

SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH
SUNDAY WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION ON APRIL 14, 2024

WELCOME & GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come as you are into the presence of God.
We come in need of grace and healing.
Let the mystery of God's love transform you.
We trust God to provide all we need.



GATHERING HYMN | COME, THOU FONT OF EVERY BLESSING
ELW #807

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.
Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

Risen God, we confess to you, to ourselves, and to one another that we have caused harm by the things we have said and done, and by the things we have not said and not done. Take away our sins that we might fully embody your commandment to love you with all our hearts, souls, minds, and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

In grace and mercy, God forgives all our sins, and with joy and expectation calls us into new life for the sake of the world, through Jesus Christ our savior. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Merciful God, in and through Jesus you reached out in healing love to all who came to you for help. Empower us now to extend that same healing love to one another, our community, and the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: MARK 6: 53-56

⁵³ When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat.

⁵⁴ When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵ and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was.

⁵⁶ And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL: ACTS 3: 1-10

Lector: One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon. And a man lame from birth was being carried in. People would lay him daily at the gate of the temple called the Beautiful Gate so that he could ask for alms from those entering the temple. When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked them for alms. Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us."

Pastor Janet: And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. But Peter said, "I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk." And he took him by the right hand and raised him up; and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. Jumping up, he stood and began to walk, and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God.

Lector: All the people saw him walking and praising God, and they recognized him as the one who used to sit and ask for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise be to Christ.

SERMON

PASTOR JANET KETTERING

HYMN OF THE DAY | HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL

ELW #612

Healer of Our Every Ill

612

Refrain



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

Refrain



peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: Marty Haugen

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HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Eternal God, you call us to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us, and your love supporting us. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We are not alone; we live in God's world. We believe in God:

Who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: To celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Trusting in the promise of the resurrection, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need. (*A brief silence*).

Healing God, by your power, Peter was able to liberate a man from the need to beg for his survival. Give us the power to transform lives and systems so that all your children can have what they need to flourish. God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

Within the complexity and beauty of the world you created can be found sources of life and healing we have yet to encounter, but which could be transformative to humanity. Help us to preserve and protect the gifts you have given us in nature. God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

Move the leaders of wealthy nations to provide health and humanitarian aid wherever it is needed and commit them to addressing the international inequities that cause these health crises in the first place. God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

Strengthen all who are experiencing challenges to their health and wellbeing and all who provide care to them, especially Dorothy, Terry, Dave, and all those we lift through our Prayer Chain. God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

We uplift all who do not have access to healthcare, both in our own country and throughout the world. Make us advocates for this most essential human right so that every one of your beloved children might be cared for as you would care for them. God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

Strengthen us to care for those in need through the outreach ministries of our community. To all who have hunger, give daily bread. To all who have bread, give hunger for justice. Bring aid and support to those who are poor, beaten down, abused, forgotten, silenced, or avoided, especially those seeking help through the Community Infant Program, the Little Free Pantry, Rise Against Suicide, and the Boulder Shelter for the Homeless God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

Provide for the work of the Joshua School and organizations like them. Empower the staff and parents of children living on the Autism Spectrum. Nurture the minds, bodies and spirits of these children and adults, that they might reach their highest quality of life. Fill the hearts of those providing help and transport for these children with compassion and stir their hearts to protect and keep them safe. God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

Encourage and empower those impacted by war, tyranny, and gun violence. Still the sounds of weapons. Teach us to seek security that comes from respect rather than violence. Strengthen and comfort the people of Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Palestine, Gaza, Sudan, Haiti, and all those throughout the world whose lives are impacted by violence. Remind us of what You require of us: That we do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with You. God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, our help in every trouble, we pray for peace in the Holy Land. Protect those traumatized by ongoing violence, especially those with no access to safe spaces. Release people held hostage; provide food, water, fuel, and supplies for all in need; sustain medical personnel as they work in horrendous conditions; tend to those who are wounded; comfort all who grieve. Direct your people and its leaders into the way of peace. God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We thank you for all the departed saints who have been healers in our lives. In their footsteps, may we engage in the healing practice of our faithful presence with those around us. God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

We place in your arms all for whom we pray, out loud or in our hearts, confident in your mercy and grace, through Jesus Christ, our savior. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

(Please share a sign of God's love and peace with each other.)

