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Food for a New Day

Breakfast may be the most important meal of the day. Health care professionals encourage us to start each day with something nutritious and substantial. Educators tell us that it's impossible for our children to do well in school if they are hungry. Today Jesus seems to agree with the experts as he says to his disciples, "Come and have breakfast" (John 21:12).

How wonderful it is to see that Jesus has provided so generously for those who minister in his name! There's a charcoal fire, fresh bread, and fish that's already cooking. When the disciples are suddenly blessed with an abundance of fish in their nets, we realize that something more is going on than Jesus simply serving them a delicious breakfast.

Jesus' resurrection keeps showing us the tremendous opportunities we are given to impact the lives of others with the power of the holy gospel. Jesus asks us the same question he asked Peter: "Do you love me?" (John 21:15, 16, 17). He reminds us that there are others who are hungry, fearful, and discouraged. He calls them his sheep and his lambs. In the ministries entrusted to us, how do we name those to whom we are sent and with whom we are called to glorify God?

A common table prayer says with grand simplicity: "By his hand we all are fed; give us, Lord, our daily bread." As we come to God's house and gather at the table of Christ, we are given abundant food for each new day. Thank you, Jesus, for these signs of your love. Fill our hearts with faith so that we will go out in your name and share with all who hunger for your gifts of abundant life.

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BEFORE WORSHIP

Please fill out our Participation Card and place it in the offering plate every Sunday. This card helps the ministry of both the Congregational Care and Community Outreach Committees. Sometimes there are additional questions on the back of the card, so don't forget to check both sides of the card.

Third Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2019

Easter We celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead on Easter Sunday and throughout the year. It's because of his death and resurrection that we are assured of forgiveness from our sins, and everlasting life with God. The liturgical colors are white, a color of triumph and glory, and gold, a color of joy.

Holy Silence is observed as we enter to worship.

Pre-Service Music

Welcome/Worship Instructions

Arise in body or spirit

Gathering Music

This Joyful Eastertide

ELW 676 (red book)

Greeting

The pastor and the assembly greet each other.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The grace and peace of Jesus Christ, who was raised from the dead to bring everlasting hope, be with you.

And also with you.

Now the Feast and Celebration



Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



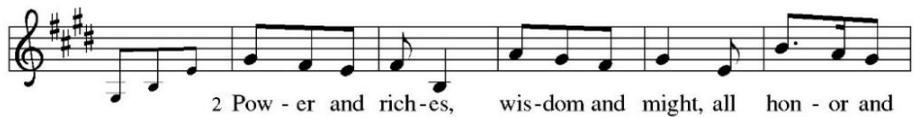
praise and glo-ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



Prayer of the Day

- Ⓐ Let us Pray... Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might.
- ☑ **By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

Sit

First Reading

Acts 9:1-6

Each of us has a story of meeting God's grace. Saul (later called Paul) was an ardent persecutor of all who followed the Way of Christ. This reading recounts the story of his transformation, beginning with an encounter with Jesus Christ on the way to Damascus.

☐ A reading from **Acts:**

¹Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

☐ Word of God, word of life.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

The image shows a musical score for the lyrics "You have turned my wailing into dancing, into dancing." The score is written on three staves in a treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The first staff contains the melody for "You have turned my wailing into". The second staff continues with "dancing, into dancing," and includes a triplet of eighth notes over the word "into". The third staff shows the continuation of the melody.

Psalm 30:

¹I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lift- | ed me up
and have not let my enemies triumph | over me.

²**O LORD my God, I cried | out to you,
and you restored | me to health.**

³You brought me up, O LORD, | from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down | to the grave.

⁴**Sing praise to the LORD, | all you faithful;
give thanks in ho- | ly remembrance. ☩**

⁵God's wrath is short; God's favor | lasts a lifetime.
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes | in the morning.

⁶**While I felt se- | cure, I said,
"I shall never | be disturbed.**

⁷You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong | as the mountains."
Then you hid your face, and I was | filled with fear.

⁸**I cried to | you, O LORD;
I pleaded with | my Lord, saying,**

⁹"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down | to the pit?
Will the dust praise you or de- | clare your faithfulness?

¹⁰**Hear, O LORD, and have mer- | cy upon me;
O LORD, | be my helper." ☩**

¹¹You have turned my wailing | into dancing;
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed | me with joy.

¹²**Therefore my heart sings to you | without ceasing;
O LORD my God, I will give you | thanks forever ☩**

Second Reading

Revelation 5:11-14

The vision of John recorded in Revelation offers a glimpse of cosmic worship on the Lord's Day. At its center is "the Lamb who was slain."

☐ A reading from **Revelation:**

¹¹Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands,

¹²singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" ¹³Then I heard every creature in

heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" ¹⁴And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

☐ Word of God, word of life.

☑ Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life: Al - le - lu - ia!

Gospel Reading

John 21:1-19

The risen Christ appears again to his disciples by the sea where they were first called. After echoes of the fishing and feeding miracles, he gives a final reminder of the cost of a disciple's love and obedience.

☞ The Holy Gospel, according to **John**.

☞ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] 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.**

Sit

Children's Time

All children [including infants] and youth who desire to come forward for the children's sermon are welcomed and encouraged to do so. Parents/caregivers are welcome to accompany their child during the children's message. There may be a time of dance and celebration that is offered.

Jesus loves me, He who died; Heaven's gates to open wide
He will wash away my sins; Let his little child come in

Message

Silence for reflection

Song of the Day

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

ELW 817

Kneel or sit as able.

Prayer

☞ Trusting God's promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

☞ You call your disciples to follow the way of the cross by their words and works of love. Make your church a place of welcome and empathy for all people. Embolden your church to take up the cross against the powers of oppression and death, and guide the faith of our bishops and congregations and all the servants of your church, including *Bishops Elizabeth and Craig, Assistants Chrysanne, David and Roseanne; our synod companion churches Christ United Church of Dewitt, Country Chapel of Dowling; Minister of Music Cindy and Pastor Ken.* Hear us, O God,

☞ **and give us new life.**

☞ Every creature in heaven and on earth sings your praise. Give us deep appreciation for the vibrant diversity of creation—flowers and streams, animals and bugs, sunsets and stormy skies. Help us to conserve the beauty around us. Hear us, O God,

☞ **and give us new life.**

☞ Come to the aid of those who are persecuted, oppressed, or imprisoned by hostile governments. Walk with refugees and immigrants as they seek safe homes. Raise up leaders who are generous and hospitable to migrant families. Protect the lives of those who serve in the military, including *Zack Green (Mikolajczyks), Parker Stancil (Freedlunds), Cody and Myrina Crawford (Clements), Alexis and Dylan Kelmer, Austin and Aaron Endsley (Burdicks), Brady Rudesill (Hansen), Joel Taggart (Varkulas), and Kayla and Lance Champaco (Pohls).*

☞ Hear us, O God,

☞ **and give us new life.**

☞ Bring relief to bodies weary with pain or sickness. Bless doctors, nurses, hospice workers, home health care providers, therapists, social workers, and all caregivers who demonstrate your love in acts of healing and tenderness toward those in need, including Cameron, Irene Corr, Joyce

Daugherty, Karl Golnek, Dustin H., Delmer Hansen, Mary Jane Hayner, Ruth Kemper, Norma Ludlow, Elsie Merrow, Dorothy Neil, Kim Ogden, Steve Rider, George Ulrich, Jr. Hear us, O God,

☞ and give us new life.

A You feed us at your holy table and send us out to feed others. Bless those who fish, bake, and cook, restaurant servers, grocery store workers, and food pantry volunteers. Open our eyes to your grace present in every meal that we share. Hear us, O God,

☞ and give us new life.

A Be attentive, gracious God, to the individual petitions we lift to you in loud voice or in the silence of our hearts.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A Hear us, O God,

☞ and give us new life.

A All honor and glory and blessing belong to you. We praise you for the faith of the saints. Be near us as we await the day when we will feast with the risen Christ forever. Hear us, O God,

☞ and give us new life.

P We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God. Come near to us with your saving help, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

☞ Amen.

