

**April 21, 2024**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**ELW Holy Communion**  
**Setting #4**



**OUR MISSION**

Fisher – “As Children of God, we invite all people to journey with us as we worship, grow in faith and serve in Jesus’ name.”

Bygland - “We are God’s work in progress, with hearts lifted to God in trust and praise and with hands extended to serve in Jesus’ name.”

**PRELUDE/BELLS**

**GATHERING**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** (*ELW p. 94*)

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG** *My Lord, What a Morning (ELW #438)*

**GREETING** *(ELW p. 147)*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

**KYRIE** *(ELW p. 147)*

In peace,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE** *(ELW p. 148)*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you,**

**we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ,**

**only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin**

**of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the**

**Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone**

**are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy**

**Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** *(ELW p. 150)*

Let us pray... **O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the**

**lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied;**

**heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and**

**reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

**WORD**

**FIRST READING: Acts 4:5-12**

A reading from Acts.

*Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's*

*reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he can proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.*

<sup>5</sup>The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.'

<sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: Psalm 23**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (*Ps. 23:1*)

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

<sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

### **SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24**

A reading from 1 John.

*Jesus' death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God's commandments.*

<sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? <sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** - as the children come forward the congregation sings Jesus loves me (ELW #595) (V. 1)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (ELW p. 151)

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia.**

**GOSPEL: John 10:11-18**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.*

[Jesus said:] <sup>11</sup>“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but

I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

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

## **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *In Christ Alone (Pg. 6)*

### **APOSTLES CREED**

**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.**

VERSE

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Ab Eb Ab Bb Eb/G Ab Eb/G Fm7 Ab/Bb



1. In Christ a-lone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my
2. In Christ a-lone, who took on flesh, full-ness of God in help-less
3. There in the ground His bod-y lay, Light of the world by dark-ness
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in

4 Eb Ab Eb Ab Bb Eb/G Ab Eb/G Fm7 Ab/Bb



song; This Cor-ner-stone, this sol-id Ground, firm through the fierc-est drought and  
babe! This gift of love and right-eous-ness, scorned by the ones He came to  
slain; Then, burst-ing forth in glo-rious Day, up from the grave He rose a-  
me; From life's first cry to fi-nal breath, Je-sus com-mands my des-ti-

8 Eb Eb/G Ab Eb/G Bb/sus Bb Eb/G Ab Cm7



storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv-ings  
save. Till on that cross as Je-sus died, the wrath of God was sat-is-  
gain! And as He stands in vic-to-ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on  
ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev-er pluck me from His

12 Bb/sus Bb Ab Eb Ab Bb Eb/G Ab Eb/G Fm7 Ab/Bb Eb



cease. My Com-fort-er, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.  
fied. For ev-'ry sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.  
me; For I am His and He is mine, bought with the pre-cious blood of Christ.  
hand; Till He re- turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

Loving God, protect the very young and the very old, those living without housing, victims of domestic abuse, and all who live with chronic illness or compromised immune systems. Guide communities to actively care for people who are vulnerable.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, help this and all communities of faith to listen for your voice. Call us away from things that distract us from following you. Invite us to more deeply love and serve people who are lonely, isolated, and on the margins.

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.**

## **OFFERING**

### **OFFERING PRAYER** (*ELW p. 152*)

Let us pray... Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

### **LORD'S PRAYER** (*ELW p. 191*)

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

## **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

*All are invited to participate in this meal, in which we believe Christ is truly present, in, with, and under the bread and wine. Martin Luther wrote that we come as beggars to the table to receive God's gift of forgiveness and love.*

**SENDING SONG** *God Be with You Till We Meet Again (ELW #536)*

**DISMISSAL** (ELW p. 155)

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **BELLS/POSTLUDE**

*The sending music is offered as an invitation to go and serve in Christ's name. You are welcome to do just that - go on your way rejoicing! Many will choose to stay, sit, and listen to the musical offering. May the music move you as we journey forth together in faith and loving service.*

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## **JOYFULLY SERVING**

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Laminated cards are available if you give online and would like to put something in the offering plate.

**Thank you for your new or continued generosity towards God's mission at Fisher/Bygland Lutheran Parish**

## Announcements

- We Welcome Pastor Sonya!!  
Pastor Sonja Brucklacher is a retired Pastor from the Northwestern Minnesota Synod. She served Bethany Lutheran and Holy Trinity in Tabor since 2018 and retired in November of 2023.
- April 23rd 8:00 AM Stretch and Pray at FLC
- April 24th Administration Day  
6:15-7:30 PM One on One Confirmation - Please sign up online
- April 25th 6:30 AM AA at FLC

- 5:15 PM Stretch and Pray at FLC
- April 27th Adopt-A-Highway at BLC  
9:00 AM VSL - Around Our Table Event
- April 28th 9:00 AM Worship at Fisher  
10:00 AM Sunday School (Last Day for BLC)  
11:00 AM Worship at Bygland

## Gatherers Give with Glad Hearts

*Fisher Lutheran Church*

**April – June Donations  
will be gathered for...**

**Relate Care Clinic  
Grand Forks, ND**

Simply purchase any items from the list to donate,  
return them to Fisher Lutheran in the gathering bag  
and they will be delivered to Relate Care Clinic.

### *Relate Care Clinic Current Boutique Needs*

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