



St. Lawrence Episcopal Church

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: HOLY EUCHARIST
April 21, 2024 at 9 AM

Prelude

Shepherd me, O God, Charles Callahan

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn

Before the Lord's eternal throne

Hymnal 391

1 Be - fore the Lord's e - ter - nal throne, ye
 2 His sov - ereign Power with - out our aid formed
 3 We are his peo - ple, we his care, our
 4 We'll crowd thy gates with thank - ful songs, high
 5 Wide as the world is thy com - mand, vast

1 na - tions, bow with sa - cred joy; know that the Lord is
 2 us of clay and gave us breath; and when like wan - dering
 3 souls, and all our mor - tal frame; what last - ing hon - ors
 4 as the heavens our voic - es raise; and earth, with her ten
 5 as e - ter - ni - ty thy love; firm as a rock thy

1 God a - lone; he can cre - ate, and he des - troy.
 2 sheep we strayed, he saved us from the power of death.
 3 shall we rear, al - might - y Ma - ker, to thy Name?
 4 thou - sand tongues, shall fill thy courts with sound - ing praise.
 5 truth must stand, when roll - ing years shall cease to move.

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.
All **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Song of Praise *Easter Troparion (Christ is risen, Alleluia)*



Collect of the Day

Presider May God be with you.
All **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever

All **Amen.**

Please be seated.

First Reading

Acts 4:5-12

Reader The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let 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. This Jesus is

the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

All Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 (sung together)

Shepherd me, O God

Refrain

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -
 yond my fears, from death in-to life. life.

To verses 1, 2, 3, 5 To verse 4

Verses 1-3

1. God is my shep-herd, so noth-ing shall I want; I
 2. Gen - tly you raise me and heal my wea-ry soul; you
 3. Though I should wan - der the val - ley of death, I
 rest in the mead - ows of faith - ful - ness and love; I
 lead me by path - ways of right - eous - ness and truth; my
 fear no e - vil, for you are at my side; your
 D.C.
 walk by the qui - et wa - ters of peace.
 spir - it shall sing the mu - sic of your name.
 rod and your staff, my com - fort and my hope.

Verse 4

4. You have set me a ban-quet of love
 in the face of ha - tred, crown-ing me with
 love be - yond my pow'r to hold. *rit.* D.C.

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Second Reading

1 John 3:16-24

Reader We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. 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?
Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

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. 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.

All Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

All children are invited to join the Gospel procession! Take an instrument from the basket and with joy & enthusiasm herald the proclamation of the Gospel!

Sequence Hymn

The King of love my shepherd is



1. The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose
2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow With
3. Per - verse and fool - ish I have strayed, But
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill With
5. You spread a ta - ble in my sight, Your
6. And so through all the length of days Your

1. good - ness fails me nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
2. gen - tle care he leads me, And where the ver - dant
3. yet in love he sought me, And on his shoul - der
4. you, dear Lord, be - side me; Your rod and staff my
5. sav - ing grace be - stow - ing; And O what joy and
6. good - ness fails me nev - er: Good Shep - herd, may I

1. I am his, And he is mine for - ev - er.
 2. pas - tures grow, With heav'n - ly food he feeds me.
 3. gent - ly laid, And home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 4. com - fort still, Your cross be - fore to guide me.
 5. true de - light From your pure chal - ice flow - ing!
 6. sing your praise With - in your house for - ev - er.

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Holy Gospel

John 10:11-18

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Gospeler Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 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. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. 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. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Homily

The Rev. Kristin Saylor

Following the sermon, we will hold a short period of silence, begun and ended with the ringing of a bell. As with all things in our liturgy, we do not expect perfection and celebrate that the Holy Spirit meets us wherever we are - be it in stillness or in the joyful presence of children in our midst.

Nicene Creed

All

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Intercessor Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth,
live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.
Lord, in your mercy.

All **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace;
that we may honor one another and serve the common good.
Lord, in your mercy.

All **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its
resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.
Lord, in your mercy.

All **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ
in them, and love one another as he loves us.
Lord, in your mercy.

All **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and
hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.
Lord, in your mercy.

All **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be
fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.
Lord, in your mercy.

