

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter / Communion - 5:00 pm

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

GREETINGS and PRAYER

A SONG: LSB 467 vs. 1, 2, 5, 6 *Awake My Heart with Gladness*

(Please rise)

THE INVOCATION and OPENING VERSES

Pastor: Let us make our beginning in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: O LORD, our Lord,

People: how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

Pastor: I will praise You, O LORD, with all my heart!

People: I will tell of all Your wonders!

Pastor: I will be glad and rejoice in You:

People: I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High!

Pastor: I will sing to the LORD

People: For He has been good to me.

Pastor: I said to the LORD, "You are my Lord;

People: Apart from you I have no good thing."

Pastor: As for the saints who are in the land,

People: They are the glorious ones in whom is all my delight.

Pastor: The sorrows of those will increase who run after other gods.

People: I will not pour out their libations of blood or take up their names on my lips.

Pastor: I will praise the LORD who counsels me;

People: Even at night my heart instructs me.

Pastor: I have set the LORD always before me.

People: Because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

Pastor: The LORD is my light and my salvation,

People: Whom shall I fear?

Pastor: The LORD is the stronghold of my life,

People: Of whom shall I be afraid?

Pastor: Let your face shine on Your servant;

People: Save me in Your unfailing love.

Pastor: May Your unfailing love rest upon us, O LORD'

People: Even as we put our hope in You.

ALL: Praise the Lord!

SONG OF RESPONSE: LSB 804 (vv.1, 2, 6) *O Worship the King*

THE SALUTATION & COLLECT

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Pastor: Let us pray:

ALL: Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Please be seated)

THE FIRST READING: ACTS 4:1-12

¹The priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to Peter and John while they were speaking to the people. ²They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people, proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead. ³They seized Peter and John and, because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day. ⁴But many who heard the message believed; so the number of men who believed grew to about five thousand. ⁵The next day the rulers, the elders and the teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. ⁶Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and others of the high priest's family. ⁷They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: "By what power or what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! ⁹If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, ¹⁰then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. ¹¹Jesus is "the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone." ¹²Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 3:16-24

¹⁶This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. ¹⁷If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? ¹⁸Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. ¹⁹This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: ²⁰If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God ²²and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. ²⁴The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please rise)

The GOSPEL SONG: LSB 487 vs. 1, 4, 5 Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

THE GOSPEL READING: JOHN 10:11-18

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

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

(Please be seated)

¹¹"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep 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 are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. ¹⁷The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE MESSAGE: Pastor Bruce Kischnick

THE OFFERTORY: LSB 478 vs. 1, 3 *The Day of Resurrection*

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT

Pastor: The Lord is with His people; Now may He be with you.

People: **The Lord is with His servant; may He be with you, too.**

Pastor: Let us make confession one to another and before our Gracious God:
Do you believe that Jesus Christ is your Lord and Savior?

People: **Yes, I do so believe.**

Pastor: Do you confess that you are a sinner who has broken the Lord’s commands in thought, word, and deed; deserve only His punishment; and are in need of His forgiveness?

People: **Yes, I confess that I am an unworthy sinner and I throw myself upon the mercy of God through His Son, Jesus Christ.**

Pastor: Do you believe that your sins have been forgiven for Jesus sake?

People: **Yes, I believe that for the sake of my savior, Jesus Christ, my sins are forgiven, and I will stand before my God declared to be righteous in His name.**

THE ABSOLUTION:

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the +Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE CONSECRATION:

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also, with you.

THE DISTRIBUTION

HYMNS: LSB 456 *Were You There*

LSB 461 vs. 1-4, 8 *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*

LSB 526 *You Are the Way; through You Alone*

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: We give you thanks, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us with this great gift, and we ask You by Your great mercy to strengthen us by it that we may love one another and serve You faithfully,

through Your son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: Bless we the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: Now the Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with His favor and + give you His peace.

People: **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG: LSB 527 vs. 1, 2, 4, *O Savior, Precious Savior*

SILENT PRAYER and ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ + + All Praise to the Triune God + + +