

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 13, 2008 10:00 a.m.

4th Sunday of Easter

PREPARATION God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please sign the friendship pad located at the end of the pew. If you have a prayer request, please fill out a prayer request card and pass it to the end of the pew during the opening hymn.)

PRELUDE *Evan* *-Young*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are here to celebrate our risen Lord's presence and we affirm the gifts of love, hope, joy and peace.

People: **Here we discover the meaning of life, know the power of love, and together celebrate new life in Christ.**

Leader: To the place and time we have come. God is with us as a community of faith as we look to the future with hope.

People: **With neighbor and friend and with the stranger also, we have come together to worship and give God praise.**

All: **May we now celebrate new life in Jesus Christ and sing the praise of a loving and compassionate God.**

***HYMN** 272 *God of the Sparrow*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all together)

O God, give us in our lives the fruit of faithfulness: for there have been many times when we have been faithless. We have not always been dependable to our friends, to you, and to those who love us. Our word is not always true: If ever we give our promise, grant that nothing may ever

continued

*All who are able may stand

cause us to break it. Help us always to stand by our friends and not let them down. Take us and make us fully into your people. Fill us with a renewed sense of your Divine Presence. We pray all this in the name of our risen Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

***RESPONSE** 576 *Gloria, Gloria*

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Leader: The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

(Please extend the Peace of Christ to one another)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN *"Pushing Back and Forth"*

(Any children 3yrs –4th grade may leave for church school)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING: Psalm 23

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:19-25

SERMON *"Following Jesus"* -Elder Richard G. Petersen

***HYMN** 306 *Fairest Lord Jesus*

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (all together)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING OF GIFT AND SELF

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Be Thou My Vision*

Burkhardt

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow:
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Creator, Savior, Holy Ghost.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (all together)

O Christ who reigns among us, make these gifts be a part of your realm on earth. Bless them and send them through us, your channels of peace and care, to those who are in special need. Keep us in covenant with you in our giving, we pray. Amen.

***HYMN** 267 *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

***CHARGE**

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

280 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound vs. 4

POSTLUDE *Son of God, Eternal Savior* -Burkhardt
(The congregation treats the postlude as its closing time of worship and leaves after it is completed.)

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Guest preacher: Elder Richard Petersen
Usher: Richard Jones
Layreader: Sandy Fiegl
Counters: Bill Halligan & George Shaffer
Building Check: Church & Society
(April 20th – Membership – April 27th – Administration & Finance)

SUNDAY NEWS ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome all who worship here this morning. Please join us for coffee after the worship service.

Large print copies of the Order of Worship, The Hymnal and the NRSV Bible are available at the back of the church.

Phonic Ear hearing assistance program is available. Please see an usher for more details.

Prayer Request Cards, located, in your pew, are for any prayer requests you wish included in the Prayers of the People. If you have a prayer request, please annotate your request on the back of the card, then pass it to the end of the pew (whichever end is closer to you) for collection by the usher during the opening hymn. Please do not place the card in the offering plate, as the card suggests. "In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." *Philippians 4:6*

CHILD CARE

Infant/Toddler Nursery Care during worship is provided for your children.

CALENDAR

Today	- April 13	10:00 a.m.	Worship -Elder Richard Petersen preaching
		11:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time
Sun.	- April 20	10:00 a.m.	Worship -Elder Richard Petersen preaching
		11:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time

Attendance for April 6th
Adult – 43 Children - 10

PRAYER CONCERNS

Members of our congregation

Bruce Barrows ♦ Nancy Hay ♦ Sue Maciejewski ♦ BJ Rustic ♦ Bill Seifert

Family & Friends of our congregation

Bill Baco (Sandy Pakenham) ♦ Claudette Bapst (Marilyn Mohr) ♦ Caryn Brown (Leona Wojcik) ♦ Clara Cieslinski ♦ Kathy Miller Colmerauer (Jane Lankes) ♦ Dan & Judy Cravotta (Janice Jones) ♦ Steve Dalin (Karen Dalin) ♦ Pauline Deletti (Sandy Fiegl) ♦ Linda Dories (Sandy Fiegl) ♦ Lorraine Folaron (Cheryl Wilczak) ♦ Cathy Folaron (Cheryl Wilczak) ♦ James Groves (Nancy Lesakowski) ♦ Ed & Dorothy Gutowski (Ed Gutowski) ♦ Carolyn Halley (Marilyn Mohr) ♦ Esther Hiller (Sandy Pakenham) ♦ Garrett Kensy (Marilyn Mohr) ♦ Jill Miller-Kisker (Jane Lankes) ♦ Ben Klinshaw (Rita Hanna) ♦ Marguerite Kobel (Dennis Fiegl) ♦ Lee Kruszka ((The Fischer's) ♦ Sibby Mielcarek (Marge Christmann) ♦ Aaron Miechurski (The Halligan's) ♦ Steve Milley (Leanne Wurl) ♦ Josh Miszko (Sue Piersa) ♦ Sandy Northem ♦ Mary Orofino (Marilyn Mohr) ♦ Christopher Rutski (The Fischers) ♦ Paul Sipos (Sue Maciejewski) ♦ Patrick Weir (Sandy Pakenham)

Service Men & Women

Chris Kalinowski ☉ Matthew Jones ☉ Patrick Baskerville ☉ Sammy Russo ☉ Kimberly Trudeau ☉ Steve Odebralski ☉ Jason Zimmerman ☉ Andrew Zalikowski ☉ Nick Turvey ☉ Kristen Pelc ☉ Ben Schauss ☉ Phillip Schott ☉ Josh Winkler ☉ Russell Molnar ☉ Pat McCullough ☉ Ryan M. Ratigan ☉ Larry Lloyd ☉ Joshua Feldman ☉ Dan Dudziak ☉ David Ferg ☉ Zachery Goggins ☉ Alison Lankes ☉ Erik Brown ☉ Rob Weiner

Each week we invite you to hold in your prayers different families and individuals in our church. As an act of faithfulness we pray for each other. This week we pray for:

Bruce & Linda Barrows Dick & Edie Fischer Heather Malyszka & Matthew