Easter 4 April 30, 2023 Divine Service 1





Holy Baptism

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- In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." And the apostle Peter has written, "Baptism now saves you."

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

- P [Eliza], receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your

 forehead and upon your

 heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.
- P Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold **[Eliza]** according to Your boundless mercy and bless [her] with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in [her], which has been inherited from Adam and which [she herself] [has] committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that [she] be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, [she] would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

- Amen.
- From ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for baptismal candidates and catechumens. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church sponsors are to confess the faith expressed in the Apostles' Creed and taught in the Small Catechism. They are, whenever possible, to witness the Baptism of those they sponsor. They are to pray for them, support them in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper. They are at all times to be examples to them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for the neighbor.

- Is it your intention to serve [Eliza] as sponsors in the Christian faith?
- R Yes, with the help of God.
- P God enable you both to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.
- C Amen.
- P Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

They brought young children to [Jesus] that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

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.
- P The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even

 → forevermore.
- C Amen.

- **P** [Eliza], do you renounce the devil?
- R Yes. I renounce him.
- P Do you renounce all his works?
- R Yes, I renounce them.
- P Do you renounce all his ways?
- R Yes, I renounce them.
- P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?
- R Yes, I believe.
- P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead?
- R Yes, I believe.
- P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting?
- R Yes, I believe.
- **P** [Eliza Kay Wrozier], do you desire to be baptized?
- R Yes, I do.
- [Eliza Kay Wrozier], I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.
- The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life → everlasting.
- C Amen.
- P Receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world. Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the

marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end.

- A In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you [a member] of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and [an heir] with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our [sister] in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.
- Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.
- Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted [Eliza Kay Wrozier] the new birth in Holy Baptism and made [her] [a member of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and [an heir] of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as [she] [has] now become Your [child], You would keep [her] in [her] baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure [she] may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.
- P Peace

 → be with you.
- C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 95:1–3, 6–7a; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b

I am the good shepherd.

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

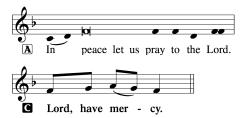
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

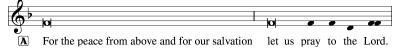
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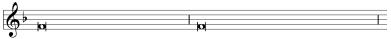
Kyrie











A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,









Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray.

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



First Reading

Acts 2:42–47

The Fellowship of the Believers

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they

received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Epistle 1 Peter 2:19–25

This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Choir – "My Shepherd will supply my need"



Holy Gospel John 10:1–10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.



I Am the Good Shepherd

[Jesus said:] "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life

→ everlasting. Amen.





- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth; And, oh, what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth!
- And so through all the length of days
 Thy goodness faileth never;
 Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
 Within Thy house forever!

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Sermon



Offering

Prayer of the Church

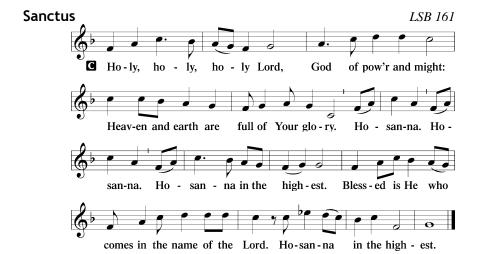
- P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For steadfast faith to hear the voice of our great Shepherd, that passing through the valley of the shadow of death we may receive our portion in His abundant life, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For the work of the Holy Spirit by the Means of Grace, that daily the number of believers who are being saved may increase and God's people may proclaim His truth with all boldness, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For artists, musicians and writers, that our gracious heavenly Father would inspire them in their creativity to glorify the Good Shepherd's truth; and that He would direct our hearts and minds to that which is beautiful, noble and pleasing in His sight, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For those who would govern the people of the Church, that they would be held accountable and honor the purpose of the Good Shepherd as they protect His people and serve the cause of justice and liberty, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
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- P For unity in the one true faith as God's people devote themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.

- P For all baptized Christians, that we whose sins have been crucified in Christ's body on the tree would bring forth the fruit of holy lives by His continual grace, let us pray to the Lord:
- Lord, have mercy. C
- \mathbf{P} Hear us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Service of the Sacrament



It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

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P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage

feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

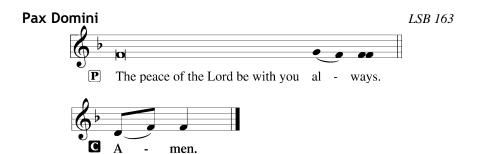
Lord's Prayer

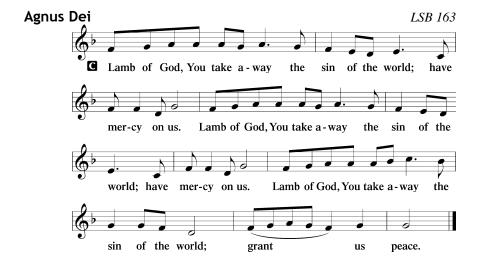
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

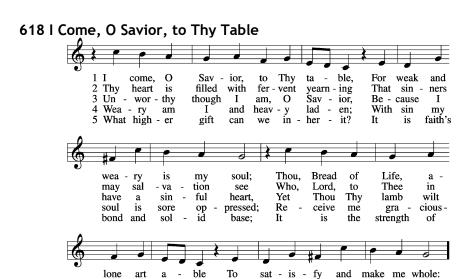
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My → body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."





