

HOLY TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

April 30, 2023 10:00 am

FOURTH SUNDAY IN EASTER

We are blessed that you have joined us to celebrate the birth of Our Savior.

Notes on worship:

BOLD type = people of God = You

Regular type = leader

Italic type = directions or explanations

PRELUDE

Introduction to the Day



Today is sometimes called "Good Shepherd Sunday." Jesus is called the "gate" of the sheep in today's gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our

baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world's violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God's tender care to all creation.

WELCOME

We are delighted that you are here with us in person and online! If you have a church home at present but are prevented from joining with them because of the Coronavirus, we say Welcome to you for the present. If you do not have a church home, please consider Holy Trinity to be yours! If Pastor Analyse or the Prayer Team can provide any care for you at presence please reach out in person or at pastoranalyse @holytrinitybellerose.org or the church office at office @holytrinitybellerose.org.

~Please stand as you are able~

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God,

holy and merciful,

holy and mighty,

you are the river of life,

you are the everlasting wellspring.

In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.

In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,

and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes,

for rivers and streams.

Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.

Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,

the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation. Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.

Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

Satisfy the world's need through this living water.

Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.

Where despair prevails, grant hope.

Where chaos reigns, bring peace.

We ask this through Christ,

who with you and the Spirit reigns forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN ELW 385 vs 1,3,4 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice And Sing

- 1 Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!Now is the triumph of our king!To all the world glad news we bring:Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life, which cannot die, and sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord, the life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE ELW Setting Ten vs 1 Glory Be to God in Heaven

1. Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.

Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:

we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.

Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

~Please be seated.~

FIRST READING Acts 2:42-47

Today's reading is a description of life in the community following Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost, when the Spirit was poured out on God's people. The new community is sustained in worship and fellowship, shares what they have, and ensures that everyone has enough.

The first reading is from Acts beginning at the second chapter.

⁴²[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23

We will now read responsively Psalm 23.

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

²The 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.

⁴Though 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.

⁶Surely 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 1 Peter 2:19-25

Doing the right things does not guarantee that one will not experience difficulties, hardships, rejection, or even suffering. Here Christ is presented as the model for our path of endurance and loyalty to God, particularly amid adversity.

The second reading is from first Peter beginning at the second chapter.

¹⁹It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

²²"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." ²³When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls. Word of God. word of life.

Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL John 10:1-10

Jesus uses an image familiar to the people of his day to make a point about spiritual leadership. Those who listen to Jesus are led to abundant life.

The Holy Gospel according to John beginning at the tenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord!

Jesus said: ¹⁴Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens

the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

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

~Please be seated.~

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

~Please stand as you are able.~

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 778 vs 1, 4, 5 The Lord's My Shepherd

- 1 The Lord's my shepherd; I'll not want. he makes me down to lie in pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by. He leadeth me, he leadeth me the quiet waters by.
- My table thou hast richly spread in presence of my foes; my head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.
 My head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

5 Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me, and in God's house forevermore my dwelling-place shall be; and in God's house forevermore my dwelling-place shall be.

NICENE CREED

Let us confess our faith saying the words of the Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate: he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead. and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

You are the shepherd who gathers us in your mighty and loving arms. Help your church to

listen for your voice, especially when the voices of sin, idolatry, and oppression threaten to overpower us. Receive Our Prayer, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

The green pastures, still waters, and dark valleys of this earth all belong to you, O Lord. Sustain your creation with a love that is both mighty and just. Where there is destruction, bring healing. Where there is desolation, bring abundance Receive Our Prayer, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You proclaim shepherding love, comfort, and protection for all people and all of creation. Direct leaders in our own time to learn from your example and instruction. Give them servant hearts, that they generously seek the good of all. Receive Our Prayer, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You journey with us wherever our paths may lead. We pray for those feeling overwhelmed by anxiety or depression or suffering in any way especially Laura Occhiogrosso, Bob Sarro, Brian Sherwood, Heather Chittum, Heidi Neumark, Lynn Zernickow, Klohe Goetz, Francesca Giordano, Mary Ann Gallagher, Michael Cienki, Jackie Budds, Dennis Aragona, Peggy McLaughlin, Valerie Jones-Washington, Alan Jennings, Jordan Ramos, Ed Unz, Kathy McManus, Florence Buckley, the family of James Lamb, the family of Tom Sanfedele, and the family of Anthony Navarro. Receive Our Prayer, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You are the sheepgate that gives safety to your beloved flocks. Provide protection for refugees, victims of domestic violence, those who are imprisoned, and all people who are vulnerable to violence and mistreatment. Receive Our Prayer, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You instruct us to care for ourselves and one another. Be with all who are struggling with extended periods of illnesses. May they feel Your power of healing through the care of doctors and nurses. Receive Our Prayer, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You call us your Beloved Community. End racism and oppression in our world. Deliver all who are unjustly imprisoned or persecuted. Reconcile nations and peoples in conflict. Help us pray for our enemies. Receive Our Prayer, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You rejoice in us, O Lord. We celebrate with those with birthdays or anniversaries this month; for the people of God in this place and for other needs in our community. We celebrate with the members with birthdays and anniversaries in April, especially Tyler Hanratty, Courtney Ng, Ken Henyan, Tiffany Hanratty, Kyle Hanratty, Joe Innella, Ruth Campbell, Kelvin & Yvonne Persad, Yvonne Peroo, Isabella Marbeli, Doris Breitenbach, John Angrisano, and Janice Rajgopaul. Receive Our Prayer, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You call your sheep by name and lead them through the valley of death. We give you thanks for those who have died and now dwell in your house forever. Be with those who mourn, and give them hope in the promise of resurrection. Receive Our Prayer, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. *And also with you.*

Let us share a sign of Christ's peace with one another.

