



4th Sunday of Easter
Sunday April 21st, 2024
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Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

(The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God)

REMRBRANCE OF BAPTISM

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy. **C: Amen.**

P: Look, here is water! **C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P: Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

P: Look, here is water! **C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P: At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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Gathering Hymn – Shepherd Me, O God - ELW 780

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**

HYMN OF PRAISE - ELW 388 - Sung Three Times

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

The first instance of the hymn is written on two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics placed below the notes.

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The second instance of the hymn is identical to the first, written on two staves in treble and bass clefs with a key signature of one flat and common time.

Text: Matthew 28:5; Taizé Community

Music: BE NOT AFRAID, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

A: Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**
The assembly is seated.

WORD

(God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.)

FIRST READING: Acts 4: 5-12

P: A reading from Acts:

Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he can proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.

⁵The next day [the] 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."

P: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the
heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -
speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the
Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.
lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.
lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.
full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 24th Chapter

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.

[Jesus said:] 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."

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C:** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Joey Klinger

Hymn of the Day – *Have no Fear, Little Flock* – ELW 764

THE APOSTLES CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, 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 gather to pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. Each petition ends with "God of Grace," The congregation responds with "Hear our Prayer"

PEACE

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

MEAL

(God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.)

The Assembly Stands

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

C: Amen.

DIALOGUE

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.

P: The Lord be with you **C: And also with you**

P: Lift up your hearts **C: We lift them up to the Lord**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God **C: It is right to give our thanks and praise**

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY - ELW 189

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth 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 in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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. Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

The assembly may be seated. The bread is broken for communion

COMMUNION

You have the option to either come forward and receive the bread and wine from Pastor and commune via intinction. This means dipping the bread in the wine and then eating both. You may also remain in your seat and use the pre-filled communion cups that were offered on the way in. The bread is gluten free.

Communion Hymns - ELW 471, 496, 472

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen**

A:Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **C: Amen**

SENDING

(God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.)

BLESSING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ✠ bless you now and always.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN – *Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing* –
ELW 544

DISMISSAL

P: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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Our Prayer List

Our Community: John Graham, Marceline Mae, Sam Kelly, Nina Liptak

Our Friends: Terry Garf, Kristen, friends and family of Dotti Gorman, Jack O'Connell, Susan Fleisher, Megan Selby, Kathy Kellmer, Lea and Paul Ressler, Chris Lofink, Ruth Mann, Melissa Kuchler, Bill Robinson, Jim Kellmer, Linda Moore, Robert Donnelly and Family, The Family and Friends of Patricia Wierzbowski, The Klein Family, The Edwards Family, Patricia Weiser, The Toland Family, Brendan and Abigail Martin, Eileen Krygier.

Announcements

Reexamining the Basics - Join us after worship starting Sunday April 14th as our Seminarian Allison leads us through some of the Luthearn Basics via the Catechism and the Book of Concord. Don't worry this won't be your normal catechism class! Join us and grow deeper in your understanding of Lutheran Theology and Faith.

Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting – We are going to try and put on a VBS this year! We have the supplies but we need volunteers, so join us for this planning meeting as we figure out dates, times, and roles! All are welcome to help. If you can't make it to the meeting but would like to help please reach out to the pastor at: pastor@Redemptionphiladelphia.org.

Love, Loss, and What I Wore- Free Mother's Day Play – Join us for a free production of hilarious and fabulous play "Love, Loss and What I Wore." This funny and touching play by Nora and Delia Ephron is the perfect way to celebrate Mother's Day with those you love. So come to Redemption for this one night only event! Admission is free but a free will offering will be taken to support the ministries of the church.

Rev. Bruce Davidson 50th Anniversary of Ordination Celebration – Pastor Bruce Davidson, who grew up at Redemption Lutheran Church, is celebrating 50 years of being ordained and you are all invited. A worship service of celebration will be held at the Schaeffer-Ashmead Memorial Chapel on the campus of United Lutheran Seminary on Sunday May 19th at 3:00 P.M. A buffet dinner is set to follow in the Brossman Center also on campus. The seminary can be found at 7301 Germantown Ave. Philadelphia, PA. 19119. If you would like to attend the buffet please RSVP to Donald Barb at donaldbarb@yahoo.com. No gifts are necessary but an offering will be collected for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal.