

SENDING HYMN:

“Have No Fear, Little Flock”

HYMN 764

SENDING

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia, alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Prelude, Fugue and Chaconne in C (D. Buxtehude)
Sarah Gates, '08, Organist

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 29, 2007 9:00 a.m.

Siebert Chapel

Carthage College

2001 Alford Park Drive, Kenosha, Wisconsin



A warm welcome to all of our guests.

Carthage is committed to welcoming all people with the Gospel.

We pray that you will experience the grace and freedom of the One who has called us through Christ to worship together, and that you will join us again soon.

With the fourth Sunday of Easter the gospel readings turn away from resurrection appearances of Jesus and begin to focus on echoes of Jesus' earlier words that had pointed toward his death and resurrection during his ministry. He meant to go this path all along. As we listen to Jesus' words from the tenth chapter of John's gospel, we learn that Jesus is both shepherd as well as the victorious Lamb. Peter is a shepherd like Jesus as he leads one of Jesus' sheep from death to life.

* A New Song is found in the back of the pew hymnals. *

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit gathers us in unity.

PRELUDE:

Four Hymn Settings (M. Burkhardt)

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

For the Beauty of the Earth

How Firm a Foundation

Oh, For a Thousand Tongues

Lauren Zimmerman, '09, organist

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN:

"All People That On Earth Do Dwell"

HYMN 883

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

Gracious God,

we confess to you all the ways

In which we dismiss the resurrection news.

Foolish and slow of heart to believe,

we turn from others and retreat in fear.

Come into our locked rooms

and breathe into us your forgiving Spirit.

Reawaken our trust and strengthen our hope,

that we may be witnesses to your saving power. Amen.

In baptism you have received a spirit of adoption;

you are God's beloved children.

In the name of Christ your sins are forgiven.

Rejoice, and welcome this freedom as a gift.

Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE: This Is the Feast

A New Song
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GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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.

Let us pray.

O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord
Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your
eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may
do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your
sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

WORD OF GOD

God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung, and preached.

FIRST READING: Acts 9:36-43

*When Dorcas, faithful minister to the widows of Joppa, fell ill and died,
Peter raised her back to life through the power of prayer.*

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY: Psalm 23

All: **Refrain**



Leader: You, LORD, are my Shepherd, I shall not be in want.
You make me lie down in green pastures,
You lead me beside still waters,
You restore my soul.
You guide me in paths of righteousness
for your name's sake.

All: **Refrain**

Leader: Even though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

All: **Refrain**

Leader: Surely goodness and mercy will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

All: **Refrain**

SECOND READING: Revelation 7:9–17

*Christ is the shepherd who leads his faithful to springs of the water of life.
Christ is also the Lamb who vanquishes sin and suffering, in whose blood
the saints have washed their robes and made them white.*

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: John 10:22–30

Three times Jesus says that his sheep are secure; no one will snatch them from Jesus' hand or the Father's hand. The sheep have eternal life and so shall never perish.

Response before the reading: **Glory to you, O Lord.**
Response after the reading: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY:

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”

HYMN 764
stanzas 1-4, 8

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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

SHARING PEACE

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

PRESENTING THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

“For the Beauty of the Earth” (J. Rutter)
Carthage Women's Ensemble

OFFERING PRAYER

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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING and SANCTUS

**A New Song
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LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who are baptized into Christ are welcomed to receive the gift of his presence in bread and wine. Christ's body and blood nourishes faith, forgives sin, and forms us as living witnesses of God's promise of unity, justice, and peace.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Anthem: “Hallelujah, We Sing Your Praises”
(South African)
Carthage Women's Ensemble

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection
you send light to conquer darkness,
water to give new life,
and the bread of life to nourish your people.
Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection
that we may show your glory to all the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

Christ has gone to prepare a place for us.
May his resurrection bring you all joy and peace in believing, so
that you may abound in hope.
Amen.

Almighty God,
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.
Amen.