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**Second Sunday of Easter**

**April 7, 2024, 9:00 am**

***Introduction to the day…***

Though Peter’s story does not end with the conclusion of the gospels, we finish our series with Peter’s encounter with the risen Christ. In this final week, we come full circle with Peter. He has dropped his nets, walked on water, professed his faith, been rebuked, received footwashing, denied Jesus, and run to the tomb. And now, Jesus once again meets him at the shoreline where Peter is casting his nets. Jesus offers abundant nourishment and also a new command: “Feed my sheep.” Then he turns to Peter and asks three times, “Do you love me?” It’s as if Jesus says, “here’s my heart,” which washes over Peter’s three denials like a healing balm. No matter how far we wander, may we entrust our hearts to God. No matter if our faith is strong or weak, what we can give is our love.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING**

**GATHERING SONG Day of Arising ELW 374**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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Description automatically generatedGracious God,

**Like Peter, we climb out of the boat only to sink.**

**You tell us your truth and we push it away.**

**We ask about forgiveness and are surprised by abundance.**

**We profess our faith and deny it three times.**

**We run to the empty tomb and leave in silence.**

**Over and over again, we find ourselves wandering along the journey of faith.**

**Tether us to your heart. Forgive our surprise, our denial, and our limited imagination.**

**Call us out of the boat once more. We are eager to return to you.**

**With humble hearts we pray.**

**Amen.**

Friends, the first time Peter saw Jesus after the crucifixion, Jesus asked him three times, “Do you love me?” This repetition was not because Jesus doubted Peter’s word. This repetition was Jesus offering Peter grace.

The last time Jesus and Peter were together, Peter said three times, “I do not know that man.” So when Jesus returned, he asked Peter, “Do you love me?” And in that moment, he allowed Peter to turn his denials into love.

Friends, the grace of God knows no end. When we stumble, when we fall, when we deny God or cause harm, Jesus meets us where we are and offers us a second chance. Rest in this good news. Does God love you? Yes, yes, yes. God loves you.

We are forgiven. Thanks be to God for a love that never ends.

**Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**God of second chances and new life, we have spent our days wandering. Like Peter, we have milled about through nearly every state of faith. We have had courageous and convicted days, learning and questioning days. We have had days where we run to you, or dive out of the boat. We have had days of deep joy, and days when the pain of the world feels too close to bear. As we bring our wandering hearts to you, we ask that you draw us in. Allow this story to spark something new in us. Allow this story of grace to give us pause and pull us in. We are listening. Amen.**

**CHILDREN’S MUSIC Blessed Be God, Who Chose You ELW 215**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**FIRST READING: Acts 4:32-35**

32Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. 33With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. 34There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. 35They laid it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 133**

1How good and how pleasant it is,  
  when kindred live together in unity!  
 2**It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard,**  
  **upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe.**  
 3It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion.  
  For there the Lord has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.

**SECOND READING: 1 John 1:1-2:2**

1We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—2this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—3we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. 4We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.  
 5This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. 6If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; 7but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 8If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.  
 2:1My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; 2and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ACS pg. 14**

**GOSPEL: John 21:1-19**

1After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. 2Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. 3Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.  
4Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. 5Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." 6He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. 7That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. 8But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.  
9When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. 10Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." 11So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. 12Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. 13Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. 14This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.  
15When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." 16A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." 17He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. 18Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." 19(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON Here’s My Heart**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** **You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore ELW 817**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We believe in a God who shows up in our lives—**

**surprising and catching us off-guard in the best of ways.**

**We believe in a God who cares for God’s people—**

**a shepherd who longs for their sheep to be fed and tended.**

**We believe in a God who took on flesh—**

**a God whose love changed the world as we know it.**

**We believe that this here-and-now God invites us out of the boat,**

**calling ordinary people like Peter, like us, into a life of service and community.**

**And so we give our hearts. We give our whole hearts and nothing less.**

**Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

…God of grace,

**Hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

**Amen.**

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**OFFERING***In addition to our normal offering, a* ***Special Benevolence in April*** *(collected in a special envelope) will go to* ***Feed My Starving Children****to support the mobile packing event taking place this month.*

**OFFERING SONG Break Now the Bread of Life ELW 515**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Risen One,

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May the gifts that we offer here

be signs of your abiding love.

