

Sunday, May 8, 2022

4th Sunday Easter

Service of the Word

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing.

You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation.

Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear. To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

GATHERING SONG

Thine is the Glory

(Red Hymnal #376)

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE

(Red Hymnal p.213)

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

(Red Hymnal p.213)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON/BLESSING OF THE MOTHERS

FIRST READING: Acts 9:36-43

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

SECOND READING: REVELATION 7:9-17

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - FAITH: Celtic Alleluia
Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

(Red Hymnal #174)

GOSPEL: John 10:7-16, 22-30

The holy gospel according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

Rev Michael Peuse

HYMN OF THE DAY

The King of Love My Shepherd

(Red Hymnal #502)

CREED

(Red Hymnal p.105)

OFFERING

CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING:

(Red Hymnal p.219)

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD:

For your Word of life, O God

We give you thanks and praise.

LORD'S PRAYER

(Red Hymnal p.221)

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

God, the Author of life,
Christ, the living Cornerstone,
and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,
✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

(Red Hymnal #367)

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Thanks be to God.