



April 7, 2024
2nd Sunday of Easter
w/Holy Communion

Leading Worship Today:

Pastor: Brian Entz

Lay Leader: Eric Ellwoods

Accompanist: Ralph Johansen

*Please read along with all **Bold** text*
*All are invited to stand when there is an **

Larger Print Hymns: Please see an usher if you would like a copy of larger print hymns.

Children's Bulletins: Please see an usher if you are interested in a children's bulletin.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Born by our birth
Here on the earth
Our flesh to wear
Our death to bear
-XIX by Wendell Berry

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

I call out to the LORD,

and the Holy One answers me from God's holy mountain.

I lie down and sleep;

I wake again, because the LORD sustains me.

Arise, LORD!

Deliver me, my God!

From the LORD comes deliverance.

May your blessing be on your people.

*OPENING HYMN

#249 Because You Live, O Christ

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God; yet we are justified by the gift of God's grace through the redemption that is ours in Jesus Christ.

Trusting in God's grace let us make our confession.

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation.

We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression.

Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

As water is poured into the font remember your baptism and that in these waters you are named as one of God's beloved and joined to Christ forever.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news, because we have faith in Christ Jesus we have died to sin in his death and have new life through his resurrection.

Alleluia, Amen!!

*RESPONSE

The Gloria Patri #581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen. Amen.

*SHARING THE PEACE

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

The people may exchange with their neighbors, by words or gesture, signs of peace and reconciliation.

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 4:32-35 (NRSV)

32Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. 33With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. 34There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. 35 They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 John 1:1-2:2 (NRSV)

1:1We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life — 2this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us — 3we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. 4We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

5This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. 6If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; 7but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 8If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

2:1My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; 2and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

#729 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

GOSPEL READING

John 21:1-19 (NRSV)

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. 2 Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin,^aNathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. 3 Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

4 Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. 5 Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." 6 He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. 7 That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some

clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. **8** But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards^b off.

9 When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. **10** Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." **11** So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. **12** Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. **13** Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. **14** This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

15 When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." **16** A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." **17** He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. **18** Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." **19** (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Rev. Brian Entz

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERTORY

*"Let us present ourselves to God as those
who have been delivered from death to life".
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*DOXOLOGY

#606 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*OFFERING PRAYER

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from The Confession of 1967

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: In every time and every age, O God... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Sanctus

Ho - ly! Ho - ly!

Ho - ly Lord God of power and might. Hea - ven and earth are

full, 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!

Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

People: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper is for the hungry and thirsty. It's a feast for those seeking God, in Christ, to be nourished for the life of love to which God calls us all. So come, eat, drink, and meet our Lord Jesus.

Please come forward to receive the elements. As you are served the bread you may eat it and as you are served the cup you may drink it. Please place your empty cup in the container provided. After you have been served you may return to your seat. All bread is gluten/top 8 allergen free and all cups contain grape juice, so that all people may eat the same loaf and drink from the same cup. Those unable to come forward to receive the elements will be served in their seat. We trust that as we are gathered around Christ's table we are also gathered in the Spirit with Christ and surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Living Christ, as you open the scriptures to us you make yourself known in the breaking of the bread. Let us now go forth from this place, fed at your table and filled by the Spirit, to walk with you all the days of our lives, and proclaim the glory of your resurrection to all the world. Amen.

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN

#757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Loving all People, Living our Faith, and Following Jesus

WORSHIP NOTES

The Call to Worship is taken from Psalm 3.

All other liturgy comes/is adapted from the Book of Common Worship (2018) or is written in house.

MUSIC LICENSES

#249 Because You Live, O Christ | TEXT: Shirley Erena Murray, 1987 | MUSIC: Dutch melody, 17th cent.; harm. Alice Parker, 1966 | Text © 1987 Hope Publishing Company | Music Harm. © 1969 Hope Publishing Company | This New Zealand author's text contains no familiar images of springtime to bolster its message, because Easter in the Southern Hemisphere comes in autumn. This hymn resulted both from her dissatisfaction with existing hymns and from her love of this exuberant Dutch tune.

