

**The Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**April 21, 2024**  
**9:30am Worship & Communion**

**The Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Opening Prayer**

**\* Confession & Forgiveness p. 94-96**

*P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.***

*P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.***

*P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

*P: Most merciful God, **C: we confess that we are in bondage 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.***

*P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.***

**\* Gathering Hymn #654**

**“The Church’s One Foundation”**

**\* Greeting p. 147** *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.***

**\* Kyrie p. 147** *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.***

**\* This is the Feast p. 149**

**\* The Prayer of the Day (all pray)** **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 Lesson: Acts 4:5-12**

<sup>5</sup>On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. <sup>12</sup>And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Responsive Reading: Psalm 23**

L:<sup>23</sup>The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

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

L:<sup>3</sup> He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

**C:<sup>4</sup> 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.**

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

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

### **Second Lesson: 1 John 3:16-24**

<sup>16</sup>By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. <sup>17</sup>But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? <sup>18</sup>Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

<sup>19</sup>By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; <sup>20</sup>for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; <sup>22</sup>and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

\* **Gospel Acclamation** p. 151

\* **Gospel Announcement**

\* Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

\* **The Gospel Lesson: John 10:1-10**

**10** "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup>But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he

calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup> This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup> So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup> I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

*Pastor:* The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **Children’s Sermon**

**Hymn #502** (vs. 1 & 2)

**“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”**

**The Sermon**

**“The Good Shepherd”**

**Pastor William Shields**

*(sermon text: John 10:1-10)*

\* **Apostle’s Creed** p. 105

**The Hymn of the Day #781**

**“Children Of The Heavenly Father”**

**Offering**

\* **Offering Response #186**

**Prayers**

\* **Words of Institution**

\* **The Lord’s Prayer** p. 154 **C: 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, forever and ever. Amen.**

**Communion**

*In the Lord’s Supper, we believe that Jesus is truly present in this meal to share His forgiveness and grace. All who believe Jesus Christ is our Lord & Savior are welcome at the table. Communing children should hold their hand out to receive the bread. Cross arms in front to receive a blessing. Come down the center aisle to receive the bread from Pastor, an assistant on either side will serve the wine or white grape juice. Return to your seats using the side aisles. During Communion, please join in singing ELW hymns # 778, 789, 790, 799.*

\* **Blessing**

\* **Benediction**

\* **Sending Hymn #545**

**“Lord Dismiss Us With Your Blessing”**

\* **Dismissal** *P:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude**

**Announcements:**

**Weekly Events:**

Tues. Apr. 23 7:00am – Jr. High Study  
10-12 – Prayer Shawl  
Wed Apr. 24 6:30am – Men’s Bible Study  
7:00am – Jr. High Bible Study  
11:00am – Pastor’s Bible Study  
1:00pm – Prayer Group  
7:00pm – Choir Practice  
7:00pm – Confirmation  
Thurs Apr. 25 1:00pm – Quilters  
**9:00am Mobile Food Pantry**  
6:00pm – Pastor’s Bible Study  
Sat Apr. 27 7:00am – Gideon’s Prayer meeting  
**Sunday, April 28 – 9:30 am Worship**  
**Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship**

**Mobile Food Pantry**

**April 25, 2024**

**9:00am**

**Bureau County Fairgrounds**

**If you have a wagon, please bring them.**

**Sunday School**

**Staff Meeting**

**May 5**

**immediately**

**following Sunday School**

**Altar Flowers**

**Given to the Glory of God for our many April birthday blessings: Jeff, Greg, Amanda, Eric, Zachary, & Emalie and the wedding anniversary of David & Emalie.**

**By Dennis & Wendy Ohlson,  
Gail & June Ohlson  
Jerene & David Strum**

**2024 Yearbook/Directories**

**They were not mailed this year, pick yours up in the back.**

The alphabetical signs will help you find yours. If you don't find one with your name on it, please talk to June or Cindy & they will get one for you.

**PICTORIAL DIRECTORY**

A mailing went out to all households this week with the information you need. If you have questions, call the office, or talk to Sue Scruggs.

You are able to sign-up online, call the office or you can do it in person here at church on Sundays.