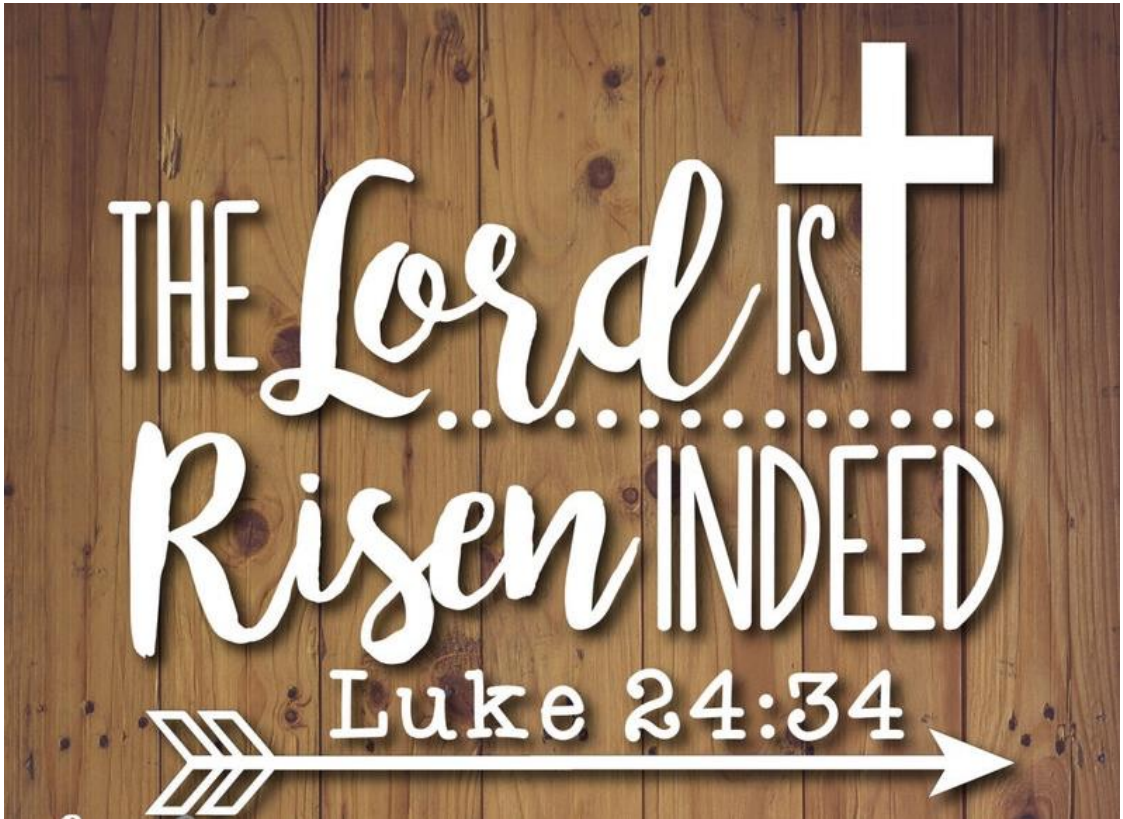


April 20 & 21, 2024 | 6:00 & 8:15
Fourth Sunday of Easter



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We at St. Luke's dedicate ourselves to grow in faith and love, to serve together, and to reach out with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

8:15 Choir ~ 'Sanctuary'

WELCOME & GREETING

OPENING HYMN ~ 'The King of Love My Shepherd Is' (v. 1-4)

LSB 709

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is,
 Whose goodness faileth never;
 I nothing lack if I am His
 And He is mine forever.

- 2 Where streams of living water flow,
 My ransomed soul He leadeth
 And, where the verdant pastures grow,
 With food celestial feedeth.

- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
 But yet in love He sought me
 And on His shoulder gently laid
 And home rejoicing brought me.

- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill
 With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,
 Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
 Thy cross before to guide me.

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INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: He is our Good Shepherd.

C: He leads us to green pastures and still waters.

P: He is our Good Shepherd.

C: We listen to His voice.

P: He is our Good Shepherd.

