

April 21, 2024
4th Sunday of Easter



Leading Worship Today:

Pastor: Brian Entz

Lay Leader: Barb Janski

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

Jesus Christ, who himself overcame evil with good, is our true Mother. We received our 'Being' from him and this is where his maternity starts and with it comes the gentle protection and guard of love which never ceases to surround us. Just as God is our Father, so God is also our Mother.

-Julian of Norwich

GATHERING

CHORAL INTROIT

Cry Out and Shout

Nystedt

Zion Lutheran and Buffalo Presbyterian Combined Choirs
Michael Walsh, director

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth!

Sing praises to the glory of God's name!

Make glorious God's praise!

All the earth worships you,

sings praises to you,

sings praises to your name!"

Come and see God's deeds;

God's works for human beings are awesome:

The Holy One turned the sea into dry land

so they could cross the river on foot.

Right there we rejoiced in God!

*OPENING HYMN

#321 The Church's One Foundation

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The grace of God overflows for us through Jesus Christ who came into the world to save us. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to live into who you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love, in turning away from neighbors in need.

By your loving mercy, help us to live in your glory and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus our Savior. 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 PARDON

Friends, the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. Receive the good news, in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

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.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: Therefore, since we have been made righteous through Christ's faithfulness, we have peace with God. Let us also share peace with one another.

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

People: And also with you.

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

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy One, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may receive with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Acts 4:5-12 (NRSV)

5The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, 6with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. 7When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" 8Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, 9if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, 10let 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. 11This Jesus is
‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.’

12There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Beautiful Savior

Arr/Revised Christiansen
Combined Choirs
Michael Walsh, director

GOSPEL READING

John 10:11-18 (NRSV)

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.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN

Bind Us Together, Lord

Chorus

Bind us together Lord
Bind us together with cords
That cannot be broken
Bind us together Lord
Bind us together Lord
Bind us together with love

Verse 1

There is only one God
There is only one King
There is only one body
That is why we can sing

Verse 2

Made for the glory of God
Purchased by His precious Son
Born with the right to be clean
For Jesus the vict'ry has won

Verse 3

You are the fam'ly of God
You are the promise divine
You are God's chosen desire
You are the glorious new wine

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 John 3:16-24 (NRSV)

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. 19 And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him 20 whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. 21 Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; 22 and 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. 24 All 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 God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

The Rev. Brian Entz

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERTORY

In Thee Is Gladness

Setting by Kallman

Combined Choirs
Ralph Johansen, organ
Michael Agre, director

*“Let us present ourselves to God as those who have been delivered from death to life”.
To give online, please scan the QR code.*



*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

The Apostles' Creed

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; 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 PEOPLE

We come before you, O God, in gratitude for your loving kindness and mercy. Continue to build up in us a great love for you and the whole of your creation and give us courage to follow in the way of Jesus your Son.

God of our salvation, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for your church...

Let us be a sign of your promised realm and make us ready to meet our Savior Christ when he comes again in glory. Strengthen us in our faith and give us courage to extend the mercy we have been shown to others. Encourage all our sister congregations in Buffalo and equip them with everything needed to fulfill the ministries to which you have called them.

God of our salvation, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world...

Make a way in the wilderness of this world. Bring justice and equality to every land and let all people know your saving love. Bring peace to every corner of the world, especially Ukraine, Israel/Palestine and the whole Middle East. Transform us and all your Church into peacemakers by the power of your Spirit. Help us to seek the common good of all your creation and remember that you have made us to share life with you and all you have made.

God of our salvation, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our community of Buffalo...

Send messengers of your way among us to kindle in us a passion for what is right and teach us to be good neighbors to one another. Strengthen us in times of difficulty and give us compassion for each other.

God of our salvation, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our loved ones...

Let your tender mercy shine on them. Enliven those who wait in the gloom of death's shadow and guide their feet onto the path of peace. Give healing and mercy to those in need, especially...

God of our salvation, **hear our prayer.**

Prepare your way in us, O Lord, that we may rejoice and be glad when your reign of glory comes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: And now as Christ our Savior taught we are bold to pray,

People: 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; and 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.

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN

#316 Where Charity and Love Prevail

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

May the Road Rise Up

Arr. Jay Rouse
Combined Choirs
Ralph Johansen, piano
Michael Agre, director

POSTLUDE

Final from Symphony #1

Louis Vierne

Loving all People, Living our Faith, and Following Jesus

THANKS TO THE CHOIR OF ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH FOR JOINING THEIR VOICES WITH OURS
IN WORSHIP TODAY!

WORSHIP NOTES

The Call to Worship comes from Psalm 66. (CEB)
All other liturgy comes/is adapted from the Book of Common Worship (2018) or is
written in house.

