



"Encouraging faith and proclaiming God's love by Gathering, Growing and Giving."

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Service of the Word

April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**This worship is being livestreamed. Your presence in the sanctuary signifies your agreeing to be on our live broadcast.**

*NOTE: **Bold text** indicates worshippers' response, and \*' means please stand as able.*

PRELUDE

Michelle Young

WELCOME/MINISTRY MOMENT

**GATHERING**

\* #722 GATHERING HYMN "Halleluiah! We Sing Your Praises" Sing refrain 2X

*Refrain – sung twice each time*



Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -  
Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our



bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa  
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your



ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la. *End*  
prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.



1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,  
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

*Repeat stanza, then sing refrain*



I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.  
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

Text: South African; tr. *Freedom Is Coming*, 1984  
Music: HALELUYA! PELO TSA RONA, South African  
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\* P: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ , the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

\* CALL TO WORSHIP *(Please respond with **bold text**)*

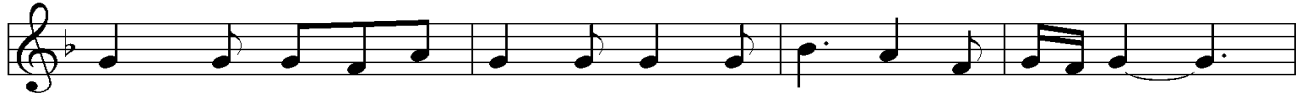
God calls us to the mountain, **Though some of us still doubt.**

God sends us into the world. **We will shore up our faith.**

God calls us to share the good news. **We will proclaim God's love to the world.**<sup>1</sup>



☐ Sal- va- tion be- longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for- ev- er and ev - er.



☐ Great and won- der- ful are your deeds, O God of the u- ni- verse;



just and true are your ways, O Rul - er of all the na- tions.



Who can fail to hon- or you, Lord, and sing the glo- ry of your name?



☐ Sal- va- tion be- longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for- ev- er and ev - er.



☐ For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One. All



na - tions will draw near and wor - ship be - fore you,



for your just and ho - ly works have been re - vealed.



☐ Sal- va- tion be- longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for- ev- er and ev - er.

\* P: The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

\* PRAYER OF THE DAY God of all nations, **You send us out to share the good news of your redemption and grace with all the world. Make us examples of your all-embracing love through our actions toward peace and justice for all people, without exception. Amen.**<sup>1</sup>

GROWING

Please join me reading the verses 9 and 10 of Psalm 40:

<sup>9</sup>I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; **see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord.**

<sup>10</sup>I have not hidden your saving help within my heart, **I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;**

I have not concealed your steadfast love **and your faithfulness from the great congregation.**

*On that first Easter morning, our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ, told the women to share the good news with the other disciples and to meet him in Galilee. Hear Jesus' words for ALL who believe. THE HOLY GOSPEL according to Matthew the 28<sup>th</sup> chapter **Glory to you, O Lord.***

<sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them.

<sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." The Gospel of the Lord **All: Praise to you O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE/SERMON

Pastor Mary Eide

#712 HYMN OF THE DAY "*Listen, God is Calling*" (Call and response) p. 5

\*THE APOSTLES' CREED (*professed together*)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.\* On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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**

\*Or, He descended to the dead. \*\* universal

*The OFFERING PLATE is located at the entrance of the church sanctuary.*

\* OFFERING PRAYER O God, **you have called us into service to you and the world. Accept these gifts as a sign of our commitment to you and our neighbors near and far. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our savior. Amen.<sup>1</sup>**

PRAYERS AND PETITIONS (L: God of life, **All: hear our prayer.**)

\* LORD'S PRAYERS **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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen**

\* ANNOUNCEMENTS/BLESSING

\* #756 SENDING HYMN "*Lord, You Give the Great Commission*" Page 6

\* SENDING LITANY/DISMISSAL

We have come to the mountain to meet Jesus. **But some of us still aren't sure.**

After all, can someone really rise from the dead? **We want to believe it's true.**

Now we are called to share this good news. **To show forth God's promises in our words and our actions.**

But we get so caught up in our daily lives, **That we forget our one, simple job.**

And anyway, sometimes we're still not sure. **And we would hate to be embarrassed if we have it wrong.**

Jesus, reassure us with your presence, **That we might live out loud what you have done for us.**

Go now and fulfill this divine commission. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Michelle Young

THIS WEEK AS A CHURCH...IN/OUTSIDE the BUILDING

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>8:45am</b>	- <b>Sunday School Classes</b>
	<b>10:00am</b>	- <b>Worship</b>
	<b>11:00am</b>	- <b>Fellowship</b>
	<b>11:30am</b>	- <b>Church Council Meeting in Library</b>
MONDAY	7pm	- AA
TUESDAY	4-6pm	- Food Pantry
WEDNESDAY	3:35-4:45	- 7 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation
FRIDAY:	10am-Noon	- Food Pantry
SATURDAY:	8am-1pm	- Women's Day of Renewal at Central Lutheran (Reg. 8-9am)
	8am-4:30pm	- Luther Park Bible Camp Spring Clean Up ( <i>see more info below</i> )
SUNDAY:	8:45am	- Sunday School Classes
	10:00am	- UW-Stout Lutheran Campus Ministry worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LUTHER PARK BIBLE CAMP **SPRING WORK DAY** Saturday, April 22nd 8:30am to 4:30pm \*Meals Provided You're invited to help prepare the Camp for the upcoming season! **A variety of projects** to be accomplished: deep cleaner, yard worker, painter, carpenter, plumber, electrician, energetic soul, or an enthusiastic spirit. **We ask that you register at: [lutherpark.org/spring-work-day](http://lutherpark.org/spring-work-day)** so we are able to prepare enough food and have projects organized by Scott Davis, the work day coordinator ([good2bike@gmail.com](mailto:good2bike@gmail.com))

**WOMEN'S DAY OF RENEWAL** Sat. Apr. 22<sup>nd</sup> 8am-1pm @ Central Lutheran Church (28 E Colombia St, Chippewa Falls) THEME: *There is More to Come* \$15, Checks payable to WELCA Lunch provided..

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