

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 3, 2009

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

*Let the first note of the prelude be a call for
personal meditation in preparation for worship.*

PRAISE TO THE RISEN CHRIST

PRELUDE

Alleluia

Beth Hoekje

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively)*

Come into the fold of the Good Shepherd, to whom we belong.

The loving shepherd attends to all of our needs.

Come and rest in the presence of the Good Shepherd,
who watches over us.

The faithful shepherd seeks only good for us.

Come and praise the Good Shepherd,
who loves us to the end of life.

This trustworthy servant is worthy of our love and honor.

Come and follow the way of the Good Shepherd.

The self-giving shepherd is our model for loving service.

Let us worship the one who meets us in green pastures
and preserves us from danger.

SALUTATION

+*HYMN OF PRAISE *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 487

When Morning Guilds the Skies

Tune: LAUDES DOMINI

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

(The congregation may exchange the Peace.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Almighty God,

**You sent Jesus our Good Shepherd
to gather us together.**

**Forgive us when we wander away
and do not listen to your voice.**

Keep searching after us.

**Continue to teach and instruct us,
until we are safely in your field,
witness and live your resurrection
power before others through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND CALL TO NEW OBEDIENCE I John 3:16-24

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL TO WORSHIP CENTERS

THE GOOD NEWS OF THE RISEN LORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 4:5-12

p. 121

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON: John 10:11-18

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This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 121
That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright Tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

SERMON "A Long Time to Say Good-Bye"

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

EASTER LIVES OF GRATITUDE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *(in unison)*

**I believe in the Jesus who healed
and the Jesus who was arrested.
I believe in the Jesus who was abused
and the Jesus who abused not in return.
I believe in the Jesus who was called a traitor
and the Jesus who was a peacemaker.
I believe in the Jesus who was falsely accused
and the Jesus who turned
those accusations back on his accusers.
I believe in the Jesus who was crucified
and the Jesus who forgave his crucifiers
as they watched the breath of life leave him.
I believe that the Jesus who was buried on Friday
is the Christ who arose on Sunday, and because I believe this,
I affirm Jesus to be the Christ, Son of the living God, Savior,
liberator, long-awaited Messiah,
King of kings and Lord of lords.
I gladly proclaim the day of Christ's resurrection
to be the Easter for all generations.
Glory to God—our Savior lives!**

*SONG OF AFFIRMATION *Sing! A New Creation* 160 (v. 1)

He Is Lord Tune: HE IS LORD

**He is Lord, he is Lord,
he is risen from the dead, and he is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord.**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

ANTHEM

Richard Shephard

Out of the stillness of dark before dawn,
In the still and quiet and damp of the night
The Morning Star glimmers alone in the sky,
Signal of day-herald of light.

Deep in the stillness of anguish and fear, lie
Hopes that were shattered by death and by doubt;
The husk of a dream lies empty and crushed,
Mind seeks for meaning, heart flickers out.

Out of the stillness the dawn comes again.
Darkness is vanquished, hope is renewed.
The Sun has risen, never to set;
A new day is dawning with heaven suffused.

Death with its terrors at last overcome
By one burst of light, by one gift of love.
Wholeness and healing and hope in his arms,
The Sun has arisen with life for the world.

—Jonathan Draper

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

MEANING OF THE SACRAMENT

COMMUNION PRAYER *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 138 (v.1)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION

(While the bread is being served please join in singing
Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs 513, "Let Us Break Bread
Together.")

COMMUNION THANKSGIVING *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 172

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need (vs. 1 & 2) Tune: RESIGNATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*in unison*)

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.

*BENEDICTION SONG *Sing! A New Creation* 288

My Friends, May You Grow in Grace

POSTLUDE Tocatta in C Major Johann Pachelbel

+Latecomers will be seated. *Those who are able may stand.

*Worship Leaders: Rev. Kent Fry, preaching; Lindsey De Kruif, liturgist;
Bruce Reynolds, prayer for illumination; Handbell Choir; Matins
Choir; Sanctuary Choir; Linda Strouf, Minister of Music.*

TODAY

We welcome all who worship with us and ask visitors and members to sign the Friendship Folders so that we may get to know one another. Please join us in the Gathering Place for refreshments and fellowship after the worship service.

The flowers at the chancel today are given by Al and Jane Osman.

FOR THOSE WHO DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and others, Marilyn Norman and Gene Vander Well will be available to pray with you following today's worship services. Please make your way to the Place of Prayer following the service (located in the south hallway on the main level).

ASSISTING TODAY: Greeters (8:30) – Jane Dykstra, Emily Lievense; (11:00) – Bill and Charlotte Garlough, Rich and Marcia Bishop, Carol Hoekenga, Marilyn Lantay; Ushers – Carl and Barb Folkert; Deacons – (8:30) Jon Rietberg, Jeff Beird; (11:00) Jay Mosterd, Bekah Schipper, Lynne Bonnette, Laura Halsey; Refreshment Servers – Harry and Mary Boersen.

CHILD CARE is available in the nurseries during the worship service.
Attendants: Susie Vander Kolk, Andy Zoerman, Lucille Schroeder.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9:40-10:40 a.m., nursery care available

4 & 5 year olds, K	room 15	1 st & 2 nd grades	room 6
3 rd grade	room 9	4 th grade	room 10
5 th grade	room 11	6 th , 7 th , & 8 th grade	room 22

LITTLE LAMBS: 3 year olds are invited to meet in room 14 at 9:40 a.m.

THE SPIRITUAL JOURNEY ADULT EDUCATION CLASS is open to all and is experiential, participatory, and practical. Come and go as you are able. Meet in the Centennial Room downstairs.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES, 9:40-10:40, The Fry Sessions: "Life Together through Team Ministry" led by Kent Fry, in the chapel. NEXT WEEK: "The Scarlet Letter by Nathaniel Hawthorne" led by Gene Heideman.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Children 4 years through 2nd grade will be ushered from the sanctuary during the worship service to continue worship in the Worship Centers on the lower level.

VESPER SERVICE
6:00 p.m. in the chapel
"Youth to Youth Africa Trip"
Worship Leaders: Olivia Husbands, Emily Knowles
Nate & Bekah Schipper

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Matins Choir
9:15 a.m. Youth Choir
9:15 a.m. Reading & Drama Group
9:40 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Children's Choir
6:00 p.m. Vesper Service
6:00 p.m. Pathfinders (H.S.)

TUESDAY

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting

WEDNESDAY

6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study
6:30 a.m. Sunrise Saints
8:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayers
6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir
6:45 p.m. Passages (H.S.)

THURSDAY

6:30 p.m. AA Meeting

FRIDAY

7:00 a.m. S & A Ministry Group
9:30 a.m. Playgroup

PERSONAL

Share your prayer concerns by using the prayer request cards found in the Friendship Folders. Place the requests in the offering plate. Please remember in prayer those in the hospital and in care facilities.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Pray for – Bob Brinks, Bill Segrist. Resthaven Care Center – Alma Kuiper, Arnolda Otting, Joe Otting; Maple Woods – Vesta Speet; Providence/Haven Park – Alma Van Lente. In the Military – Mark South, Christine Loman, Tom Piaget.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

SIGN UP for our Rome: Paul and the Underground Church VBS today. We need lots of volunteers (see the job descriptions on the insert) and there are registration forms available to sign up your children. We hope to see you there.

GRADUATES: If you have a graduate (high school/college) in your family, please notify the church office, 392-1459 or trc@macatawa.org, by May 15 so that we can recognize them in the June newsletter. We will need the graduate's name, the institution from which he/she is graduating, and future plans if known.

GENERAL ITEMS

BLOOD PRESSURE: You will have the chance to have your blood pressure checked next Sunday, May 10 beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the library.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES are now available. Please pick up yours today from the literature table in the Gathering Place. If there is not one with your name on it please call Kristen in the church office so she can get one for you.

CROP WALK: Dedication Sunday for Crop Walk will be two weeks from today, May 17. At either worship service on that day, you will have the opportunity to place your pledge envelopes at the front of the sanctuary. Beginning on May 10, there will also be a basket located in the church office for you to drop off your envelopes there.

Thank you to all who placed Easter lilies in the sanctuary for Easter Sunday. Now that they have bloomed, don't throw them away. If you drop them off at the door (parking lot, outside) we will place them in the garden at church. We will take tulips, hyacinths, and daffodils, too.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES: The Women's Ministries' "second annual" Tea is scheduled for Saturday, May 30 at 2:00 p.m. Sign-up sheets are available at circle meetings and in the church office. Reservations are requested by Monday, May 18. Come and celebrate special memories and enjoy fellowship together.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE: Summer services will begin on Sunday, May 24 with one worship service at 10:00 a.m.

UNUSED MEDICATION COLLECTION prescription or over the counter: Bring your unused outdated, or unwanted medications to the church office during business hours by Friday, May 15, or on Sunday, May 10 bring them to the nurses in the library. TRC Health Ministry will deliver them to the Ottawa County Resource Recovery Service Center in Grand Haven on May 16, for safe disposal.

RECYCLE your old electronics (anything with a cord or that takes batteries) on Saturday, May 23 at Peace Lutheran Church, 389 James St. from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Your items will be recycled by Comprenew, a division of Worldwide Christian Schools. The mission of Comprenew is to inspire local communities to live and work in a sustainable manner. So, help yourself, your community and your neighbors on May 23 by recycling.

General Synod is requesting prayer coverage during Synod June 5-9. They need prayer intercessors at De Vos Center, prayer table hosts, and prayer walkers, various times are available. Anyone interested please call Jane Dykstra, 393-2000. You do **not** need to be a member of the prayer team to participate.

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