MUSIC LICENSES

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Beautiful Savior Arr. F. Melius Christiansen Revised O. C. Christiansen ©1919 and 1955 Augsburg Publishing House

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Chapin, 1812 | Text © 1960, ren. 1988 World Library Publications | This English paraphrase is based on a longer Latin
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commandment" that we should love one another (John 13:34). For a chant setting of the first line of the hymn see no.
205.

May the Road Rise Up Trad. Gaelic Blessing Arr. Jay Rouse ©2012 by Hal Leonard Corporation

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EVENTS

Congregational Meeting to Elect Officers: The Session is calling a congregational meeting to elect officers after worship on **Sunday April 28th**. At this time we will hear the report of the nominating committee.

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/>

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

Classes, Coffee, & Conversations: Join us after worship to participate in **Bible Trivia**. Next week, join us to learn about the **Art of Storytelling**.

Potential Land Sale Update: At the annual meeting in January, members indicated that they would like to explore the sale of a small parcel of land at the southwest corner of our property. The Session will update you with information on that possibility at Coffee, Classes, and Conversations on **Sunday, May 5**, following worship. Steve Grittman, Buffalo's planning consultant, will be there as a resource for us as we consider what we might do. Any sale would require approval by the congregation and the presbytery.

Buffalo Days Parade: The Communications Committee is determining whether we will participate in the Buffalo Days Parade this year. We are planning to decorate and put signage on a pick-up truck but we need "riders." We are looking for 6-8 people to ride, smile and wave. There is no need to audition. Please sign up in the lobby or let Christy or Brian know. This is a great opportunity to get our name in front of thousands of people at no cost.

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:

- Pam Klemz, following her husband Arv's death
- DeBellis family upon the death of Kaiser, Al's 3 month old great-grandson
- The Grittmann Family, following Amy's death
- Zoe Ellwoods
- Jerry Aldrich
- Linda & Tyler, Patty (in hospice), friends of Bonnie Morek
- Kitty Johansen
- Donna, a friend of Lana Kopplin, who has cancer
- Jill, the niece of Al DeBellis, who has terminal illness
- Kelly, daughter of Al DeBellis, who has 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
- 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
10:30a Classes, Coffee & Conversations-
Bible Trivia

Monday

7:00p AA

Tuesday

9:00a Crafty Ladies
9:00a Men's Breakfast at Forget Me Not Cafe
7:00p SPOT

Wednesday

7:00p Adult Choir

Thursday

7:30a People of Faith
10:30a Women of Faith
5:30p Racial Justice Reading Group

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

8:30a 150th Planning Meeting
9:30a Worship
10:30a Classes, Coffee & Conversations-
Art of Storytelling

