

Second Reading: Psalm 23

¹The 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.

P: This is the Word of the Lord, C: **Thanks be to God.**

Choir Song: "This Is The Place"

Third Reading: 1 Peter 2:19-25

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.

P: This is the Word of the Lord, C: **Thanks be to God.**

Congregational Hymn: "Bless The Lord, O My Soul"

**Chorus: Bless the Lord, oh, my soul, oh, my soul. Worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, oh, my soul. I worship your holy name.**

**Vs 1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning, it's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes. [Chorus]**

**Vs 2. You're rich in love and you're slow to anger. Your name is great, and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing, ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. [Chorus]**

**Vs 3. And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near and my time has come;
Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending, ten thousand years and then forevermore.**

**Final Chorus: Bless the Lord, oh, my soul, oh, my soul. Worship his holy name. Sing like never before,
oh, my soul. I worship your holy name, worship your holy name**

Gospel: John 10:1-10 (please stand as you are able)

¹ "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.

P: This is the Word of the Lord, C: **Thanks be to God.**

Choir Song: "There Is A Redeemer" (you may be seated)

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Hymn of Thanksgiving: "Now Thank We All Our God"

**Vs 1: Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way with countless gifts of love, & still is ours today.**

**Vs 2: Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
& keep us all in grace, & guide us when perplexed, & free us from all harm in this world & the next.**

**Vs 3: All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.**

Ushers bring offering forward.

Baptism of Ryker Charles Gilsdorf

Statement of Faith: "In Christ Alone" (please stand as you are able)

**Vs 1: In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All; here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**Vs 2: In Christ alone who took on flesh fullness of God in helpless Babe
This gift of Love and righteousness scorned by the ones He came to save.
Til on the cross as Jesus died the wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid here in the death of Christ I live.**

**Vs 3: No guilt in life, no fear in death; this is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Til he returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand!**

The Prayers: (call and response)

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, & all in need. *A brief silence.* You are the shepherd who gathers us in your mighty & loving arms. Help your church to listen for your voice, especially when the voices of sin, idolatry, & oppression threaten to overpower us. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

The green pastures, still waters, and dark valleys of this earth all belong to you, O Lord. Sustain your creation with a love that is both mighty and just. Where there is destruction, bring healing. Where there is desolation, bring abundance. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You proclaim shepherding love, comfort, and protection for all people and all of creation. Direct leaders in our own time to learn from your example and instruction. Give them servant hearts, that they generously seek the good of all. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You journey with us wherever our paths may lead. We pray for those feeling overwhelmed by anxiety or depression or suffering in any way especially; Keith Brown, Dolly Mensink, Judy Carpenter, Larry Reese, Jan Benidt, Dave (Pud) Gnotke, Jen Berg, Marilyn O'Brien, Kellie Peterson, Kay Kurtti, Shawn Frederixon, Pete Poncetlet, and Donald & Marcy Jonas.. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You are the sheeppate that gives safety to your beloved flocks. Provide protection for refugees, victims of domestic violence, those who are imprisoned, and all people who are vulnerable to violence and mistreatment. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You call your sheep by name and lead them through the valley of death. We give you thanks for those who have died and now dwell in your house forever. Be with those who mourn, and give them hope in the promise of resurrection. 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 the Peace:

P: The peace of Christ be with you always C: **And also with you.**

The Great Thanksgiving:

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 Him thanks & praise.**

The Words of Institution

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.

The Meal & Hymns: *(you may be seated)*

All are welcome at this meal. We believe in the saving power of Jesus Christ through the gift of his life, death, and resurrection experienced in bread and wine.

Please move forward via the center aisle. Bread is received in the hands. Wine is received by dipping the bread into the wine chalice and consuming both together. All ages are welcome to commune. Those not communing may receive a blessing by simply keeping your hands folded or extending your arms over your chest in the sign of a cross inviting blessing. For those unable to consume either wine or bread, communion is received fully in either element alone, for Christ is fully present in the meal. You may return to your seats via the side aisles after communing. Gluten-free is available, simply make the server aware of your need. Also, if you cannot come forward, but wish for communion or blessing, let the usher know it will come to you at the end.

Choir sings: *“O Praise The Name”*

“Taste & See”

Refrain: Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Oh, taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Vs 1: I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall always be on my lips;
my soul shall glory in the Lord; for God has been so good to me. (Refrain)

Vs 2: Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us all praise God’s name.
I called the Lord, who answered me; from all my troubles I was set free. (Refrain)

Vs 3: Worship the Lord, all you people. You’ll want for nothing if you ask.
Taste and see that the Lord is good; in God we need put all our trust. (Refrain)

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

Vs 1: Let us break bread together on our knees; Let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain: When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Vs 2: Let us drink wine together on our knees; Let us drink wine together on our knees. (Refrain)

Vs 3: Let us praise God together on our knees; Let us praise God together on our knees. (Refrain)

Hymn of Thanksgiving for the Holy Supper: *“Soul, Adorn Yourself With Gladness”*

Vs 1: Soul, adorn yourself with gladness, leave the gloomy haunts of sadness, come into the daylight’s splendor, there with joy your praises render. Bless the one whose grace unbounded this amazing banquet founded; Christ, though heavenly, high, and holy, deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

Refrain: Be thankful! Soul, adorn yourself with gladness, and rejoice!
Bless the one whose grace unbounded is our joy.

Vs 2: Now in faith I humbly ponder over this surpassing wonder that the bread of life is boundless though the souls it feeds are countless; with the choicest wine of heaven Christ’s own blood to us is given.
Oh, most glorious consolation, pledge and seal of my salvation. [Refrain]

Vs 3: Jesus, source of lasting pleasure, truest friend, and dearest treasure, peace beyond all understanding, joy into all life expanding: humbly now, I bow before you, love incarnate, I adore you;
worthily let me receive you, and, so favored, never leave you. [Refrain]

Blessing - Choir Sings: *“The Blessing”* *(stand as you are able)*

Sending Hymn: *“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”*

Verse 1: Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love! Hearts unfold like flow’rs before thee,
praising thee, their sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the gloom of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

Verse 2: All Thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav’n reflect thy rays, stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow’ry meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

Verse 3: Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Dismissal: P: Go in peace to love the Lord & serve your neighbor, C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Hymn Sing Sunday Fourth Sunday Sunday of Easter

St. Luke Lutheran Church • Pastor Eric Hanson

9:30AM • April 30, 2023

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Easter Litany: *(please stand as you are able)*

P: Christ is risen! C: **Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. C: **Amen.**

Confession and Forgiveness:

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 & make us new, that we may know the abundant life given in Christ Jesus, our risen Lord. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. C: **Amen.**

Choir Entrance Hymn: *“I Love You, Lord”* 3X

Choir walks in from the back of the church to the front singing, starting with one voice, and adding voices along the way with congregation joining in when the choir is in place.

I love you Lord and I lift my voice to worship You , oh my soul rejoice.

Take joy, my King in what You hear, my it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47 *(you may be seated)*

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

P: This is the Word of the Lord, C: **Thanks be to God.**

Congregational Hymn: *“Lamb Of God”*

Vs 1: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.
Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord, have mercy on me.
Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, have mercy on me.

Vs 2: Lamb of God, I’m asking you to take away my sin.
I confess that I’ve done wrong, I need your help again.
Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord, have mercy on me.
Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, have mercy on me.

Vs 3: The precious blood of Jesus Christ cleanses me from sin.
The precious blood of Jesus Christ cleanses me from sin.
Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord, have mercy on me.
Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord, have mercy on me.