



First Lutheran Church
Kirkland IL

Worship with Eternity

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A Preaching Series

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*First Lutheran Church - Putting Christ First
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With readings for the Second Sunday of Easter*

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Saturday, April 30, 2022

(with scripture readings for the third Sunday of Easter)

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL who are worshiping with us today! We hope that the service will be a joy and blessing to you. Please complete the black friendship register, pass it down the pew for others to register and then place it in the offering plate. After worship, you're encouraged to introduce yourself to anyone you haven't met.

THE SERVICE BEGINS

P We begin this service IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER:

C O Mighty God, you raised your Son from the grave on the third day, defeating the power of death forever!

P AND OF THE SON:

C O Jesus Christ, our Risen Savior, we praise you for your glorious Resurrection victory, and, like the disciple Thomas, we confess you as our Lord and God!

P AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

C O Spirit of power and might, guide us by your Word, that we may know the Lord, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings.

All: AMEN!

OPENING SONG: "Thine Is the Glory"

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WE CONFESS

P Let us confess our sins, and hear the forgiveness of God.

C Like the apostle Peter, O Lord, our faith has sometimes wavered. There are days when we confess by our words and our lives that "You are the Christ, the son of the living God!" There are days when we are ready to walk on water with you. But there have also been days when we have denied you by our words and our lives. Forgive us, Lord! Restore us to fellowship with you and one another!

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION

P When Jesus Christ arose triumphant from the grave, he did not come back to take revenge on those who had persecuted him, nor on those who had disappointed him. He came to restore them. To the disciples, huddled together in a locked room, He came and said, "Peace be with you." To the people of Jerusalem,

he sent his apostles with a message of mercy and forgiveness. To Peter, who had denied Him three times, He gave the chance to confess Him three times. And He restored Peter to his call as a servant and apostle in His kingdom, saying to him, "Feed my lambs." These same words of restoration are for you! All your sins are forgiven. Come, be an apostle in Christ's kingdom! His peace be with you!

C And also with you.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Restoring God, fed and nourished by your Word and at your table, strengthen us to serve as your Son's body in the world. Grant that we, like Peter, may follow your Son's command to feed his sheep; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 9:1-22

¹Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. ⁴And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" ⁵And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. ⁸Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. ¹⁰Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him

so that he might regain his sight.” ¹³But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. ¹⁴And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name.” ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. ¹⁶For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” ¹⁷So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; ¹⁹and taking food, he was strengthened. For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. ²⁰And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.” ²¹And all who heard him were amazed and said, “Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?” ²²But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

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

PSALM 30 (Read responsively by half verse)

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SECOND READING

Revelation 5:8-14

⁸And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, ¹⁰and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.” ¹¹Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,

to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" ¹³And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" ¹⁴And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

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

GOSPEL

John 21:1-14

¹After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. ²Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. ³Simon 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. ⁴Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." ⁶He said to them, "Cast the net on 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 of the quantity of fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. ⁸The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off. ⁹When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

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

SERMON: "WORSHIP WITH ETERNITY"

SONG: "Amazing Grace"

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STATEMENT OF FAITH: Nicene Creed

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THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Open our eyes that we might see your power and glory, O Lord. Encourage us to be helpers to the blind - whether physically or spiritually - so that all might come to see the goodness of your love. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Holy God, you work miracles every day; sometimes they are profound and defy logic and other times they are simple answers to prayers prayed in faith. Give us greater faith so that we would see the every-day-miracles you perform around us. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Almighty God, pour out your Holy Spirit on the Church of Christ which is his precious bride. Give to your people the will to follow the Good Shepherd in word and deed, trusting in his mercy in our lives and in the corporate life of the church. Send us out into the world you love to make disciples of all nations. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, there are so many people around the world who are suffering from disease, hunger, poverty, or attacks from the enemy. Grant us strength in the face of such trials. Bring us hope and let us be the source of hope for the stricken and dejected. [We pray especially for ...] Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

SHARING OF PEACE

OFFERING

WE PREPARE FOR HOLY COMMUNION

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 him thanks and praise.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

THE BENEDICTION

P When Jesus instituted Holy Communion at the Last Supper before his crucifixion, He promised His disciples that one day they would again feast together in the kingdom of heaven.

C Dear Lord, keep us steadfast in faith until that day!

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **ALL Amen.**

CLOSING SONG: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" **LBW 543**

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

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PIANIST

Nancy Plote, Herb & Dolores Plote's daughter-in-law is playing piano this evening. Thank you, Nancy!

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar flowers are from Herb Plote's funeral.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP

Thank you to all who helped with Herb Plote's funeral by bringing food or helping in the kitchen. Reminder to pick up your dish from the kitchen, please.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

Ben Watson 5/1

Donna Peterson 5/4

Gary Steinhorst 5/4

Madison Marshall 5/4

Lynne Peterson 5/5

James Hall 5/6

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS!!!

No Anniversaries this week. If I have missed your birthday or anniversary, please let me know. Thank you, Dianna

SUNDAY SCHOOL TO SING NEXT WEEK

Just a reminder parents, the Sunday school students will be singing next Sunday.

Sunday 5/1: Join us after the service for coffee and fellowship.

Tuesday 5/3: Worship & Music Team Mtg., 9:30am.

Food Pantry set up, 9:30am; food distribution, 12-2pm.

Thursday 5/5: Food Truck Delivery, 8am; Lydia Circle, 1:30pm;

Confirmation, 5:30pm.

Saturday 5/7: Worship Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 5/8: Worship Service, 9am. Sunday School to follow.

Sunday School students will be singing to the congregation.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

PARISH CONCERNS

Sincere sympathies to **Herb Plote's** family. His funeral was held here earlier today. May the promise of God's resurrection, bring Herb's family peace.

Please keep in your daily prayers all people in need, including those mentioned here:

- Charmaine Massey for physical therapy to help strengthen her lungs.
- Ashley Boyer and Lenny Peterson are on the mend.
- Madeline Brahm who had a brain bleed in December.
- Justin Mielke to have clear answers about his health.
- Pray for pregnant women and the babies they are carrying, especially Abby (Pahnke) Bohn, Jamie Wittwer, Laura Block and Rachel Ash.
- All those who are not able to worship with us because they are in health care facilities or homebound: Betty Paulsen, Ina Koehler, Nancy Bakanas, George Vodden and many others.
- All those who are suffering physical or mental illness, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams.
- Our church and its activities, and all Christian churches.
- Situations in Ukraine and Myanmar and all effected by this.
- All elected leaders, police officers, first responders, and military personnel, that they hear and receive God's guidance and protection.
- Persecuted Christians throughout the world.
- The NALC, NALS, the Great Rivers Mission District, all Christian churches, and our partners in SC and PA.