C: He lays down His life for the sheep.

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: In this Easter season, celebration is always near our lips. We are glad to shout Alleluias in worship, but when we leave we do not always recognize our neighbors in need. We may close our hearts to them. We may reject them. We may fail to follow the example of our Good Shepherd. As we draw near to the Lord, let us consider our sins and ask God for His forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

P: Heavenly Father,

C: we have sinned against You and against our neighbors in our thoughts, words, and actions. You know our sins, and they are ever before You. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us as a shepherd leads his sheep.

P: God has sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Good Shepherd. He has laid down His life for our forgiveness and has taken His life back up again in His glorious resurrection. As a called and ordained servant of the risen Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. The Lord restores us and leads us in paths of righteousness.

KYRIE (*sing*)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE (*sing*)

P: Glory to God in the highest and peace to His people on earth.

C: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, merciful Father, You have wakened the Shepherd of Your sheep from death. Grant us Your Holy Spirit so that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him as the One who calls us each by name and follow where He leads. We pray this through the Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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 and 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, and the number of men grew to about five thousand.

⁵The next day the rulers, elders and teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. ⁶Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and the other men 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 cripple and are 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. ¹¹He is "the stone you builders rejected, which has become the capstone.

¹²Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord. **C:(sing)** **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING ~ 1 Peter 2:19-25

¹⁹For it is commendable if a man bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because he is conscious of God. ²⁰But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. ²¹To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

²²"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

²³When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

C:(sing) Thanks be to God.

6:00 Solo

P: This is the Gospel according to St. John the 10th chapter.

All:(sing) Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING ~ John 10:11-18

¹¹"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns 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."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All:(sing) Praise to You, O Christ.

CONFESSION OF FAITH – Psalm 23: We Confess our Faith in God our Shepherd

P: The Lord is my shepherd;

C: I shall not want.

P: He makes me to lie down in green pastures;

C: He leads me beside the still waters.

P: He restores my soul;

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

P: Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me;

C: Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

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

C: You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over.

P: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;

C: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

- 1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
Much we need Your tender care.
In Your pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use Your fold prepare.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
You have bought us; we are Yours.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
You have bought us; we are Yours.

- 2 We are Yours; in love befriend us,
Be the guardian of our way;
Keep Your flock, from sin defend us,
Seek us when we go astray.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Hear us children when we pray.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Hear us children when we pray.

- 3 You have promised to receive us,
Poor and sinful though we be;
You have mercy to relieve us,
Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Early let us turn to You.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Early let us turn to You.

4 Early let us seek Your favor,
Early let us do Your will;
Blessèd Lord and only Savior,
With Your love our spirits fill.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
You have loved us, love us still.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
You have loved us, love us still.

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SERMON

THE GATHERING OF OUR GIFTS & WE CARE CARDS

OFFERTORY

C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

All: hear our prayer. *(after final petition: Amen.)*

HOLY COMMUNION

Guests, please note: As Lutheran Christians we believe in the *Real Presence* of Christ in Holy Communion; that as we participate in the sacrament we receive His body and blood. If you are confirmed and trust in Jesus as Savior and Lord and accept this understanding of communion you are invited to commune with us. There is a choice of individual or common cup. Gluten free wafers are available; ask elder as host served.

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up 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 truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the love You have abundantly given in the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

C: *sing* 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. (Isaiah 6:3 and Matthew 21:9)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ..... This do in remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

PEACE OF THE LORD

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

C: And also with you.

DISTRIBUTION AND HYMNS

'In Christ, There is No East or West'	LSB 653
'Lamb of God'	LSB 550
'Have No Fear, Little Flock'	LSB 735

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that Your Son's body and blood strengthens us to face the trials and temptations of this life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN ~ 'The King of Love My Shepherd Is' (v. 5-6) LSB 709

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 Thine unction grace bestoweth;
 And, oh, what transport of delight
 From Thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days
 Thy goodness faileth never;
 Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
 Within Thy house forever!

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THE BENEDICTION

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.

C:(sing) Amen, Amen, Amen.

P: Go in peace and serve the Risen Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POST-SERVICE MUSIC