

# AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

Service of the Word (WOV pg. 46-53)

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS/WELCOME

INVOCATION

*P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Congregation: Amen*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (pg. 56 LBW)

*P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**Congregation: Amen.**

*P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Most merciful God,*

**ALL: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

*P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

**Congregation: Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

LBW #451 "The Lord's My Shepherd"

GREETING (pg. 57 LBW)

*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.*

KYRIE (pgs. 57-58 LBW)

*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 (pgs. 60-61 LBW)

**Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**  
**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,**  
**whose blood set us free to be people of God. Refrain.**  
**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. Refrain.**  
**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:**  
**Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. Refrain.**  
**For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Refrain.**

SALUTATION (pg. 62 LBW)

*P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you. P: Let us pray.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**C: God of all power, you called from death our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep. Send us as shepherds to rescue the lost, to heal the injured, and to feed one another with knowledge and understanding; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN**

FIRST LESSON: Acts 4:1-12

Pew Bible pg. 1142

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 23

*L: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.*

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

*L: He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.*

**C: Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

*L: You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.*

**C: Surely your goodness and mercy shall 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

Pew Bible pg.1280

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (pg. 62 LBW)

**Congregation Sings: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

GOSPEL LESSON: John 10:11-18

*P: The Holy Gospel according to John the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter. Congregation sings: Glory to you, O Lord.*

*P: The Gospel of the Lord. Congregation sings: Praise to you, O Christ. (Please be seated)*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Rev. James T. Lehmann STS

HYMN OF THE DAY

**LBW #476 "Have No Fear, Little Flock"**  
**(Please rise as you are able)**

## NICENE CREED

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 catholic 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

*L: Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.*

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

*P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: And also with you.*

## OFFERING

OFFERTORY (pg. 66 LBW) (Please rise) Congregation Sings: Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER (pg. 67 LBW) *P: Merciful Father, C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

## GREAT THANKSGIVING (pgs. 68-69 LBW)

*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...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r 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.**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

LAMB OF GOD (pg. 72 LBW) Congregation Sings: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

POST COMMUNION BLESSING, CANTICLE & PRAYER (pgs. 73 LBW) (Please rise as you are able) Congregation sings: **Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people: A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

LBW #151 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

DISMISSAL

*P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.*

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*Good Shepherd, in you I have everything I need.  
Thank you for guiding me along the path of life.*

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## **NEWEST PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Debbi Dietz Carla Adkins  
Family of Robert Mallicoat (father-in-law/Earl Smith)  
Family of Dorothy Buntten

## **CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Kim Wyre	Jessica Hawn	Loretta Overholt	Jennifer Birkey
Earl Smith	Cindy Williams	Gabbi Reynolds	Ben Moser
Denny Doyle	William Benton	Steve Ritchie	Marla Osterbur
Sharon Lohen	Mary Mallicoat	Nick Shepherd	Joyce Keith
Bob & Jenny Hobby	Bob & Sue Selby	Merrill Wattjes	Joan Percival
Michael Markarian	Joyce Williamson		

## **NURSING HOMES/ASSISTED LIVING:**

Keith Dohleman	Rita Buenting	Shorty Baugher	LouAnn Baugher
Mildred Flessner	Ruth Lutz	Ilene Ackerman	Genet Dixon
Janet Withers	Joan Mathis		

## **MILITARY (Bolded names are known to be in an area of higher danger):**

Kelly Williamson	Jon Stiebner	Alex Short	Brandon Elrod
Kasey Fenimore	Justice Long	Brian Griswold	Levi Loschen
Ryan Falletti	Riley Falletti		

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<b>TABLE GUILD</b>	Sondra Sipes, Midge Seim
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Logan Suits, Connor Suits
<b>BULLETIN GREETERS</b>	Tom & Mary Edwards
<b>GREETERS</b>	Katie Holland, Emily Holland
<b>LECTOR</b>	Midge Seim
<b>PRAYER LEADER</b>	Terry Doyle
<b>WORSHIP STEWARD</b>	Terry Doyle
<b>USHERS</b>	Bill Schlueter, John Keith, Emily Deal

**WELCOME** God sets a table before us and anoints us with the oil of gladness; our cup overflows (see Psalm 23:5; 45:7). Welcome to worship!

**BROADCAST OF THE SERVICE TODAY** is provided by *Joan Cleary* in memory of her husband, Jack, and her parents, Fred & Anna Fruhling.

**FLOWERS TODAY** are provided by *Ed & Lois Hesterberg* in celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE** for Bonnie Henderson will be held next Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. A visitation will be held at 9:00 a.m.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER SERVICE** for the call of a pastor continues to be held in the Chapel at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday evening. This time of prayer is devoted to all aspects related to the call of a pastor - praying for our call committee, congregation, Mission District Dean, the pastor (& family) to be called, and any other related needs as the call process continues. A time of fellowship with a light meal begins at 5:45 p.m. prior to the prayer service. All are invited and welcome to attend!

**GREAT RIVERS MISSION DISTRICT RETREAT** will be held on Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, and Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, at the Sacré Coeur Retreat Center in Magnolia, IL. This retreat is for all GRMD congregants and pastors. Please plan to arrive Thursday after lunch. Departure will be after lunch on Friday. Pastor Brad Hales is going to be the keynote speaker. Pastor Brad is the church planting and senior ministry director for the NALC. He is infectious with his love for God and the Church. The cost to attend is \$175 per person which covers your room and three meals. Please contact Nikki in the church office if you are interested in attending or would like more information. Registration is due by Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>.

