

ONE IN CHRIST LUTHERAN PARISH

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2022 End-of-Year Sunday School Program



Easter 4

May 8, 2022



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Fourth Sunday of Easter

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CHRIST IS RISEN!

We joyfully welcome all who gather here this morning to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior. A special welcome to all guests and visitors. From our sin we expected judgment, from the cross we expected death, but on this morning we celebrate the empty tomb, the risen Lord, and the gift of God's grace - forgiveness, salvation, and life everlasting.

HALLELUJAH!

End-of-Year Sunday School Program

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Sixth, Seventh, & Eighth Grade Class

Song

"If I Were a Butterfly"

Choir

Three- & Four-Year-Old Class

A Storm

Matthew 8:23-27

TK, Kindergarten, & First Grade Class

Disciples

Matthew 4:19

Second & Third Grade Class

The Last Supper

John 13:1-20

Songs

"The Fruit of the Spirit"

Choir

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.

✠ **WORD** ✠

God speaks to us in scripture, reading, preaching, and song

The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those “who have come out of the great ordeal” in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever..

***Gospel Reading**

John 10:22-30

Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he and the Father are one. Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand.

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²²At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” ²⁵Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one.”

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

CHILDREN SERMON

Sixth, Seventh, & Eighth Grade Class

SERMON

Pastor Bill Peters

SONG OF THE DAY

*“God is Listening”
From 2021 VBS “Treasured”*

Screen DVD

Noisy Offering

**Fourth & Fifth Grade Class
Catechism**

Apostles’ Creed

Fourth & Fifth Grade Class

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

✠ **SENDING** ✠

God blesses us and sends us in mission in the world

Blessing
Three-Fold Amen
Ringing of the Bell

Song

"Jesus Loves Me"

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*Jesus loves me! this I know, for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.*

*Refrain Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.*

*Jesus loves me! he who died heaven's gates to open wide;
he will wash away my sin, let his little child come in.*

Refrain

*Jesus loves me! he will stay close beside me all the way;
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.*

Refrain

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

✠ **THANKSGIVING** ✠

God invites us to respond to His grace

Offering

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Postlude

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2021 – 2022 WINNEBAGO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Preschool: Saylor Buhmann, Kaylene Charlson, Chloe Fedders, Sadie Hansen, Atley Henely, Brinley Miller, Henrik Nyhus, Raegan Singelstad, Tinsley Storby

TK: Gage Greenfield

Kindergarten: Sydney Anderson, Amy Charlson, Kingsten Flugum, Jack Hansen, Jude Kester, Olivia Singelstad

First Grade: Gaugely Schmidt, Thane Sandquist, Brinley Storby, Sutton Storby

Second Grade: Kennedy Buhmann, Carter Egesdal, Madison Martinson, Weston Pilgrim, Cooper Schmidt

Third Grade: Piper Schmidt, Jenna Solomonson

Fourth Grade: Gavin Anderson, Cruz Flugum, Millie Kester, Rilee Langfald, Joe Martinson, Braylen Storby, Alex Weinkauf

Fifth Grade: Emily Charlson, Hayden Determann, Molly Sandquist

Sixth Grade: Kenlie Greenfield

Seventh Grade: Casey Bryon, Joseph Charlson, Calvin Rognes

Eighth Grade: Lexi Isebrand, Karli Langfald

High School: Kate Edgerton, Ellie Hanna, Wyatt Hanna, Alex Isebrand, Erica Jordon, Truman Knudtson, Sydnee Lindeman, Ava Moen, Leah Moen, Brynn Rognes

2021-2022 Sunday School Staff & Substitutes:

Heather Buhmann, Robin Charlson, Andrew Fedders, Heidi Fedders, Jen Flugum, Allison Greenfield, Tina Henely, Kim Isebrand, Samantha Johnson, Lindsay Langfald, Sandy Lindflott, Rebecca Martinson, Harlan Nyhus, Brynn Rognes, Callie Schmidt, Kristin Schmidt, Casey Singelstad, Chantel Storby

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Aligned by Grace

As a group corners Jesus in the portico at the time of the festival of the Dedication, they are intent on determining whether he is the Messiah. Jesus' response points to two things: the words he has spoken and the testimony of his works. Jesus' words and works are aligned, and this integrity is grounded in the unity of Jesus and the Father.

People are complicated. We have an ability to justify ourselves when our speech and our actions do not align. We have a capacity to hold together contradictory ideas, some of which can be full of love, others of which can be harmful to our neighbors. We are not sometimes good and sometimes sinful, but both at once.

How does this paradox impact our integrity and our witness? Our words and actions matter in that they affect other people. To the extent that we can put effort into aligning our speech and our deeds in faithful ways, we should do so, but ultimately it is Jesus who draws us into alignment. The voice of Jesus is like the magnetic force that brings the compass needle to point north, or like the mechanic who adjusts the alignment on a car so it will steer straight.

We will inevitably get out of alignment with our values and our faith from time to time, but the voice of the Shepherd is always there to invite us back into alignment with grace and love. As we seek to live with faithful integrity, we do so with the promise that we cannot be snatched away from God.