

**The Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**April 21, 2024, 8:30 A.M.**  
**St. John's Lutheran Church**

**Announcements**

**Prelude**

*All Glory Be to God on High*

Michael Burkhardt

**Ringling of the Church Bell**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

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L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

L: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

**C: 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.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn**

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing*

ELW #385

**Greeting and Kyrie**

*"In peace, let us pray..."*

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P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord. **C: Amen**

**The Hymn of Praise** pp. 149-150

L: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Prayer of the Day:** L: O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

**First Reading: 1 John 3:16-24**

<sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

<sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

<sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

**Psalm 23**

L: <sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.

**C: <sup>2</sup>The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

L: <sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways for your name’s sake.

**C: <sup>4</sup>Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

L: <sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**C: <sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

**Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24**

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Anthem

*Go Into the World*  
Senior Choir

Natalie Sleeth

Children's Message

Gospel Acclamation

*"Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?"*

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**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

**The Gospel: John 10:11-18**

**Glory to you, O Lord/Praise to you, O Christ.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>11</sup>"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

Sermon

Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

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**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.**

The Offering Hymn

*When Peace Like a River*

ELW #785

Offering Prayer

L: : Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen**

**Prayers of the Church:** L: God of grace,... C: ...hear our prayer.

The Words of Institution

**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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Songs during Communion:** *O, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways* ELW #772;  
*The Lord's My Shepherd* ELW #778

**Prayer Following Communion**

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

**Benediction**

P: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood, strengthen, keep, and unite us, now and forever. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Closing Hymn**

*God Be with You 'Til We Meet Again*

ELW #536

**Postlude**

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!*

arr. Lynette Maynard

**Activities this Week at St. John's**

Sun, Apr 21	8:30am & 10:30am 9:30am
Wed, Apr 24	8:45am-noon 6pm 7pm
Thurs, Apr 25	
Sat, Apr 27	10:30am
Sun, Apr 28	8:30am & 10:30am 9:30am

**Apr 21, 2024 to Apr 28, 2024**

Worship services w/comm.  
 Sunday School  
 Sr Choir  
 Quilting  
 Youth Bells  
 Confirmation @ Wellness Ctr  
 Sr Bells  
 Mary Ellen Politowicz memorial service  
 4<sup>th</sup> gd communion instruction:tba  
 Worship Services  
 Sunday School  
 Sr Choir



Scripture Reader	8:30am 10:30am	Bill Roe Sunday School
Greeters	8:30am	Wayne & Nona Sawyer Lee Ellickson family
Ushers	10:30am 8:30am 10:30am	Sunday School Ron Dahlstrom family Norm Peterson, Chuck Larson
Comm Prep	8:30am 10:30am	Bonnie Roe, Linda DeBuhr Altar Guild
Comm Asst	8:30am 10:30am	Tiffany Evans, Matt Teslow, Joan Moody Linda Groe
Secretary		Rhonda Barr
Custodians		John & Sharon Roe
Organist/Director of Music		James H. Bieber
Pastor		Bryan Robertson

**Radio Broadcast Ministry** –Today’s radio broadcast is given that we shall pray for our country & our families. Thank you for your continuing support of this outreach ministry. Join us on Sunday mornings on KNEI 103.5 at 8:30am.

**Camperships:** If you are planning on attending a summer camp, please let the Church Office know as soon as possible as we are **handing out checks on May 19** at both services. All campers will receive \$25 from WELCA, \$100 from the Trust Fund and \$100 from the Orrin Grangaard Campership Fund.

**Our heartfelt sympathies to Darlene Schlake & family** in the passing of her husband Chester Schlake recently.

***All of our women are invited to donate*** to the Pennies for Presents containers in the narthex today. We will have these containers available every third Sunday of each month through November. The money we gather will once again go toward Christmas gifts for three boys and three girls next December. You may also drop off your donation in the church office during the week. Thank you for caring for others.

***Troop 64 Boy Scout Omelet Breakfast*** on Sunday, April 28 at the Waukon Banquet Center. Serving from 8am – noon. Made to order omelets plus hash browns, cinnamon rolls, juice, coffee or milk. Dine in or carry out. \$10 at the door with NO advanced tickets sold.

***Frankville Community Presbyterian Church Spring Soup Luncheon & Quilt Raffle*** today, serving from 11am-2pm. Serving a variety of 4 soups, rolls and bars. (free-will donation). Quilt raffle following luncheon. Raffle tickets are \$2 each or 6 tickets for \$10. Make plans to attend.

***Last day of Confirmation Class*** is April 24 at 7pm @ Wellness Center