Sit

Offering of Gifts and Music

Everyone at worship is encouraged to fill it out and place a Participation Card in the offering plate every Sunday morning.

Setting the Table

Arise in body or spirit.

Offertory

As the Grains of Wheat

ELW 465

Offering Prayer

A Let us pray . . . Risen One, as you broke bread with the disciples on the shore, meet us now in this meal.

☞ Nourish us to follow you, using our gifts to feed the hungry and tend the weary, and all for your love's sake. Amen

Sharing the Peace of God

P The peace of risen Christ be with you.

C **And also with you.**

(We share the peace of Christ with one another.)

Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

P It is our duty and delight, that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, through Jesus Christ who calls us to follow the way of humble service and love, and so, with the church on earth all creation and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and



might; heav - en and earth are filled with your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Table Prayer

☐ It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should always and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through Jesus Christ, who by his death on the cross and glorious resurrection broke the bonds of sin and death and gave life to all creation.

☑ **By dying on the cross, Jesus has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.**

☐ 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.**

☐ 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.**

☐ With thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup and proclaim the mystery of faith. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Congregation:



Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come, come a-gain.

☐ Pour your Holy Spirit upon us as we share this meal in the body and blood of our Lord.

☑ **Make us one with Christ and will all who share this feast. Unite us in faith, encourage us with hope, inspire us to love, that we may serve as your faithful people until we feast at your table in glory.**

☐ Remembering, therefore, his acts of healing, his body given up, and his victory over death, we await that day when all the peoples of the earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

Amen, Come Lord Jesus; Amen, Come Lord Jesus.



A - men, Come Lord Je - sus; A -



men, Come Lord Je - sus.

☐ Send your Spirit upon us and this meal: as grains are scattered on the hillside become one bread, so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son. Amen, Come Holy Spirit. Amen, Come Holy Spirit.

Congregation:

A - men, Come Ho - ly Spir - it. A -

men, Come Ho - ly Spir - it. _____

☐ All glory and honor is yours, O God, now and forever.

Congregation:

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, _____ in the

u-ni-ty_ of the Spir - it _____ all glo - ry and hon - or is

yours, O God, now and for - ev - er, _____

A - - - men. _____

Lord's Prayer

☐ Gathered by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught:

☑ **Our Father in heaven, holy be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

- ☐ Holy things for holy people.
- ☑ **One is holy, one is Lord, Jesus Christ, to the glory of God.**
- ☐ Taste and see that the Lord is good.
- ☑ **Thanks be to God.**

Communion at Grace

All who are present are invited to receive Holy Communion. This sacrament is a gift to all who come with open hands and open hearts to the presence of Jesus.

- ✠ **Bread** is served by the Pastor. **Wine** is served from a *common cup* by the Assisting Minister.
- ✠ If you need gluten free bread, please let the Pastor know when you come forward.
- ✠ If you prefer wine from the *pouring chalice* in an **individual cup**, take an empty cup from the tray and have it filled by the Worship Assistant. Return the individual chalice/cup to the basket provided.
- ✠ **Grape Juice** is provided in the pre-filled cups in the center of the serving tray.
- ✠ A **Verbal Blessing** may be given by the Pastor, if you do not wish to commune.
- ✠ If you wish **communion brought to you** in the pew, please notify the usher.

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
mer - cy on us.

Final time:



Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sin of the world: grant us peace,
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Additional Verses:

You break the chains of hatred and fear:
You are the way of justice and peace:
You are the way of mercy and love:
You are the bread of life for us all:
You pour your Holy Spirit on us:

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

ELW 708

O Jesus, I have Promised

ELW 810

What Wondrous Love is This

ELW 666

Sending of Communion

- Ⓐ Gracious God, as you raised Jesus from the dead, you give new life through bread and wine: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are *homebound*. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- ☒ **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

- Ⓐ Let us pray . . . Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us.
- ☒ **Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Mission Minutes

Arise in body or spirit.