#729 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian | TEXT: African American spiritual | MUSIC: African American spiritual | Public domain | Through its recurring phrase, "in my heart," this poignant African American spiritual expresses the desire that our professed faith will not be superficial or hypocritical but will permeate the very center of our being, so that we may truly be the people God calls us to be.

#757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples | TEXT: H. Kenn Carmichael, 1985 | MUSIC: English County Songs, 1893; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906 | Text © 1989 H. Kenn Carmichael | This text placing stewardship in the context of faithful witness was written by a retired Presbyterian minister to be part of the 1986 stewardship campaign titled "Called to Be Disciples." The tune name recalls the Sussex village where the arranger first heard the melody.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EVENTS

New Westend Youth Group!! BPC is partnering with Calvin, Plymouth, Maple Plain, and Howard Lake Presbyterian Churches to create new opportunities for our combined youth to build relationships with one another and to grow in their relationship with God. The newly formed Westend Youth Group will have its first event on Sunday, April 14th at Delano Lanes from 4:00 – 6:00 pm. The cost will be \$10/person for two games and shoe rental. Pizza and soda will be provided. **Please let Pastor Brian know by April 7th if you plan to attend** or if you have questions. We hope to see you there and look forward to the first Westend Youth Event!

More Than We Can Imagine: It's time to start thinking about Synod School! This annual gathering will take place on the campus of Buena Vista University in Storm Lake Iowa from July 21-26. Synod School is an all ages camp/conference with worship, classes, and activities for all ages and interests. There are some scholarships available through the Synod and the Session has made \$100 scholarships available for BPC folks. Please talk to Pastor Brian for more information. If you have questions about what Synod School is like you may contact Mike and Kathy Quady. Registration is now open. For more information and to register, please use this link:
<https://lakesandprairies.org/engaging-leaders/synod-school/>

??? Mystery Dinner on Sat, April 20: The Fellowship Committee is back at it, hosting another Mystery Dinner at 6:00 pm on Saturday, April 20 in the Fellowship Hall. Last year's Mystery Dinner was a howling success and you won't want to miss this year's version. What is a Mystery Dinner? Well, if we told you, it wouldn't be a mystery, right? What we will tell you is that you will have plenty of food, fun and fellowship at this 4-course dinner. Because this dinner involves quite a bit of preparation and people, **you must sign up in advance.** The deadline for signing up is Wednesday, April 17. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex at church, or you can call Christy in the church office at 682-2773. Walk-ins will not be accepted at the dinner. A suggested donation of \$10 per person will help defray the costs of the dinner.

SPOT: Psalm 98 says, "Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things." Psalm 96 says "Sing to the Lord a new song. Sing to the Lord all the earth." Notice in Psalm 96 it says Sing to the Lord ALL the earth", not just those that think they have a good voice. SPOT will discuss the spiritual benefits of singing together in worship. Come listen and sing some hymns and enjoy the benefits of singing together. This session will be led by Ralph Johansen and Mike Agre on *April 23rd at 7pm.*

OTHER

On the 1st Sunday of each month the money collected in the basket during coffee time is designated for the Deacon's Good Neighbor Fund. This is a discretionary fund that provides Congregation Care throughout the year. This care includes, but is not limited to, care packages for first year college students and gas/food cards for those connected to BPC in need. Your generous donations allow the Deacons to continue this important mission.

Classes, Coffee, & Conversations: Join us after worship for a **Conversation To Go.** Next week **Pastor Brian** will be leading a discussion.

Quilt Bingo: Sunday, April 14 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm with the doors opening at noon to preview the handmade quilts. Play 22 games of regular BINGO and 3 Specialty games. This will be located at Little Mountain Elementary School at 9350 Fallon Avenue in Monticello. Please see the flier in the narthex if you are interested.

How can we pray for you?

