

April 21, 2024 ~ 4th Sunday of Easter

Gathering Music ~ Karen Danke, guest

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship ~ *responsive*

Leader: Before the creation, the Spirit of God hovered above the waters.

People: And at the waters of our baptisms we know God is present.

Leader: God gives us the living waters through the work of Christ.

People: And so we can rejoice because God so loved the world and us as his children. Amen.

*\*you are invited to stand in body or in spirit*

*\*Hymn ~ "Blessed Be Your Name" (M. & B. Redman)*

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession ~ *in unison*

Jesus, you are our savior and our hope. You have brought us from death to life. For the times we have strayed from your love and call for our life, forgive us. Guide us back to you and your love. Amen. (A time of silent, personal prayer)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Responsive Chorus ~ *"Because He Lives" (refrain)*

*Because He lives, I can face tomorrow. Because He lives, all fear is gone.*

*Because I know He holds the future, and life is worth the living just because He lives.*

The Baptism of Jude Arnold Achterhof

*\*The Apostles' Creed ~ in unison*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Passing the Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Responsive Chorus #286 - *"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"* (v.1)

*Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.*

## Offering Prayer

\*Doxology - *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* (Avery and Marsh)  
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.*

## Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Scripture ~ Isaiah 43:1-7

Special Music - *"I Will Sing and Not Be Silent"* (A. Pote) ~ Celebration Choir

Christian Scripture ~ Matthew 3:13-17

Message - *"Called by Name in Baptism"*

\*Hymn #482 - *"Baptized in Water"*

A time for sharing the joys and concerns of our community.

Congregational Response: Lord, hear our Prayer.

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.

\*Hymn #475 - *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

\*Benediction

**\*Choral Response #80- "You Shall Go Out with Joy"**

***You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace,  
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;  
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.  
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands; the trees of the field will clap their hands;  
the trees of the field will clap their hands while you go out with joy.***

**Postlude**

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**Highlights from the April 16 Session Meeting:**

- **The Annual Offering for the Foundation will be in May.  
Please give as your heart leads. An envelope is provided in your packet.**
- **St. Paul's will hold an outdoor service on June 23, with ROMANS to follow.**
- **All are invited to the May 22 ROMANS event, at noon.**

**Please hold those listed in prayer... and REVIEW and REPORT updates, PLEASE!**

*In Our Thoughts  
& Prayers* 

Bill Garvey, Mike Graham, Janet Frank, Grace Erwin  
August and Faith Kornowicz, Karen Bright, Steve Boyak, Sheldon Davis, Pam Phillips  
Suzanne Tabaka, Jim Roye, Jerry Stone, Beverly Dearth, Kathleen Warren, Bob Liebertz, Grace Campbell  
Susan Grant, Bruce Phillips, Anna Richardson, Nate Statly (MSU shooting victim) ~ friend of Joey Nicholas  
Kris Purdy ~ niece of Grace Erwin; Julie Newell ~ cousin of Pam Phillips  
Elizabeth ~ sister-in law of Pat Garvey and Andy ~ nephew of Pat Garvey  
Linda Thompson and her sister, Shirley Kircoff  
Joan Velis and family; John Branch ~ father of Christie Piastowski  
Dominick Riley and his wife, Logan ~ great nephew and his wife of Meta Tulley  
Dave Schulz ~ nephew of Carol and Mike Graham  
Cousins of Terry Earnley and Jennifer Speiles ~ friend of Terry Earnley  
Lois Wludyka and John Candiloro ~ friends of August Kornowicz  
Richard Rosenberg and Mike Hyatt ~ friends of Judy McGregor  
Sarah and Mason Young ~ family of Judy McGregor  
Jennifer ~ friend of Judy McGregor  
Ben Abela ~ son-in-law of August and Faith Kornowicz  
Macaylah Whitlock ~ daughter of the Rev. Kellie and Marc Whitlock  
Pamela Serene ~ daughter of the late Marilyn Allen, Nicole Snead ~ daughter of Bill VanEck  
Nancy Kreipke ~ mother of Christian; Rich McKenzie ~ son of Jean  
Erin Lewis ~ daughter of Pattie Benoit; Phyllis Badman ~ niece of Georgia Hunt  
Christie Piastowski ~ daughter of Karen Bright; Joe Ducsay ~ friend of Mike and Carol Graham  
Cyndi Knecht ~ daughter of the late Doris; Joe Perko ~ friend of Wanda Seymour  
David Bonandrini ~ son of Ben; Gideon Janku ~ great nephew of Bob Westbrook  
Judy Siegfried ~ sister-in-law of Pam Phillips; Randy Tillman ~ son of Gloria Rubbo  
Mary Rayes ~ friend of Pat Hutchison; Adam Schilling and Eric Shilling ~ grandsons of Ron and Janet Frank  
Donald Keller III ~ son of Jan Lapenta; Scott Davis ~ son of Sheldon and Marion Davis