

**SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH
SUNDAY WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION ON APRIL 28, 2024**

WELCOME & GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come let us serve one another in Christ.

As Christ loved and served, so will we.

Come let us serve one another in Christ.

We will rejoice in the love of this community.

GATHERING HYMN | DEAREST JESUS, AT YOUR WORD

ELW #520



1 Dear - est Je - sus, at your word we have come a -
 2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est
 3 Ra - diance of God's glo - ry bright, Light of Light from
 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and

gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
 dark - ness shroud - ed till your Spir - it breaks the night,
 God pro - ceed - ing, Je - sus, send your bless - ed light;
 ad - o - ra - tion! Grant us what we need the most:

and in glow - ing faith be near you as the prom - is -
 fill - ing us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and
 help our hear - ing, speak - ing, heed - ing, that our prayers and
 all your gos - pel's con - so - la - tion while we here on

es here giv - en draw us whol - ly up to heav - en.
 all good liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.
 songs may please you, as with grate - ful hearts we praise you.
 earth a - wait you, till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

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

God of community, you call us into loving and supportive relationship with one another in our church family. Through the Holy Spirit, unify our hearts and minds, that together we might strive to bring your healing grace into the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: MARK 9: 34-35

³⁴ But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵ He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all."

ACTS 18: 1-4

Lector: After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. There he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome.

Pastor Janet: Paul went to see them, and, because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them, and they worked together – by trade they were tentmakers. Every sabbath he would argue in the synagogue and would try to convince Jews and Greeks.

1 CORINTHIANS 1: 10-18

Lector: Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters.

Pastor Janet: What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.)

Lector: For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

PASTOR JANET KETTERING

HYMN OF THE DAY | ALTHOUGH I SPEAK WITH ANGEL'S TONGUE

ELW #644

Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue 644



1 Al - though I speak with an - gel's tongue, my faith, my
 2 For love is pa - tient, love is kind, and nev - er
 3 For now we peer at dark - ened glass; our vi - sions
 4 The gifts are man - y, the Bod - y one, and in - to



knowl - edge all sur - pass, but have no love, my gifts are
 vain with boast - ing pride; love bears all things, all things en -
 end; our tongues all cease. In part we know, in part now
 one are all bap - tized. Be - lov - ed, share one heart, one



vain as clang - ing gong or blar - ing brass.
 dures. All things must end; love will a - bide.
 see: then we will see love face to face.
 mind, one hope, one faith, one love in Christ.

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 Music: English traditional
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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*).

Saving God, the message of the cross is utter foolishness to the powerful. Give us the strength and conviction to proclaim and to model your sacrificial love and leadership in all we say and do. God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

Your blessed creation is in need of our loving care and restoration. Unite us in our efforts to address pollution, climate change, and harmful practices throughout the world. God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

Keep our elected officials at all levels focused on the things that truly matter, that they might aggressively work toward your reign of justice and equity for all people. God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

Guide physical and behavioral health professionals who care for those in our families and communities whose lives are affected by illness, injury, or grief, especially Dorothy, Lori, Terry, Dave, and all those we lift up through our Prayer Chain. God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

Help us to see past our disagreements with one another, large and small, that we might be united in whatever work it is that you have called us to in our world. God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

Comfort the victims of violence, especially gun violence, and bring healing to families and communities torn apart by it. Commit us to doing whatever is needed to end violence in our nation and our world. 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.

With gratitude we remember all peacemakers throughout history who have united and strengthened the body of Christ by their calm guidance. May we, in turn, bring peace and unity to our own faith community. 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, you provide each of us and our church family with abundant resources. Accept these gifts out of what you have first given us, that we might work for the good of all that you have made. 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.

Jesus, our brother, invites you to experience his presence fully in this holy meal of bread and wine. Come and be nourished for a life lived in his name. All is prepared for you.

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.

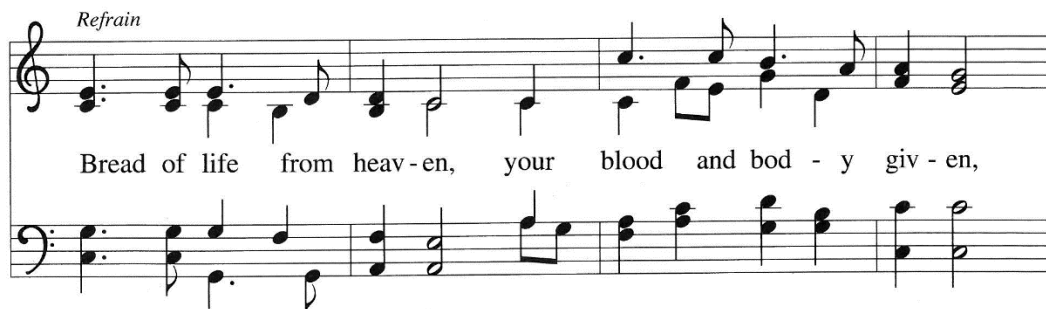
COMMUNION HYMN | BREAD OF LIFE FROM HEAVEN

