

April 21, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Easter Yr B



PRELUDE *Bell Choir*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & GRACE

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
whose teaching is life, whose presence is
sure, and whose love is endless.

C: Amen.

P: Let us acknowledge our brokenness to the
one who welcomes us with an open heart.

A brief silence is kept for reflection

P: God our comforter:

C: Like lost sheep we have gone astray.

**We gaze upon abundance and see
scarcity. We turn our faces away from
injustice and oppression. We have not cared
for your creation. Free us from our failures,
gracious God. Listen when we call out to you
for help. Lead us by your love to love our
neighbors as ourselves.**

P: By the gift of grace in + Christ Jesus, God
makes your joy complete. Receive with glad
hearts the joy of restoration.

C: Amen.

HYMN vss. 1-3 No. 789

Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us.

1 **Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we
need your tender care. In your pleasant
pastures feed us, for our use your fold
prepare. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have bought us; we are yours. Bless-
ed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought
us; we are yours.**

2 **We are yours; in love befriend us, be the
guardian of our way; keep your flock, from
sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us
children when we pray. Blessed Jesus,
blessed Jesus, hear us children when we
pray.**

3 **You have promised to receive us, poor and
sinful though we be; you have mercy to
relieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us
turn to you. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
early let us turn to you.**

KYRIE Spoken

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: 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.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their
worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE *Now the Feast* No. 167

REFRAIN **Now the feast and celebration, all of
creation sings for joy to the God of life and love
and freedom: praise and glory forevermore!**

1 **Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,
whose blood has freed and united us to be one
great people of God.** REFRAIN

2 **Power and riches, wisdom and might, all
honor and glory to Christ forever.** REFRAIN

3 **For God has come to dwell with us, to make
us people of God; to make all things new.**
REFRAIN

PRAYER OF THE DAY *We pray together*

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

**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. Amen.**

FIRST READING: ACTS 4:5-12

Salvation in the name of Jesus

⁵The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' ¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

PSALM 23 *We read responsively*

L: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

C: The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

L: You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

C: 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: 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: 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

Love in truth and action

¹⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How 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?

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

from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And 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. ²⁴All 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.

WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

p. 205

Stg 10, S205a



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Savior o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un-til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 10:11-18

C: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

Christ the shepherd

[Jesus said:] ¹¹"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The 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. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I 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. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No 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."

P: THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.

C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

CHILDREN'S WORD

MESSAGE *Pastor Kris D.H. Ferkin*

HYMN

No. 764

Have No Fear, Little Flock

1 Have no fear, little flock; have no fear, little flock, for the Father has chosen to give you the kingdom; have no fear, little flock!

- 2 **Have good cheer, little flock; have good cheer, little flock, for the Father will keep you in his love forever; have good cheer, little flock!**
- 3 **Praise the Lord high above; praise the Lord high above, for he stoops down to heal you, uplift and restore you; praise the Lord high above!**
- 4 **Thankful hearts raise to God; thankful hearts raise to God, for he stays close beside you, in all things works with you; thankful hearts raise to God!**

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

P: God of grace

C: Hear our prayer.

SHARING OF PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

OFFERING—BELL CHOIR--GLOBE OFFERING

Children are invited to bring forward an offering to the globe in the front of the church. Globe offerings will go to one of our global mission partners to be decided by our youth.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit.

C: **May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING *Spoken*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

DISTRIBUTION & HYMN No. 484

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Refrain

You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat. Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

- 1 **As when the shepherd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice; so when you call your fam'ly, Lord, we follow and rejoice.**

Refrain

- 2 **With joyful lips we sing to you our praise and gratitude that you should count us worthy, Lord, to share this heav'nly food.** *Refrain*

- 3 **Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ outpoured? Do not one cup, one loaf, declare our oneness in the Lord?** *Refrain*

- 4 **The myst'ry of your presence, Lord, no mortal tongue can tell: whom all the world cannot contain comes in our hearts to dwell.** *Refrain*

- 5 **You give yourself to us, O Lord; then selfless let us be, to serve each other in your name in truth and charity.** *Refrain*

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love.

C: **Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: **Christ is risen. Alleluia!**

BENEDICTION

P: God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,
✠ bless you and remain with you always.

C: **Amen.**

Praise to You, O God of Mercy

1 **Praise to you, O God of mercy: thanks be to you forever! Raising high the weak and lowly: thanks be to you forever!**

2 **From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you forever! Truth and justice you have taught us: thanks be to you forever!**

Bridge **Strong is your faithfulness,
strong is your love, rememb'ring
your covenant of life with us.**

3 **Praise to you, O God of mercy: thanks be to you forever! Raising high the weak and lowly: thanks be to you forever! Thanks be to you forever!**

DISMISSAL

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

DISMISSAL

L: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE *Bell Choir*

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CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sun 4/21	9 AM 10 AM 10 AM	WORSHIP Coffee & FAITH+ LEAD Video* SSchool Ditch CleanUp -- Adult Help Needed - Pizza Lunch to follow. Bring Salad or Dessert
Wed 4/24	6 PM 6:30 PM	WED WORSHIP Confirmation
Thu 4/25	1 PM 7 PM	LOVE DAY AA
Sun 4/28	9 AM 10 AM 10 AM	WORSHIP – CASUAL SUNDAY! Coffee & FAITH+ LEAD Video* Sunday School

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