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Fourth Sunday of Easter



John 10:14

¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know

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Please leave your offering in the plate at the door
You may stand at times marked with an asterisk ()*

GATHERING

Prelude

Tena Rackow

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

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

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: 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.

Silence for reflection

P: Most merciful God,

C: Father eternal, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and against our neighbor, in what we have thought, in what we have said and done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are sorry and ashamed and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with repentance and faith turn to him, have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through † Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

* **Hymn** *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing* **ELW # 385**

* **Greeting** *ELW page 138*

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** *ELW page 138*

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace from above... let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace of the whole world... let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For this holy house... let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Amen.

* **Canticle**

This Is the Feast

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C: This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

- 1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

This is the feast...

- 2. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.**

This is the feast...

- 3. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

This is the feast...

- 4. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.**

This is the feast...

* **Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us 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.

C: Amen.

WORD

First Reading: *Acts 4:5-12*

L: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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 people by which we must be saved.” [ESV]

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 23

¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² **He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.**

³ He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴ **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.**

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever. [ESV]**

Second Reading: / John 3:16-24

L: A reading from the first letter of John.

¹⁶ 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. [ESV]

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*** Gospel Acclamation**

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

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

P: The holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹¹ [Jesus said:] “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.” [ESV]

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Thomas Mosbo

*** Hymn**

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ELW # 502

*** Nicene Creed**

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P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**C: 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 whom 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,
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 Intercession

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Please respond to each petition with the following:

L: ... God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. .

C: Amen.

We lift our prayers for

Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Fern Harnish, Taylor B., Denny Bergmann, Rene', Paul Fahr, Gary Hudik, Brady Meier, Leona Block, Virgil Martin, Tena Rackow, Connor Stadermann, Brooke, Jon Forsythe, Diane, Randy, Brian, Paul Heller, Janet, Ryse Stone, Nicole, Meghan and her baby, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Kay, Shanna, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Jack, Tina, Joe, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Lamar Hail, Connie, Rachel Collins, Ethan, Hanna, Mr. & Mrs. Ron Heckman, Jeri, Allie, Al, Glen Hagemann, Bruce Stewart, Pam, Caroline, Tina D., Howard D., Christine, Michelle and Maci Diffenderfer.

MEAL

Peace

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

C: And also with you.

Please greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

Chime Anthem *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

Great Thanksgiving

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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.

Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Eucharistic Prayer

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting ...

... we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

P: ... grace our table with your presence:

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: ... Send us forth, burning with justice, peace and love:

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: ... we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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P: Let us pray with confidence as our Savior has taught us :

C: Our Father, who art in heaven...

Amen.

Lamb of God

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C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace.

Communion

*All are welcome to come to receive Christ's body and blood
or you may come to receive a blessing*

Post-Communion Prayer

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P: Let us pray.

Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name .

C: Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

ELW page 146

P: The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you,
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..

C: Amen.

* Hymn

I Know that My Redeemer Lives!

ELW # 619

*** Dismissal**

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P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. Serve the Risen Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Tena Rackow

Worship Committee Meeting,
Monday April 22nd, 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Northern Illinois Synod
Women of the ELCA Retreat
2024 Emotional Health Well-being and Faith,
Creating calm in a world full of chaos Genesis 1:1-2
Saturday, April 27th, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM
St. John's Lutheran, Rock Island, IL

Le-Win Food Pantry
Good Shepherd will be at the Le-Win Food Pantry on
April 27th from 8:30am-11:30am.
***Please sign up to be a volunteer,** sign up sheet by Fellowship Hall. Good Shepherd
volunteers once a month on even numbered months.*

Men's Group Meeting
Saturday, April 27th at 4:30pm.

*Attendance April 7th
In-person 32, Online 4*