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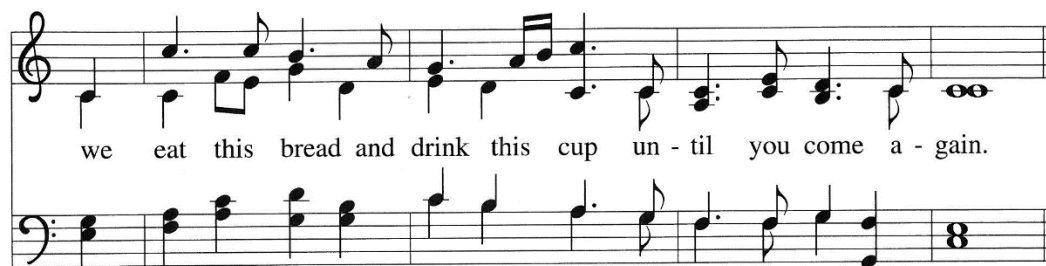
Bread of Life from Heaven

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Refrain



Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en,



we eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.



- 1 Break now the bread of Christ's sac - ri - fice; giv - ing
- 2 Seek not the food that will pass a - way; set your
- 3 Love as the one who, in love for you, gave him -
- 4 Dwell in the one who now dwells in you; make your
- 5 Drink of this cup and de - clare his death; eat this



thanks, hun - gry ones, gath - er round. Eat, all of you, and be
hearts on the food that en - dures. Come, learn the true and the
self for the life of the world. Come to the one who is
home in the life - giv - ing Word. Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly
bread and be - lieve Eas - ter morn; trust his re - turn and, with



sat - is - fied; in Christ's pres - ence the loaves will a - bound.
liv - ing way, that the full - ness of life may be yours.
food for you, that your hun - ger and thirst be no more.
One of God, and be - lieve in the truth you have heard.
ev - 'ry breath, praise the one in whom you are re - born.

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 live and share God's amazing love and 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 been 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 | BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS

ELW #656



1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
 3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
 4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;

the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
 our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740-1817, alt.
 Music: Johann G. Nægeli, 1773-1836, adapt.

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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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SCRIPTURE READINGS – NEW REVISED STANDARD BIBLE, UPDATED EDITION

RESPONSE TO THE WORD – ERIC MILNER WHITE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – RE-WORSHIP, UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

GREAT THANKSGIVING – BETH MERRILL NEEL, 'HOLD FAST TO WHAT IS GOOD'. USED WITH PERMISSION, AS ADAPTED

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EASTER BENEDICTION – JAN L. RICHARDSON, AS ADAPTED

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ASSISTING MINISTER: JOHN YARBERRY

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION: TERRY AND CINDIE SCOBY

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PIANIST: MARGARET SCHARFF

LECTOR: CINDIE SCOBY

ZOOM TECHNICIAN: FUZZ NEWKIRK

SHEPHERD CALENDAR OF EVENTS: APRIL 28 – MAY 5, 2024

Sunday, April 28th – Church at Corinth

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

Wednesday, May 1st

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

Friday, May 3rd

7:00 a.m. - Men's Zoom Breakfast Bible Study

5:00 p.m. - Friday Night Perspectives Gathering

Sunday, May 5th – Faith, Hope, and Love,

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

**APRIL & MAY
BIRTHDAYS**

SHERILYN S. 4/6

KAY W. 4/9

DOROTHY F. 4/13

CINDIE S. 4/27

HELEN T. 5/13

SALLY E. 5/16

DONNA S. 5/26

TERRY S. 5/27

DAILY NARRATIVE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 28, 2024

Monday, April 29, 2024 – 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Factions in the Corinthian Church

<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/1-corinthians-110-18-factions-in-the-corinthian-church2024>

Tuesday, April 30, 2024 – Acts 8:4-25 Philip Preaches in Samaria

<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/acts-84-25-philip-preaches-in-samaria2024>

Wednesday, May 1, 2024 – Acts 8:26-40 Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch

<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/acts-826-40-philip-and-the-ethiopian-eunuch2024>

Thursday, May 2, 2024 – Acts 9:1-19a The Conversion of Saul

<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/acts-91-19a-the-conversion-of-saul2024>

Friday, May 3, 2024 – Acts 9:19b-22 Saul Preaches in Damascus

<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/acts-919b-22-saul-preaches-in-damascus2024>

Saturday, May 4, 2024 – Acts 9:23-31 Saul in Jerusalem

<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/acts-923-31-saul-in-jerusalem2024>

Sunday, May 5, 2024 – 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Faith, Hope and Love

<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/1-corinthians-131-13-faith-hope-and-love2024>

