



Second Sunday of Easter

Immanuel Lutheran Church ELCA

Forest City, Iowa

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Building community in the name and likeness of Jesus Christ.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Jesus said, **C: "Follow me."**

L: Jesus said, **C: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."**

L: Jesus said, **C: "Forgive seventy times seven."**

L: Jesus said, **C: "Feed my sheep,"**

L: In response, we say:

C: "Here's my heart. Take and seal it. Seal it for thy courts above."

L: Let us worship God with all our hearts.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Friends, we're a lot like Peter. Despite our faith, we make mistakes. Despite our belief, we carry unbelief. Despite our love, we can cause hurt. So like Peter, let us return to God in prayer, confessing the truth of our lives. God's grace does not stop with that humble yet fearful disciple. God's grace reaches all the way to us. Let us pray:

C: Gracious God, like Peter, we crawl 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.

L: Friends, the first time that 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. You see, 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 our 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. So 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.

GATHERING HYMN: **"O Day of Rest and Gladness"**

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GREETING

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

PSALM: Psalm 30 [read responsively]

¹I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up,
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

²**O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.**

³O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

⁴**Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.**

⁵For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

⁶**As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."**

⁷By your favor, O LORD, you had established me as a strong mountain;
you hid your face; I was dismayed.

⁸**To you, O LORD, I cried, and to the LORD I made supplication:**

⁹"What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit?

Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?

¹⁰**Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me! O LORD, be my helper!"**

¹¹You have turned my mourning into dancing;
you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

¹²**so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.**

O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **"Celtic Alleluia"**

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GOSPEL: John 21:1-19

*Announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.***

*Conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.***

CHILDREN'S SERMON / SERMON

Intern Elizabeth

HYMN OF THE DAY: **"The Risen Christ"**

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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 her 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.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: *L: God of grace, C: hear our prayer.*

Ruby Sue Albertsen	Parker Farland	Tim Schmidt
Joann L. Bartleson	Donna Kvale	Jennie Spencer
Liam Bartleson	Jim Lund	Lucky Truong
Hayden Despenas	Chris McCormick	Missionary Karen Anderson

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SHARING OF THE PEACE: *L: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: And also with you.*

OFFERING: “Jesus Loves Me” arr. Travis Beck Choir

OFFERTORY: **“Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing”** #389 [vs. 1&4]

OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. **Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION / LORD’S PRAYER

COMMUNION: **“Now We Join in Celebration”** #462
“Bread of Life from Heaven” #474

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING / PRAYER

SENDING HYMN: **“Go My Children with My Blessing”** #543

BLESSING

DISMISSAL: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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