OFFERING/OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God, we return to you out of your abundant gifts these offerings of our possessions, as well as our time and our talents. Use them for the sake of a world in need to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY: SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The LORD be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the LORD.**

Let us give thanks to the LORD our GOD. **It is right to give GOD thanks and praise.**

It is right and good to give you thanks and praise, O God, because from the beginning, you invited us on a journey with you, a journey of wonders and miracles, a journey of healing and joy, a journey of mystery, a journey full of life and love.

Blessed is your son, O God, our Savior Jesus the Christ, who joined us on our journey, who was so full of grace and truth that we cannot help but follow him. When his path went back to you, you sent us your Spirit to continue alongside us, to empower and inspire us to continue to be your people. Now we pray that that same Spirit will be among us, and among these elements of bread and cup, that our ordinary meal will become our sacred feast, to nourish us for the next part of the journey.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

We come to this table, remembering that on the night in which he gave himself up for us, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in 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 in remembrance of me.

As we break bread together, as we drink from the same cup, unite us as people who are grateful for the journey, for each other's company, and for your guiding presence. Hear us now as we boldly pray together the prayer that Jesus gave us....

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 one in whose name Peter healed now invites you to this feast of promise. In bread and wine, Jesus gives his very self to strengthen you in your life of faith. Come and eat.

SHARING THE MEAL

This is the body of Christ, broken in love for you.

This is the blood of Christ, poured out in forgiveness of you.

COMMUNION HYMN | LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER

ELW #471

Let Us Break Bread Together

471

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you, fill you with new life, and send you out to share in God's amazing grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy, gracious God, here at this table your promise of life is made tangible. We have rested in the depth of your love. We have tasted your nourishing, nurturing presence. We accept you into our bodies and into our lives. Together, at this table, you have offered us life. Together, by your grace, we accept the life you offer and we give you thanks. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION & SENDING

You had not imagined that something so empty could fill you to overflowing.
You have seen and so you are already blessed.
You have been seen and so you are the blessing.
There is no other word you need. Simply go and tell.
Go with confidence, trusting in God's unfailing love and faithfulness.
You are the work of God's own creation and his love endures forever.
Go in joy to love and serve the Lord! **Amen!**

SENDING HYMN | GO, MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING

ELW #543



Go, My Children, with My Blessing

543

1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.

Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

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This is Christ's church. There is a place for you here.
We are the church that shares a living, daring confidence in God's grace.
Liberated by our faith, we embrace you as a whole person—
questions, complexities and all.
Join us as we do God's work in Christ's name for the life of the world.

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SHEPHERD CALENDAR OF EVENTS: APRIL 14 - APRIL 21, 2024

Sunday, April 14th - Peter Heals in Jerusalem

9:30 a.m. - Hybrid In-Person/Zoom Worship w/Holy Communion
Coffee & Conversation immediately following Worship

Wednesday, April 17th

11:00 a.m. - Amazing Grace Bible Study

Friday, April 19th

7:00 a.m. - Men's Zoom Breakfast Bible Study
5:00 p.m. - Friday Night Perspectives Gathering

Sunday, April 21st - Church at Thessalonica

9:30 a.m. - Hybrid In-Person/Zoom Worship w/Holy Communion
Coffee & Conversation immediately following Worship

<p><u>APRIL</u> <u>BIRTHDAYS</u> SHERILYN S. 4/6 KAY W. 4/9 DOROTHY F. 4/13 CINDIE S. 4/27</p>
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DAILY NARRATIVE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 14, 2024

Monday, April 15, 2024 – Acts 4:1-22 Peter and John Before the Council

<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/acts-41-22-peter-and-john-before-the-council2024>

Tuesday, April 16, 2024 – Acts 4:23-31 The Believers Prayer for Boldness

<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/acts-423-31-the-believers-prayer-for-boldness2024>

Wednesday, April 17, 2024 – Acts 4:32-37 The Believers Share Their Possessions

<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/acts-432-37-the-believers-share-their-possession2024>

Thursday, April 18, 2024 – Acts 5:1-11 Ananias and Sapphira

<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/acts-51-11-ananias-and-sapphira2024>

Friday, April 19, 2024 – Acts 5:12-16 The Apostles Heal Many

<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/acts-512-16-the-apostles-heal-many2024>

Saturday, April 20, 2024 – Acts 5:17-42 The Apostles Are Persecuted

<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/acts-517-42-the-apostles-are-persecuted2024>

Sunday, April 21, 2024 – 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Thanks to Thessalonica

<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/1-thessalonians-11-10-thanks-to-thessalonica2024>