

Liturgy for Sunday May 3, 2020

Easter 4

Notes on the Worship Service

+ Bishop Aitken has given all our Rostered Ministers the week-end of May 1-3 off in honor of their faithful work and tireless efforts at ingenuity during the “Stay at home” period. This liturgy and sermon is for use in congregations across the Northeastern Minnesota Synod. It was videoed at Knife River Lutheran Church, Knife River, Minnesota. Preacher is +Bishop Tom Aitken, Assisting Minister is Pr. Susan Berge (Pastor at Knife River Lutheran) and pianist is Carol Carlson. Staff Administrative Assistant Sarah Roe videoed and put together the service. An accompanying written Liturgy is provided for your use and you are encouraged to sing along with the music, read the Psalm together, sing the responses to the prayers of the church, and provide an offering for the ongoing ministries of your congregation. Bishop Aitken reminds us all to continue to stay in place, and worship with your congregation’s or a neighboring one’s online worship services until further notice. God’s peace to all of you during this continued pandemic.

Announcements

Prelude

Order of Worship

Bishop: Invocation

Confession/Absolution

Bishop: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, +One God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. Amen. Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Most merciful God,

All: 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.

Bishop: 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.

All: Amen.

All: Glory to God (sung together)

Prayer of the Day

Bishop: O God our Shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Scripture Lessons

Psalm 23

The Holy Gospel: John 10:1-10

Sermon Bishop Thomas Aitken

Hymn Children of the Heavenly Father # 781 (verses 1,2)

Apostle's Creed

Prayers of the Church

Note: After each petition, all sing together "Shepherd me O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life" ELW #780

Lord's Prayer

Offering *Please give your offering to your local congregation's ministries*

Hymn: Now the Green Blade Rises ELW #731 (verses 1,4)

Benediction

Bishop The God of all grace, +Bless you now and forever, Amen.

Closing: Hymn: "God be with you till we meet again" ELW #536 (verse 1,2)

Dismissal

Bishop: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord

ALL: "Thanks be to God"