

Welcome to Saint Michael Lutheran Church & School

“Christ Our Life”

Good Shepherd Sunday

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024 + 11:00 am

MORNING SONG

(with Holy Communion)

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(* = please stand)

PRELUDE

WELCOME

* CALL TO WORSHIP *(including Psalm 23)*

A: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

A: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

A: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

C: He makes me lie down in green pastures.

A: He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul.

C: He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

A: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,

C: For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

A: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

C: You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

A: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

C: And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

A: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

C: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(Isaiah 53:6a, parts of Psalm 51, 1 Peter 2:25)*

P: All we like sheep have gone astray;

C: We have turned—every one—to his own way;

P: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your unfailing love;

C: According to Your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

P: Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

C: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

P: *(We pause for silent confession of sins)* Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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 you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: *(We)* were straying like sheep,

C: But have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of *(our)* souls.

* SONG OF PRAISE

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray..

C: Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 4:1–12

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING: 1 John 3:16-24

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

* RESPONSE

A: I am the good shepherd. I know my own and My own know Me,

C: And I lay down My life for the sheep.

A: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

C: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

* HOLY GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

P: The Holy Gospel, according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

* NICENE CREED

C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one LORD Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the LORD and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

SMLS CHILDREN SING

The Lord's Prayer

This is Our God

Sing Wherever I Go

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

BIBLE MESSAGE: *"Christ, Our Life: Our Good Shepherd"*

MUSICAL OFFERING

* PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(Petitions conclude: "Lord, in Your mercy," to which all respond: "Hear our prayer").

* **WASHING OF HANDS** *(Psalm 26:6 - "I wash my hands in innocence, and go about Your altar, O LORD")*

During this time, please take note of our communion statement that is displayed on the screens.

* SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up unto the Lord.

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

C: It is good and right for us to do.

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty and everlasting Father, for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and God. He is the victor over sin, death, and Satan. By His dying He destroyed death; by His rest in the tomb He has sanctified the graves of those who fall asleep in Him; and by His rising again from the dead He has brought us life and immortality. Therefore, with all the eye witnesses of His resurrection, and with the angels, archangels, and all the company of heaven, we rejoice and magnify Your glorious name, forever praising You and saying:

C: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of heavenly armies. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

C: Christ has died; Christ has risen; Christ will come again.

P: Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom, and teach us to pray. . .

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.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

* THANKSGIVING

A: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

C: And His love lasts forever!

A: Let us pray. God and Lord of Life, for our eternal redemption You gave Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into death on a cross and by His glorious resurrection from the dead have delivered us from the power of death. Grant that we who have tasted of His risen body and blood, and are alive in Him, might die daily to our sinful nature and evermore live to the glory of His risen life, for we ask it in His victorious name.

C: Amen.

* ANNOUNCEMENTS

* BLESSING *(including Hebrews 13:20-21)*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

A: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will

C: And may He work in us what is pleasing to Him through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

A: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

A: Let us go forth in peace,

C: In the name of the Lord.

* CLOSING SONG

POSTLUDE

SERVING TODAY (4/21)**Presiding Minister (P):** Rev. Dan Maske**Preaching and Assisting (A):** Rev. Dr. Paul Naumann**Praise Team Director:** Jane Connon**Lay Minister:** Rich Conklin, Ryan Bigelow**Ushers:** Jesse Hogue**Greeters:** Dar Swift, Sue Keltsch**Lector:** Lynda Rea**Children's Message:** Brenda Heintz**NEXT WEEK (4/28)***Rev. Dr. Paul Naumann**Rev. Daniel Maske**Jane Connon**Rich Conklin, Dave Johnson**Jesse Hogue**Meg Bess, Linda Bischoff**Tammy Songer**Pastor Maske***Acts 4:1-12**

And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ² greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³ And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴ But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand. ⁵ On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶ with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷ And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹ if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹² 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."

1 John 3:16-24

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷ 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? ¹⁸ Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. ¹⁹ By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰ for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹ Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²² and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³ 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. ²⁴ 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.

John 10:11-18

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."