Along with the blue prayer request cards found in the pews you can also submit prayer requests on the BPC website. Scan this QR Code with your smartphone to be taken directly to the prayer request form. All prayer requests go directly to Pastor Brian.



BPC Prayer List:

- Zoe Ellwoods
- Jerry Aldrich
- Linda & Tyler, Patty (in hospice), friends of Bonnie Morek
- Kaiser, Al DeBellis' great-grandson born with a rare syndrome called BOS
- Kitty Johansen
- Donna, a friend of Lana Kopplin, who has cancer
- The Gritman Family, following Amy's death
- Jill, the niece of Al DeBellis, who has terminal illness
- Kelly, daughter of Al DeBellis, who has breast cancer
- Gary, Chuck Klaassen's brother-in-law, was in a serious car crash
- Jonathon, a friend of Barb & Larry Janski
- Shannon, Virginia's former daughter-in-law
- Al DeBellis
- Daniel Elliot
- Erva Hance
- Barb and Tom Stone
- Jan Brown, early morning Women of Faith
- Dennis Dietz, Virginia's friend
- Rochelle Tandrian, Angela's daughter
- Arv Klemz
- Jimm and Jodie Underwood, Lanny & Shirley's son-in-law and daughter
- Brittany Daniels
- John and Charlotte Collins
- Janice Sorby
- Mark Lawlor

For all people and places recovering from disasters both natural and human caused.

For peace in Ukraine, Israel/Palestine, Congo, and around the world.

For our neighbor congregations in Buffalo and for the congregations of our presbytery.

Upcoming This Week

Today

9:30a Worship with Communion
10:30a Classes, Coffee & Conversations-
Conversation To Go

Monday

12:00p Drivers Improvement
5:30p Fellowship Committee Meeting
6:30p PEO
7:00p AA

Tuesday

9:00a Crafty Ladies
9:00a Men's Breakfast at Forget Me Not Cafe
12:00p Drivers Improvement
5:00p Missions Committee Meeting
6:30p Finance Committee Meeting

Wednesday

7:00p Adult Choir

Thursday

7:30a People of Faith
10:00a Women of Faith
5:30p Racial Justice Reading Group
7:00p Communications Committee Meeting

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

9:30a Worship
10:30a Classes, Coffee & Conversations-
Pastor Brian
4:00p Westend Youth Group

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249 Because You Live, O Christ

1 Be-cause you live, O Christ, the gar - den of the world has come to
 2 Be-cause you live, O Christ, the spir - it bird of hope is freed for
 3 Be-cause you live, O Christ, the rain-bow of your peace will span cre -

flow - er; the dark-ness of the tomb is flood - ed with your
 fly - ing; our ca - ges of de - spair no lon - ger keep us
 a - tion; the col - ors of your love will draw all hu - man -

Refrain

res - ur - rec - tion pow - er.
 closed and life - de - ny - ing. The stone has rolled a - way and death can -
 kind to ad - o - ra - tion.

not im - pris - on! O sing this Eas - ter day, for Je - sus Christ has

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JESUS CHRIST: RESURRECTION

ris - en, has ris - en, has ris - en, has ris - en!

The musical score consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature. It features a vocal melody with lyrics underneath. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a piano accompaniment. Both staves conclude with a double bar line. The lyrics are: 'ris - en, has ris - en, has ris - en, has ris - en!'.

729 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

1 Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart;
 2 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart;
 3 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart;
 4 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,
 In my heart, in my heart,

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757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the
 2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man
 3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y
 4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing

Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make
 race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -
 stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to
 word, and walk the road the saints have trod till

plow - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry, quench their
 spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and sad - ly
 cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing to re -
 all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the earth may

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JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the
 proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our dis - cord
 store an earth where con - flicts cease, a world that
 we give thanks in one ac - cord to God who

poor and home - less first, our ease and com - fort last.
 spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all of life.
 was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace.
 calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.