

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

9:00 a.m.

WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

Announcement, Silent Meditation, Personal Confession, Prelude

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Chosen People – Dakota Road

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***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.

Amen.

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. 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.”

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23

¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

² **He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,**

³ he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name’s sake.

⁴ **Even though I walk through the darkest valley, 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 your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

SECOND LESSON

1 John 3:16-24

¹⁶ This 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. ¹⁷ If 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? ¹⁸ Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. ¹⁹ This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: ²⁰ If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹ Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God ²² and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him. ²³ And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. ²⁴ The 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.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks Be To God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Alleluia”

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The Holy Gospel according to St. John, chapter 10

Glory to you, Oh Lord

GOSPEL

John 10:11-18

¹¹ “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The 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. ¹³ The 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— ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I 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. ¹⁷ The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to 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 authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”

The Gospel of our Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

THE SERMON

“Jesus’s Intentional Interruptions”

Pr. Andrew Young

***SONG OF THE DAY**

“We Are a Chosen People of God”

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***APOSTLES CREED**

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***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Lord, In Your Mercy

RESPONSE: “Hear Our Prayer”

***PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you

And also with you.

THE OFFERING

***OFFERING SONG**

“Stir Us, Lord”

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***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Lord in your Mercy.....**Hear Our Prayer**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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LAMB OF GOD

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***THE LORD’S PRAYER**

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COMMUNION

All who believe in the words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins" are welcome to come to the Lord's table. (Grape juice is on outside rim of serving tray. All bread is gluten free.

BLESSING

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BENEDICTION

***SENDING SONG**

“Let’s Go Out”

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Go in peace, serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God

WE GO AND WORK IN THE LORD'S KINGDOM

Ministers: All who believe

Pastors: Andrew Young

Piano:	Jinx Sorensen
Acolyte:	Sarah Monson
Flowers:	Lori Lanzendorf
Greeters:	Pintor Family
Refreshments/Reader:	Steve & Tiina Smith
Council:	Val Ross/Paula Reynolds/Mike Hansen/Derrick Monson
Altar Guild:	Jinx Sorensen/Kristy Rieger

Prayers for Healing and Hope

For Sue Haas, upcoming hip surgery.

For Kris Bell, recently diagnosed with breast cancer; surgery was this week.

For Kari Haas' nephew and wife who have been in the process of adopting two sisters from Haiti and are now worried for their safety.

Prayers for Helene Greninger as she searches for housing.

Mike Russell underwent heart-related tests at the Mayo Clinic. Surgery pending.

Deb Durham continues to deal with pneumonia and other lung issues.

A friend of Jenn Kolling's Great Aunt Betty, Lynn.....congestive heart failure.

Kyle, son of a long time friend of Linda Miller, battling cancer.

George McClain, father of Mike Mattson's housemate, battling cancer. Continued prayers.

Continued prayers for Diane Oddy as she continues to pursue medical treatment.

Continued prayers for Pr. Andrew's Aunt Becky following a stroke.

Dwain and Olive Lavinder and Darryl Brown, all dealing with cancer.

Prayers for Dee Feddes's friend Megan from Billings.....diagnosed with ALS.

Mike Mattson's sister, Donna, Stage 4 breast cancer.

Mary Gaub, Joni Sando's mother.....continues cancer treatment.

Carl Watts, friend of the Young family....wife Jane in a care facility because of advanced Parkinson's.

Yoki Johnson, friend of Larry & Char Somers, metastatic breast cancer, stage 4.

Prayers for Blessings and Encouragement

Christ's Gift Academy in Mbita, Kenya