Form us to be your witnesses in the world,

through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

**Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY ACS pg. 20**

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal:

you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore.

You formed the earth from chaos;

you encircled the globe with air;

you created fire for warmth and light;

you nourish the lands with water.

You molded us in your image,

and with mercy higher than the mountains,

with grace deeper than the seas,

you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own.

That also we, estranged and dying,

might be adopted to live in your Spirit,

you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.

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.

Together as the body of Christ,

we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup we remember your Son,

the first-born of your new creation.

We remember his life lived for others,

and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth.

We await his coming,

when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom,

all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate,

send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit,

whose breath revives us for life,

whose fire rouses us to love.

Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food.

Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit,

that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.

**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Holy and benevolent God,

receive our praise and petitions,

as Jesus received the cry of the needy,

and fill us with your blessing,

until, needy no longer and bound to you in love,

we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb:

through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One,

with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**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.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION** *- Certified gluten-free crackers are in the bowl on the communion plate.*

The risen Christ is made known to us

in the breaking of the bread.

Come and eat at God’s table.

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Shepherding God,

you have prepared a table before us

and nourished us with your love.

Send us forth from this banquet

to proclaim your goodness

and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,

our redeemer and friend.

**Amen.**

**SENDING**

**BENEDICTION**

Beloved wanderer,

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may you carry your curious heart on your sleeve.

May you look for God in every face.

May you find the courage to get out of the boat,

to run to the tomb,

and to speak of your faith.

And when the world falls apart,

may you hear God’s voice deep within,

saying, “Take heart, it is I, be not afraid.”

You are called.

You are blessed.

In both your ups and your downs,

you always belong to God.

Go now in peace.

Go trusting that good news.

**Amen.**

**SONG I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light ELW 815**

**DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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| ***Upcoming Worship Assistants*** | | | | | | |
|  | **Usher** | **Lector** | **Communion** | **Offering Counters** | | **Deep Clean** |
| April 7 | Dave & Kami Weis | Shelly Schneider | John Wagner  Nancy Leonard | Robin Beeman | David Schneider | April:  Julie Will  Deb Janz  Chris Tipping |
| April 14 | Nancy Leonard | Tammy Neumann | Dave & Shelly Schneider | Heidi Binder | Kami Weis |
| April 21 | Rob & Leslie Mader | Linda Schrieber | Christopher Stuttgen Danielle Stuttgen | Pam Mundt | May Hill |
| April 28 | Dennis & Deb Janz | Laurel Peterson | Tammy Neumann  Sarah Kopitzke | Dan Mundt | Jon Hill |

We are seeking two delegates to attend the Synod Assembly, June 7-8 in Eau Claire. This year is a bishop’s election, so you will help shape synod leadership for the next several years! The synod specifies we need one lay male and one lay female to attend.

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SOS has provided their list of needs for this month, which includes:

Kidney Beans, Baked Beans, Sandwich Bags, Chicken Noodle Soup, Dish Soap, Oatmeal, Jelly, Gravy,Pudding, Broth, All Purpose Cleaner, Shampoo, Conditioner, Pancake Mix, Baking Items, Paper Towels, Dried Soup. **Urgently needed: canned stew, jelly, and canned meats.**

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| **Coming up at GSLC** | | |
| Sunday, April 7 | 9:00 am | Worship Service – Sunday School   * Second Sunday of Easter * John 21:1-19; Jesus has breakfast with the disciples on the beach |
| Tuesday, April 9 | 6:30 pm | Council Meeting |
|  | 7:00 pm | AA Meeting |
| Wednesday, April 10 | 12:00 pm | Bible Study (discuss Season 3 Episode 2 of “The Chosen”) |
|  | 7:00 pm | Midweek Worship  Confirmation Class |
| Sunday, April 14 | 9:00 am | Worship Service   * Third Sunday of Easter * Luke 24:36b-48; Eating with the risen Christ |

As we conclude our series exploring Peter’s faith journey, we end by thinking about our own legacy. A blue and white information

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