Blessing

- Ⓟ The blessing of the living God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage.
- ☒ **Amen.**

Sending Song

Will You Come and Follow Me

ELW 798

Dismissal

- Ⓟ Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- ☒ **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
- Ⓐ You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news.
Alleluia!
- ☒ **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Week at a Glance

Sunday, May 5	Services at 8:00 am & 10:45 am
	Executive Mtg 9:30 am
Monday, May 6	Social Activities 6:30 pm
Thursday, May 9	Clapper Kids 3:45 pm
	Grace Notes 5:45 pm
	Folk Choir 7:15 pm

Today's Worship Leaders

	8:00 am	10:45 am
Assisting Minister	Chris Bush	Vickey Argo
Cantor	Jack Vos	Vickey Argo
Lector	Carol Vos	Jeanette Markwart
Communion Server	Jan Schreiner	Laura Scheck
Acolyte/Crucifer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Usher	Tom & Cheryl Drumm	Joe Longcor & Gwen Hansen
Greeter/Coffee Hr.	Tom & Cheryl Drumm	Eve Wright & Jeanette Markwart
Children's Church	~	Kim & Lydia Markwart
Table Guild –	Karen Halstead & Jan Schreiner	
Bread Maker –	Deborah Wilke	

Next Sunday's Worship Leaders, May 5, 2019

	8:00 am	10:45 am
Assisting Minister	Randy Teegardin	Traci Wales
Cantor	Mark Anton	Kate Watson
Lector	Jack Vos	Gwen Hansen
Communion Server	Brenda Teegardin	Diane Neeb
Acolyte/Crucifer	Mark Anton	Lexi Watson
Usher	John Burdick/ Kay Marsh	Doug & Diane Neeb
Greeter/Coffee Hr.	Jack & Carol Vos	John & Mary Kleinbrink
Children's Church	~	Tom, Emma, Hope Peck
Table Guild –	Karen Halstead & Jan Schreiner	
Bread Maker –	Deborah Wilke	

Stewardship Information

Worshippers last week: 77 Weekly Giving: \$ 1,861.00 Budget Amount: \$4,576.53

Adult Forum meets today at 9:30 in the conference room. Today we will be viewing a DVD about the Reformation since Pastor Ken is at the Executive Committee meeting. Rick Steves takes us to the land of Luther with historical storyline told.

Executive Mtg today between services at 9:30 am

Social Activities Mtg on Monday at 6:30 pm.

Folk Choir will meet on Thursday evening at 7:15 pm.

Noisy Offering will be collected next Sunday during both services to benefit Barry County Cares. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Geranium Sale: The church is selling red geraniums for \$5 per plant that Cotants is providing for us. SunPatiens are also available in many 4 colors. Sign-up sheets are available, but you need to place your order by May 12th. Pick up at the church on May 18th from 8-12 noon.

Social Activities: The *Progressive Dinner* will be the evening of **Saturday, May 18th**. We can meet at the church for carpooling at 5:15, and then begin with appetizers at 5:30 at Mallard Pond, dinner at 6:30 at the Scheck Home, and desserts at 7:45 at the Wood Home. Sign-up deadline to join in the fun is **TODAY!** See Deborah Wilke if you have any questions.

Nursery Attendant: Grace Lutheran Church seeks to hire a paid attendant for our nursery on Sunday mornings. Please submit names of potential candidates to Jana Bishop, Youth and Family Committee Coordinator.

Calling All Men! Please mark your calendar for the BOG End of Year Fish Fry on Tuesday, May 14th, 2019. Meet at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall for coffee, fish stories, and fellowship with a meal to follow at 7:00 pm.

Relay for Life: Luminaria Bags will be available May 12 – May 26 at a cost of \$10 each. Cash or checks made out to American Cancer Society (memo – Barry RFL) will be accepted.

Mutual Ministry: If there is a ministry concern, please contact Clyde Watson. Clyde is our member of the Mutual Ministry Committee that is highlighted this week and can be reached by a phone call or a text message at 269.953.4928.

Family Promise hosted two families for the first week of their new program during Holy Week at the First Presbyterian Church. Both families had small children and had just recently become homeless. Over 50 volunteers helped in some capacity including fixing meals, sleeping overnight in the building, putting up beds (and moving them to the next location at the end of the week), washing bedding, and storing items available to families