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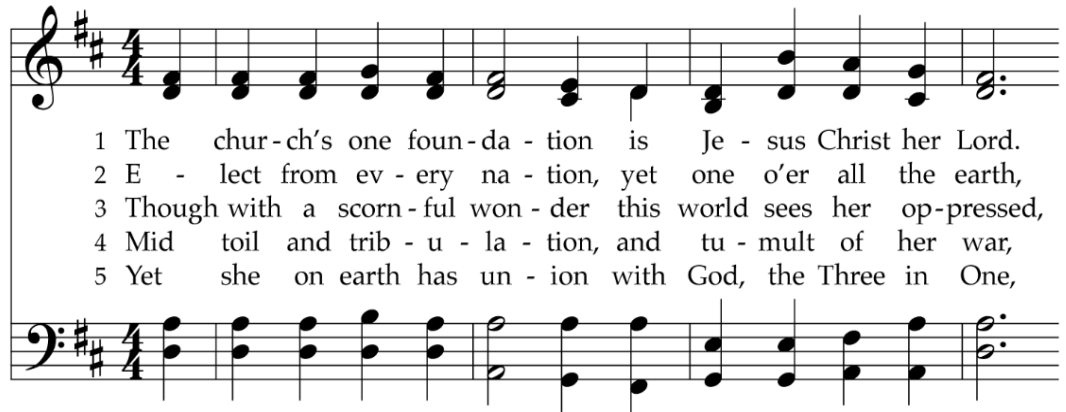
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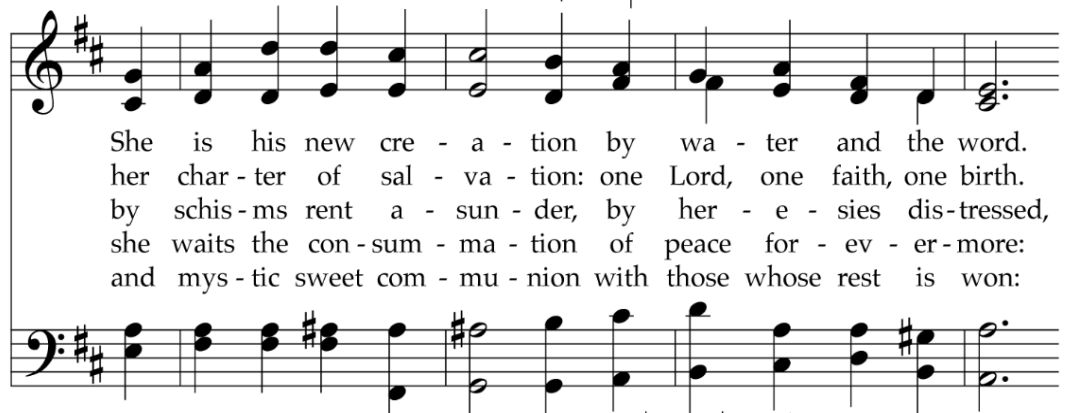
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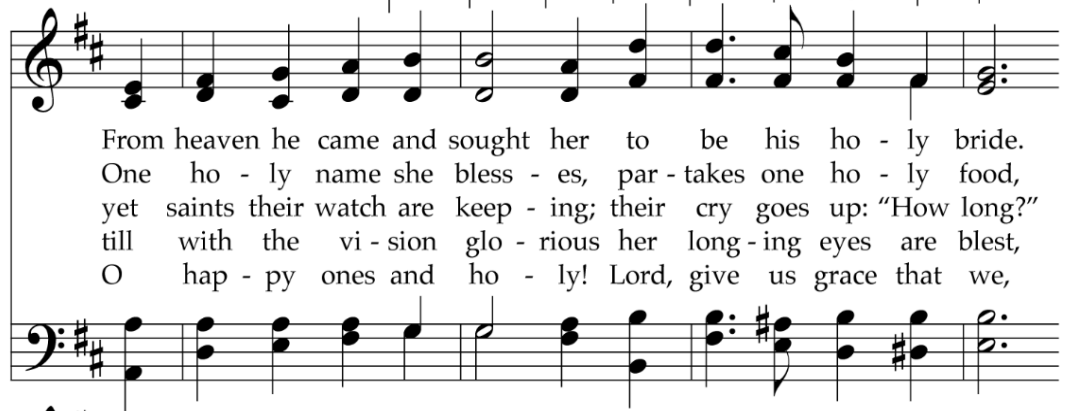
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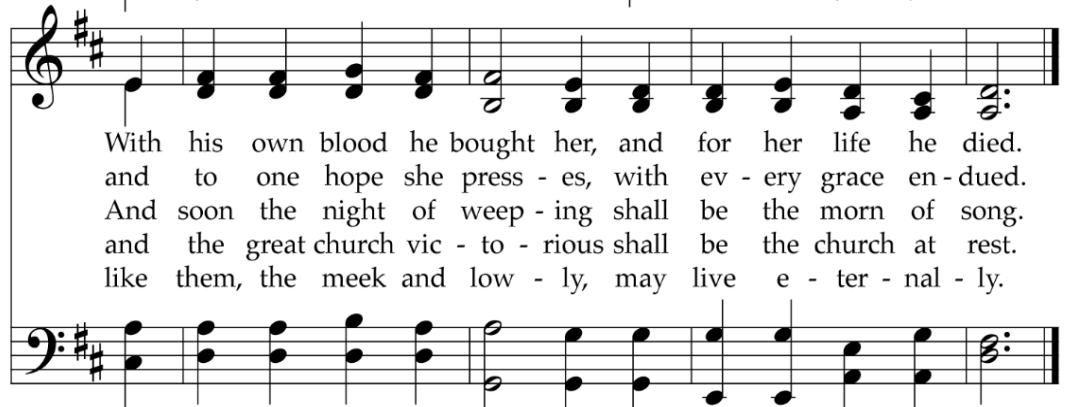
1 The chur-ch's one foun-da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord.
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op-pressed,
 4 Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has un - ion with God, the Three in One,



She is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
 by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis-tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more:
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won:




From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride.
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we,




With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 like them, the meek and low - ly, may live e - ter - nal - ly.

This hymn was one of twelve written by an English curate to affirm the articles of the Apostles' Creed with biblical allusions such as 1 Corinthians 3:11 here. Though not created for this text, the tune was joined to it in 1868, and the two have been inseparable ever since.

Where Charity and Love Prevail 316



1 Where char-i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
2 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son.
3 Let strife a - mong us be un-known; let all con - ten-tions cease.
4 Let us for-give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,
5 Love can ex-clude no race or creed if hon - ored be God's name;



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
As mem-bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris-tian gen - tle - ness.
our com - mon life em - brac - es all whose Mak - er is the same.

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TWENTY-FOURTH

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