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- 5 The veil is torn, our Priest we see. As at the rail on bended knee Our hungry mouths from Him receive The bread of immortality.
- 6 The body of God's Lamb we eat, A priestly food and priestly meat; On sin-parched lips the chalice pours His quenching blood that life restores.
- 7 With cherubim and seraphim Our voices join the endless hymn, And "Holy, holy, holy" sing To Christ, God's Lamb, our Priest and King.

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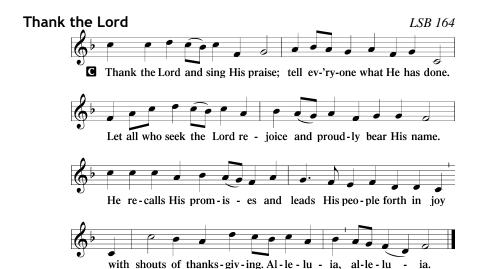
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Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.





The Lord make His face shine on.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.







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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School: At 10:15 am in the Lutheran Student Center.

Bible Study: 10:15 am in the Fellowship Hall. We are

studying: Psalms

Thursday Bible Study: Noon in the Fellowship Hall we are studying Deuteronomy.

Tuesday LSF Bible Study: - Every Tuesday evening at 7:00pm Bible Study for the LSF students at the Lutheran Student Center. We are currently studying the book of John.

The Adult Choir

The Adult Choir will sing, "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need." This Sunday April 30,

A big thank you: To everyone who helped with the Lutheran Student Fellowship lunches. The meals were a huge success! Anyone who would like to help next semester please let Pastor know. We can always use the help.

May Newsletters: there are copies on the wall under the T.V. for you to take.

New sign-up Sheets for- 2023- are now the wall:

Sunday Morning Bible Class Snacks, Apr to June, 2023 College Refreshment Snack: April to May 02, 2023 Altar Guild Schedule Jan to Dec, 2023

Lutherans For Life

Message from Mary Wittmaier, LFL Rolla Chapter President:

The earliest Church found great delight in not giving themselves over to radical autonomy. Instead, they invested in fellowship and community that accompany each other rather than abandoning in time of need (Acts 2:44). May we likewise proclaim and put into 20 practice our Lord's promise that the abundant life is the one that is shared especially in adversity (John 10:10).

Dorcas/LWML

May 7 is Mite Collection Sunday. The collection box will be located on the table next to the pillar in the narthex. Great news—all the national mission grants have been fulfilled. In June the assembly will vote on the new national mission grant projects for 2024-2026. A percentage of our mite collection will be submitted to the District LWML mission grant projects. A complete list of these projects may be found on the LWML Missouri District website, www.missourilwml.org.

To God be the glory

Leisure Lutherans

Card and Game Day, every Thursday at 1:00 pm after Bible Class. Everyone is welcome to participate

Church kitchen cleaning day, Part 2. The goal to clean the church kitchen appliances and 2 banks of cabinets was accomplished during our first cleaning day. The second Kitchen Cleaning, day is scheduled for **Monday**, **May 8**, at 10 a.m. The focus will be refreshing the remaining banks of cabinets. The more volunteers participate, the more will be accomplished.

Wednesday, May 17, 10 a.m. Leisure Lutheran Brunch. A representative from A.B.L.E. Senior Center will present information on services such as income tax assistance, foot clinics, health screenings, weekly card games, luncheons and local day tours provided to local senior citizens. Please join in on this informative presentation. Pancakes, butter and syrup will be provided for the brunch. Please feel free to bring any additional breakfast food to share with the group. A sign-up sheet is located next to the flower chart in the narthex to RSVP.

Library Notes

A small German hymnal was placed on the library book shelf. We are interested to know more about it. A call to the church office or a personal conversation with Pastor Swyres with any information would be appreciated. Thank you.

Two autobiographies written by past and present members of Immanuel are available for check out from the credenza in the Fellowship Hall. The book titles are "An Autobiography" by Ray Wehmeier and "Barefoot to Wings" by Albert Malone.

Do you have a cassette player???? Two cassette sets of the NIV New Testament are on the credenza in the Fellowship Hall and are free. One set is enhanced with music and sound effects. Enjoy!

Lutheran Hour Ministries

Project Connect:

Messages from: Bill Wuenscher:

Bulletin Announcement for Sunday, April 30,

Your Place in God's Plan (6BE100) While God will not send you a "Plan of the Day" in this booklet you will discover His glorious purpose.

The Flower Chart:

For 2023 is now up on the wall. Please sign up for what Month and Day that you would like to do. Thank You.

Please let us know if you are ordering the flowers or are having someone else order them for you, or if you want us to order them. Also please let me know what you would like to have on the card. This is very important - when ordering please make sure that they have on the card who the flowers are from. Thank you



Sunday School: Will start at 10:15 in the lower level of the Lutheran Student Center. We'll learn about creation; man's fall into sin & that God promised to send a Savior.

Lesson Summaries

Unit 6

GOD Restores His People:

Lesson 1:

April 30,

The lesson this week is "Provided For Prophet." The prophet Elijah warns King Ahab of the severe drought coming. God first sends Elijah to the brook Cherith, where He provides ravens to feed him. When the brook dries up, Elijah lodges with a widow in Zarephath. Despite her limited supply of flour and oil, it never runs out. God supplies just what they need each day. When the widow's son dies, Elijah raises him back to life through God's power.