OFFERING MESSAGE

Please be seated as we bring our offering to the Lord.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

~Please stand as you are able.~

OFFERTORY HYMN ELW 531 vs 1&3 The Trumpets Sound, The Angles Sing

1. The trumpets sound, the angels sing, the feast is ready to begin.
The gates of heaven are open wide, and Jesus welcomes you inside.

Refrain

Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight.
Come and revel in heaven's love and light.
Take your place at the table of the King. The feast is ready to begin; the feast is ready to begin.

3. The hungry heart he satisfies, offers the poor his paradise. Now hear all heav'n and earth applaud the amazing goodness of the Lord. Refrain

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.
Generous God,
in this meal you offer your very self.
We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.
In the breaking of this bread
reveal to us the Risen One.
In the pouring of this wine
pour us out in service to the world;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are gathered here this morning. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. When our congregation gathers in worship, we hear again of God's mighty acts and the love shown us in Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. We share in the holy meal of the

Lord's supper. Now we bring to you this word of life, and this bread and cup of blessing, so that you may share in these same gifts and be strengthened in communion with all the people of God.

Merciful God, we do not presume to come to your table trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat and drink the body and blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, that we may live in him and he in us, now and forever. **Amen.**

Gathered at the Lord's table, our congregation remembers with thanksgiving that "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.

This is the supper of our Lord Jesus Christ. This same bread and cup, shared in our community of faith, are here given for you. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

~Please be seated~

COMMUNION

All are welcome to the Lord's Table. When you come to the front, wearing your mask is optional. Please tell the ushers if you need the bread and wine brought to you. If you are not

yet receiving communion, or do not wish to receive today, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. Follow the usher's directions.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

~Please stand as you are able~

TABLE BLESSING & COMMUNION PRAYER

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

Amen.

Let us pray. Gracious God,

in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

Amen.

~Please be seated.~

ANNOUNCEMENTS

~Please stand as you are able.~

BLESSING

The God of all, who raised + Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN ELW 361 vs 1&4 The Day of Resurrection!

1 The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad,
the passover of gladness,
the passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
from sin's dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over
with hymns of victory.

4 All praise to God the Father, all praise to Christ the Son, all praise to God the Spirit, eternal Three in One!

Let all the ransomed number fall down before the throne, and honor, pow'r, and glory ascribe to God alone!

DISMISSAL

What is our Mission? Welcoming all to grow in faith; living Christ's message of serving and loving neighbors near and far.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia! Go in peace. Serve the Risen One. Thanks be to God.

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMING EVENTS

MEMORIAL

A memorial was given in loving memory of Buddy Poje

by Ed and Cathy

IN PERSON SERVICES every Sunday Live and via Facebook Live @ 10:00 am. You don't have to belong to Facebook to watch. Video will also be available on our interactive bulletin at: holytrinitybellerose.church.

BIBLE STUDY

Our Bible Study on the Gospel of John continues on Mondays at 10am and 7pm. New Bible Study, *Women In The Bible*, will begin on May 8th at 10 am and 7 pm. See signup sheet in the narthex.

COUNCIL MEETING

Next meeting, Tuesday, May 9 @ 7:30 pm.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Next meeting TBA

YOUTH GROUP

The youth meet twice a month on the first and third Saturday's from beginning at 6:30 pm. Contact Diane Gilroy for more information.

ALTAR GUILD

Looking for volunteers to help Denice & Pastor Analyse with Altar Guild responsibilities.

VIDEOGRAPHER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Learn a new skill. The camera is really user friendly. See Pastor for additional information.

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

Mother's Day is May 14th. Join us for brunch after worship. To let us know how many people to expect please sign-up in the narthex.

MOTHER'S DAY MEMORIALS

If you would like a memorial included in the bulletin on Mother's Day please fill out a form in the narthex and return it to the office with payment by no later than May 12th.

PENTECOST

Pentecost is Sunday, May 28th. If you are willing to read a short verse in a language other than English, please sign up in the narthex and take a slip with the verse as a reminder. Wear **RED**!

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

June 7 at 1:30 pm. See flyer in narthex.

YOGA PRACTICE

Yoga, Thursdays, at 7 pm in the Friendship Hall. One hour for only \$10.

Contact Carol Robinson, 917-208-7340, for additional information.

BIRTHDAY CAKE SIGNUP SHEET FOR 2023

Please see sign-up sheet in the narthex. Only December remains to be claimed.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Tyler Hanratty
- 6 Courtney Ng
- 6 Ken Henyan
- 7 Tiffany Hanratty
- 10 Kyle Hanratty
- 11 Joe Innella
- 14 Ruth Campbell
- 14 Kelvin & Yvonne Persad
- 20 Yvonne Peroo
- 21 Isabella Marbeli
- 22 Doris Breitenbach
- 27 John Angrisano
- 30 Janice Rajgopaul

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