All **Hear our prayer.**

The Presider adds a concluding collect

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

Offertory Anthem

The Lord is my shepherd, Howard Goodall

Presentation Hymn

Gentle Jesus, risen Lord

MHSO 51
(Verse 1 and 2)

Gen - tle Je - sus, ris - en Lord,
Bring - ing gifts of all we are, we come to your ta - ble;
In your bod - y we find life,
Je - sus Sav - ior, liv - ing bread!

with our hearts so full of joy,
gifts of life and love and joy, we come to your ta - ble.
life you give for us to share,
bread of heav - en, bread of hope,

We come, we come, we come to your ta - ble. We come,

we come, we come to your ta - ble.

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus *Holy, holy, holy*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Presider Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker and of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again**

Presider We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

All **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 for ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Presider Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us
All **Therefore, let us keep the feast, Alleluia**

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

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

prai - ses! All our hearts are filled with glad - ness!
 ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Fine

Christ the Lord to us said: "I am wine, I am bread, I am
 Je - sus says to us still: "All who do the Lord's will, all who

wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger!"
 do the Lord's will are my sis - ters and my bro - thers." D.C.

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.

Ushers will guide you to the front of the congregation, where you will have the option to receive regular or gluten-free bread. Chalice bearers will be stationed on either side of the bread station. If you wish to receive from the common cup, please do so by drinking directly from the chalice. Communion by intinction (dipping bread in the cup of wine) is not permitted at this time. If you prefer not to drink from the common cup, please know that receiving Communion in one kind (bread only) is a perfectly valid choice and is considered full participation in the Sacrament.

Communion Hymn

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless

Hymnal 343

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen
2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy
3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not
4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy

pil - grim flock with man - na in the
word of grace, in strength of which we
then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bide with that
and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that

wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.
trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.
us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.
heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

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Spiritual Communion for those on Zoom

Zoom Host Since we cannot share in the Body and Blood of Christ at this time, you are invited to join in the following prayer. The very intention to receive is enough to receive the spiritual blessing of the sacrament.

Let us pray.

All ***In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. And particularly for the blessings given me....***

I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you or from my sisters and brothers in Christ; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

The sending forth of Eucharistic Visitors

When Eucharistic Visitors are sent out the following words are used.

All ***In the name of God and this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body. We who are many are one body because we share one bread, one cup.***

Postcommunion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing

1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -
 2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,
 3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -

vo - tion voic - ing; glo - ry be to God on high!
 one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;
 lert and liv - ing in your Spi - rit, strong and free.

Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this Eu - cha -
 by your Blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your Bo - dy,
 Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in

rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
 firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.
 ev - ery na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - lowers be.

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Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.
All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Postlude

Christ Lag in Todesbanden, J. S. Bach

WELCOME!

New to St. Lawrence? Please complete the top part of the newcomers card found in the pews and either drop it in the collection plate or hand it to an usher.

"Soft Space" for Children

This space is for children young enough to enjoy a front row seat, up to age 10. The soft space gives kids a chance to experience our liturgy, worship, and communion without anything in their way.

Sunday School

Children ages 3-11 are welcome to join us every week after Sunday worship for snacks, crafts, Biblical storytelling, and a whole lot of fun!

Sunday school will start at approximately 10:00 AM in the Sunday School Room and end at 10:30 AM. All are welcome on a drop in basis, no sign ups necessary.
Contact Susie Brock office@stlawrencechurch.org with any questions.

Please join us for coffee hour in the narthex immediately following the service.

Community Prayers

The Universal Church, its members and its mission; The Anglican Church of Australia; and for our Companion Dioceses of Southeast Mexico and Renk.

