



RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH, LCMC

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | Sunday, April 21, 2024

PRELUDE

WELCOME *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE INVOCATION *and* GATHERING PRAYER

P: We gather under the sign of the cross and in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

C: *Shepherding God, you have brought us into your holy flock out of great love and mercy. Grant that we, having been so richly and undeservedly forgiven and accepted, might likewise show forth your love in truthful words and through our compassionate acts of love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.*

GATHERING HYMN: *Savior, Like a Shepherd*.....RECLAIM No. 205

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

P: Father of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: Most merciful God,

C: *We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and are not worthy to be called your children. Have mercy on us and turn us from our sinful ways. Bring us back to you as those who were once dead but now have life, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.*

P: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in love. Through the Holy Spirit God gives life, freedom from the power of sin, and resurrection from the dead. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Live and walk in newness of life.

C: Amen.

THE HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

The musical score is written for Soprano (S) and Alto (A) voices. It consists of five staves of music in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, Lord God of hosts. Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est." The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings like "div." and "unis."

S, A
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
hosts. Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
div. san - na in the high - est. *unis.* Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
div. high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Acts 4:1-12

Peter's preaching reached around five thousand people who came to believe, but it also reached the ears of the religious authorities who had him and John imprisoned for preaching that the resurrection had come through Jesus. Peter boldly declared that Jesus is the only way to salvation.

¹And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ²greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand. ⁵On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high

priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰let 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. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹²And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 23

This familiar psalm reminds us that the Lord brings to us goodness, mercy, and life. We are cared for by God beyond measure like a shepherd cares for his sheep. There is no circumstance in which God will not be present for us and with us.

R: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

C: He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

R: He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

C: 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.

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

C: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

R: The Word of the Lord.

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SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24

Jesus' self-giving, even to the point of death, is the perfect example of love. For those who follow Jesus, love will be expressed in an active faith that cares for others. Empty platitudes will not show the world what Godly love is like, but only the ways in which we follow Jesus' commandment to love.

¹⁶By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷But 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? ¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. ¹⁹By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰for whenever our heart condemns us, God is

greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²²and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And 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. ²⁴Whoever 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.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.

GOSPEL READING: John 10:11-18

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 10th Chapter.

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

¹¹I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He 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. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶And 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. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may 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 I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON: Breaking News

HYMN OF THE DAY: The King of Love My Shepherd Is.....RECLAIM No. 198

OFFERING PRESENTATION



Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

THE NICENE CREED

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.

P: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in this peace and in community with one another, let us confess our faith:

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 him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian 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 THE PEOPLE

Each petition ends with the words "Lord, in your mercy." Respond by saying, "Hear our prayer."

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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 him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks to you, O Lord, Holy Father, for in the night of his betrayal...

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION ACCLAMATION

Save us, save us, Sav - ior of the
world, for by your Cross and Res - ur - rec - tion
div.
you have set us free.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord Jesus, as often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we proclaim your death until you come again. Remember us, therefore, 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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Resurrection Lutheran's communion practices can be found on the "Come To The Table" instructional in your pew. If you are a visitor or guest, please consider referencing this card.

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN: Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless



1 Shep-herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho-sen pil - grim flock
2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy word of grace,
3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not then de - part;
4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine; thy bod - y and thy blood.



with man - na in the wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.
in strength of which we trav - el on to our a - bid - ing place.
Sav - ior, a - bide with us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.
that liv - ing bread, that heav'n - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt.
Music: ST AGNES, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, loving and serving in the name of our crucified and risen Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Aaron L. Deutsch

Keyboardist: Nikki Basel

Reader: Karen Jaeck

Ushers: Brad Matthes and Ron Brooks

Greeters: Harvard and Karen Jaeck

Communion Set Up: Ron and Sue Brooks

Communion Assistants: Harvard and Karen Jaeck

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Worship! Resurrection Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered and cross-focused member congregation of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ. Members and visitors are encouraged to sign the **friendship pad** at the end of your pew.

The Mankato Riverblenders present “50 Years of Harmony” on Saturday, April 27th at 1:00pm at Hosanna Lutheran Church. Adult tickets cost \$15 and student tickets \$5. You can purchase tickets at Cub Foods in Mankato, Hilltop HyVee, or Nutter Clothing in St. Peter.

“The Table” Young Adults Group will meet tonight at Mazatlan Mexican Restaurant (1525 Tullamore St – Mankato) at 7:30pm. Please RSVP to Pastor Aaron or Vicki.

Resurrection Lutheran’s **National Day of Prayer worship service** will be held on Thursday, May 2, 2024 at noon. Special guests, The Mankato Riverblenders, will sing throughout the service. Please join us as we offer petitions for our American families, churches, businesses, educators, military members, government officials and media.

Join the ladies of Resurrection Lutheran Church for our first annual **Women’s Retreat** to be held on Saturday, May 18th from 9:00am to 3:30pm. The theme “*Bloom Where You’re Planted*” will help participants find contentment and peace through whatever situations they encounter in life. More information can be found on registration flyers in the narthex. Come enjoy uplifting worship, engaging speakers, and inspiring fellowship!

Birthdays this week: Susan Brooks (22nd), Audrey Simmons (24th)

Anniversaries this week: Doug and Sue Mayer (26th), Pat and Karen McGregor (26th)

THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

Sunday	April 21	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship/Sunday School
		7:30pm	“The Table” Young Adults Group
Monday	April 22	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	April 24	Noon	Lectionary Lunch
		1:00pm	Women’s Bible Study
		5:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
		6:30pm	Book Discussion
Thursday	April 25	8:00am	Men’s Bible Study
Sunday	April 28	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship/Sunday School