

CONFESSONAL SUNDAY

The Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21, 2024 / No Communion

CHIMES / PRELUDE / LIGHTING of CANDLES

GREETINGS & PRAYERS

Pastor: He is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

(Please Rise)

OPENING HYMN: LSB 467 vs. 1, 2, 5, 6 Awake, My Heart, with Gladness

INVOCATION:

Pastor: We make our beginning in the name of the Father...

People: **Whom we confess to be our Maker and Defender.**

Pastor: In the name of the Son...

People: **Whom we confess to be our Savior and Redeemer.**

Pastor: And in the name of the Holy Spirit...

People: **Whom we confess to be our Holy Fire and Sanctifier.**

ALL: **Amen.**

Pastor: Jesus said, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you,

People: **and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."**

Pastor: ...If you confess with your mouth 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead,

People: **you will be saved."**

Pastor: As the Scripture says,

People: **"Anyone who trusts in Him will never be put to shame."**

Pastor: Come and listen, all you who fear God;

People: **let me tell you what He has done for me.**

Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son

People: **and to the Holy Spirit;**

Pastor: As it was in the beginning,

People: **is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

COLLECT:

Pastor: Let us pray together...

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)

HYMN of PRAISE: LSB 818 In You Is Gladness

FIRST LESSON: 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. ¹¹ Jesus is “the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.” ¹² Salvation 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.

SECOND LESSON: 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.

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

The HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 10:11-18

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 10th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

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: In many and various ways God spoke to His people of old by the prophets,

People: But now, in these last days, God has spoken to us by His Son.

THE LITTLE SENTENCE: PASTOR KISCHNICK

Please be seated)

THE BIDDING HYMN: Come, Oh, Come, O Quickening Spirit vs. 1, 4 (see screens)

(from Lutheran Worship p. 165)

CONFESSIONAL STATEMENTS and INSTRUCTION

8:00 Service

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| KNOX MOELLER | - TEN COMMANDMENTS |
| BREENA JOHNSON | - APOSTLES’ CREED |
| MADLYN SELKING | - BAPTISM |
| ASA SWEARINGEN | - LORD’S SUPPER |
| HEIDI KORNER | - LORD’S SUPPER |

10:30 Service

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| AMELIA ENLOW | - TEN COMMANDMENTS |
| KELLEN SISSON | - APOSTLES’ CREED |

LANDON NIERMAN - LORD'S PRAYER
MAGGIE NICHOLS - BAPTISM
LUKAS REISENBICHLER - THE KEYS and CONFESSION

PRAYER of THANKSGIVING

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

THE PRAYERS

The LORD'S PRAYER

The BENEDICTION

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

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