The concerns of the local community, especially those who are affected by gun violence

Those who suffer and are in any trouble and those who have requested our prayers: Kyra, the Smith family, Celeste, Jerry, Ruth, Mike, Rosanne, Robin, Duke, Hal, the Frank family, Connor, Jay, Rod, Bruce, Bill, George, Loretta, Nanc, Linda, Cathy, Dale, Deb, Ethan, Eddie, Mary, Dorothy, Richard, Lan, Dale, DJ, Lisa

We pray for those who are incarcerated, especially: Charles, Christian, Christino, Gregory, Gregory, Jermain, Karlondo, Maurice, Raymond, Rickie, Robert, Roy, Shane, Apolinar, Ernesto

We pray for those to be confirmed, especially: Zuzu, Matthew, Olivia, Abby, Sofia, Nessa, Emily, Eleanor, Arthur, Mary, Kai, Myha, Zoe, Emilia, Noah, Reece

We pray for those awaiting children, especially: Ashley

We pray for our beloved animal companions

We pray for those who have died, especially: Chris

We pray for peace and healing in our nation and the world

We pray that peace and justice may come soon in places of war and conflict, and for all whose life of service puts them at risk; and for all victims of religious oppression throughout the world.

If you have a loved one you would like mentioned in the Prayers of the People list, please write their first name on the clipboard located at the rear of the church. You may also visit www.stlawrencechurch.org and click on "worship" and look for "Online Prayer Group". Names are checked and updated weekly and refreshed every month.

TODAY



ST LAWRENCE CHURCH UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Calling all Confirmands!

Bishop Clark will be at Trinity, Highland Park at 11:00 am on Sunday May 4th to offer a regional confirmation. If you are interested in being confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church (if, for example, you were confirmed into the Roman Catholic Church or the ELCA) on this day, please be in touch with Kristin asap. We will also be celebrating the confirmation of our St. Lawrence youth who have been participating in the Better Together formation program for the past 2 years!



Sunday, May 5, 2024
10 AM - Noon
at
St. Lawrence
Episcopal Church

It's time to divide those perennials and offer them a new home. If you have plants to share. If you're looking to build a garden or add something new. If you are just curious. This is for you. Gardeners and non-gardeners alike — all are welcome!

What: An opportunity to share some of those plants you love. An opportunity to add to your garden. An opportunity for community and creation care.

When: Plant drop off Saturday, May 4 or Sunday, May 5 (before 9 AM)

Plant pick up Sunday, May 5, 10 AM - Noon

Where: The rear courtyard at St. Lawrence Episcopal Church

How: To give away plants - place the plants in disposable pots or plastic bags. Re-used grocery bags are just fine. If you know what kind of plant it is, please label the container or tuck in a note. Bring the plants to St. Lawrence May 4 or May 5 (before 9 AM) and leave them in the courtyard to the west of the rear doors.

Wednesday Evenings Salad, Sweets and Study

COME FOR A SIMPLE SALAD SUPPER IN A COMFORTABLE SETTING AS KRISTIN LEADS A DIVE INTO THE STRUCTURE AND MEANING OF THE EUCHARIST

MAY 8, 15, 22, 29
6:30 – 8 PM

PLEASE FIND THE SIGNUP LINK
IN THE WEEKLY EMAIL OR CONTACT
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St. Lawrence
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Salad, Sweets, and Study

Join us for a 4-week deep dive into the structure and meaning of the Eucharist. Ever wondered why we do what we do on Sunday mornings? This is for you! Because all conversations are better with food, please see the sign up link below if you would like to bring a salad or dessert, or if you are able to help with set up or clean up. All are welcome!

On the STL calendar (see the entire calendar on the STL website, stlawrencechurch.org)

Sunday, April 21 - Fireside Chat with Kristin, Fireside Rm, 10 AM

Saturday, April 27 - HOPE Food Pantry, Narthex, 8-10 AM

Saturday, May 4 - Seeking Sophia, Fireside Rm, 9 AM

Tuesday, May 7 - StoryPoint Eucharist, 901 Florsheim Rd, Libertyville, 2 PM

Wednesday, May 8 - Creative in the Nave, Sanctuary 6-8 PM; Salad and Study, Fireside Rm, 6 PM

Saturday, May 11 - HOPE Food Pantry, Narthex, 8-10 AM



By the grace of God
and with the consent of the people of God,
The Right Reverend Paula Clark
Bishop of the Diocese of Chicago
will ordain

Cynthia Mary Rigali Lund

To the Sacred Order of Priests in
Christ's One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church
Thursday, May 9, 2024
6:30 p.m. in the evening
Christ Church
784 Sheridan Road
Winnetka, Illinois

Your prayers and presence are requested.
Reception to follow ∞ The festival color is white.
Clergy are invited to vest and process.



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