**SHEETS NEEDED** The Quilting group is in need of cotton sheets. These are used for liners in the quilts. Donations may be brought to the church office. Thank you for your support of the quilting group.

**BROADCAST/FLOWER CHART** If you would like to sponsor the weekly radio broadcast on WPXN, the cost is \$50. To provide flowers for Sunday, the cost is \$25. Please sign up on the appropriate chart outside the Narthex then notify the church office the details to print in the bulletin prior to that date.

**PRAYER CONCERNS UPDATE** The prayer concerns list has been updated to include only the names of those that have contacted the church office. If your name or a loved one's name has been removed and you would still like it to be included on the prayer list, please contact the church office and we will gladly add them back to the list. Thank you for your understanding of this matter.

**CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION** If you are a baptized believer, trusting that the life giving and sustaining power and presence of Christ is truly present in bread and wine, we welcome you to the Lord's table. Children who commune in their home congregations are welcome to commune; those who are not currently communing at the Lord's table are invited to come forward for a blessing keeping their hands to their sides. The center of each tray holds light colored, non-alcoholic juice for those with special circumstances. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request for those with allergies.

**ATTENDANCE FROM LAST WEEK:**

9:00 a.m. Worship Service – 115

**CANTEEN RUN** Sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

**PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT FORMS** are located on the bulletin board outside the Narthex. Please call the preschool office at 217-893-8773 with any questions.

**STUDENT CLOTHING DONATIONS** (gently used clothing, new socks, underwear and shoes for children ages Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade -size 5T to Men's & Women's size small) for Northview Grade School are to be placed in the tub located in the Narthex. We will be collecting donations until May 15<sup>th</sup>.

**NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 150; 1 John 4:1-21; John 15:1-8

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**THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, April 21**

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:00 a.m. Sunday School & Women's Bible Study

**Monday, April 22**

12:30 p.m. Quilting

**Tuesday, April 23**

6:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study

**Wednesday, April 24**

5:30 p.m. Confirmation

5:45 p.m. Fellowship Meal

6:30 p.m. Prayer Service

**Thursday, April 25**

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

**Sunday, April 28**

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:00 a.m. Sunday School & Women's Bible Study

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**Radio Broadcast Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m. on WPXN 104.9FM**

## **Daily Prayers & Lessons – Week of the Fourth Sunday of Easter**

*April 21, 2024 – April 27, 2024*

*Prayer: Almighty God, Heavenly Father, you show the light of your truth to those in darkness to lead them into the way of righteousness. Give strength to all who are joined in the family of the Church, so that they will resolutely reject what erodes their faithfulness and firmly follow what the Faith requires; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever. Amen*

### **Daily Lessons:**

Sunday	Numbers 27:1-23	Psalm 120	Luke 1:1-23
Monday	Numbers 28:1-31	Psalm 121	Luke 1:24-25
Tuesday	Numbers 29:1-40	Psalm 122	Luke 1:26-38
Wednesday	Numbers 30:1-31:24	Psalm 123	Luke 1:39-56
Thursday	Numbers 31:25-53	Psalm 124	Luke 1:57-66
Friday	Numbers 32:1-42	Psalm 125	Luke 1:67-80
Saturday	Numbers 33:1-56	Psalm 126	Luke 2:1-7

**Morning Prayer** We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected us through the night from all danger and harm. We ask you to preserve and keep us, this day also, from all sin and evil, that in all our thoughts, words, and deeds we may serve and please you. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us. Amen

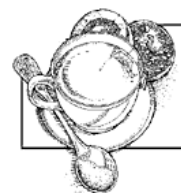
**Mid-Day Prayer** Gracious Jesus, our Lord and our God, at this hour you bore our sins in your own body on the tree so that we, being dead to sin, might live unto righteousness. Have mercy upon us now and at the hour of our death, and grant to us, your servants, with all others who devoutly remember your blessed Passion, a holy and peaceful life in this world and, through your grace, eternal glory in the life to come; where, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, God forever. Amen

**Evening Prayer** We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have this day so graciously protected us. We beg you to forgive us all our sins and the wrong which we have done. By your great mercy defend us from all the perils and dangers of this night. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us. Amen





**"SECRET PRAYER PARTNER TEA"  
 Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
 2:00 P.M.**



The "Secret Prayer Partner Program" is planning to continue for another year. On Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, we will hold our annual Secret Prayer Partner Tea at 2:00 p.m. which will be held in the Bible Study Room for anyone that has been a part of this program for the last year or for anyone that would like to be a part of this program for the next year.

Come and meet your prayer partner for the past year and find out who will be your Partner for this coming year. If you have not been involved in the Prayer Partner program before, please don't miss out on this opportunity for this next year. Please plan to attend on May 5<sup>th</sup> to get in on this special opportunity to come to know another person a little better and remember her in prayers, etc.

Please fill out the form below and put it in the offering plate, turn it into the church office or bring to the Tea on Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup>.

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTHDAY: \_\_\_\_\_ ANNIVERSARY: \_\_\_\_\_

FAVORITE COLOR: \_\_\_\_\_ FAVORITE FLOWER: \_\_\_\_\_

TELL A LITTLE ABOUT YOURSELF AND YOUR HOBBIES:

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS:

NAME OF A FRIEND: (Someone who can give some details about yourself if needed)

\_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I will attend the tea.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will not be able to attend, but would like to be in the  
 Prayer Partner Program.