words with heav'n-ly com-fort fraught!
 2 Some-times mid-scenes of deep-est gloom, some-times where E-den's bow-ers bloom,
 3 Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ev-er mur-mur nor re-pine;
 4 And when my task on earth is done, when by thy grace the vic-t'ry's won,

What-e'er I do, wher-e'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that lead-eth me,
 by wa-ters calm, o'er trou-bled sea, still 'tis God's hand that lead-eth me.
 con-tent, what-ev-er lot I see, since 'tis my God that lead-eth me.
 e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jor-dan lead-eth me.

Refrain

He lead-eth me, he lead-eth me, by his own hand he lead-eth me.

His faith-ful fol-l'wer I would be, for by his hand he lead-eth me.

***Dismissal**

[P] Alleluia! Christ is risen.

[C] **Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

[P] You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace.

Share the good news.

[C] **Thanks be to God.**

[All] Follow Christ, Live Faithfully, Serve All. Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

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set for organ by Healey Willan

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