

# Fourth Sunday of Easter

*April 21st, 2024*

**Opening Hymn: The King of Love My Shepherd Is**

LSB 709

**Divine Service Setting Two**

LSB 167

**Confession and Absolution**

**Introit: The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want**

LSB 710



1 The Lord's my shep - herd, I'll not want; He makes me  
 2 My soul He doth re - store a - gain And me to  
 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I  
 4 My ta - ble Thou hast fur - nish - ed In pres - ence  
 5 Good-ness and mer - cy all my life Shall sure - ly



down to lie In pas - tures green; He  
 walk doth make With - in the paths of  
 fear no ill; For Thou art with me,  
 of my foes; My head Thou dost with  
 fol - low me; And in God's house for -



lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.  
 righ - teous - ness, E'en for His own name's sake.  
 and Thy rod And staff me com - fort still.  
 oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.  
 ev - er - more My dwell - ing place shall be.

**Kyrie**

LSB 168

**This is the Feast**

LSB 171

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.  
 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.

**C** Amen.

**First Reading**

Acts 4:1–12

<sup>1</sup>As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, <sup>2</sup>greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. <sup>3</sup>And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. <sup>4</sup>But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

<sup>5</sup>On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let 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. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. <sup>12</sup>And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

**Epistle Reading**

1 John 3:16–24

<sup>16</sup>By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. <sup>17</sup>But 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? <sup>18</sup>Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

<sup>19</sup>By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; <sup>20</sup>for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; <sup>22</sup>and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup>And 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. <sup>24</sup>Whoever keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

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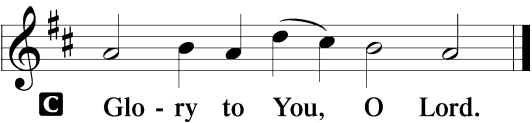
**Alleluia and Verse**

LSB 173

**Holy Gospel**

John 10:11–18

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter



<sup>11</sup>[Jesus said:] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>He 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. <sup>13</sup>He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>And 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. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No 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 the Lord.



**Children's Message**

**Sermon Hymn: Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us**

LSB 711

**Sermon**

**Response Hymn: Christ, the Word of God Incarnate**

LSB 540 sts. 1-4

**Nicene Creed**

**Offering & Offertory**

LSB 176

**Prayer of the Church**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Collect for the Word**

**Benediction**

LSB 183

**Closing Hymn: Thine Forever, God of Love**

LSB 687 sts, 1-4

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**April 21, 2024 – Fourth Sunday of Easter**

## **Jesus, the Good Shepherd, Lays Down His Life for the Sheep**

The Lord Jesus is “the good shepherd” who “lays down his life for the sheep” (John 10:11). His life is not taken from Him, but He lays it down willingly, of His own accord, because He knows and loves the sheep. As the One sent by the Father, He has the “authority to lay it down” and the “authority to take it up again” (John 10:18). So has He done, and now He continues to love and serve as the Good Shepherd of the sheep by the voice of His Gospel. He thus calls all people into the fold of His Church, so that there may be “one flock, one shepherd” (John 10:16). That is why the apostles “were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead” (Acts 4:2). Since “there is salvation in no one else,” His voice rings out to this day through the preaching of His name, “for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12). His voice comforts our hearts against all condemnation and gives us courage to “love one another” and “to lay down our lives for the brothers,” as He laid down His life for us (1 John 3:16, 23).



**WE WELCOME ALL** who worship today, especially guests and visitors, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Guests are invited to sign our guest register. Please include your phone number and address in the guest book located in the Narthex. Thank you for visiting.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Today's altar flowers are provided by Rita and Lee Estep.

### **IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE:**

04/14/2024 Sunday Service

Attendance

84

Contributions

\$3089.00

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR:** Did you know that we sponsor *The Lutheran Hour* locally? As you are getting ready for church or if you are unable to attend worship, consider tuning in to *The Lutheran Hour*. It can be found on KRLN 1400AM at 8:00am Sunday mornings.



**MISSIONARIES:** Please remember JP and Aimee Cima, the missionaries that our congregation have adopted, asking God to protect them and use them to spread His gospel.

**CONGREGATIONAL SHUT-INS:** Orgene Reimers and Ada Pendarvis

**CONGREGATIONAL SERVICE MEMBERS:** Ryan Lehmpuhl and Jake Langley

**SITTING AND STANDING IN CHURCH:** It is customary to stand during the worship service when we address God directly (*Confession, Prayers, etc.*) or out of respect (*Gospel Reading, Creed, etc.*). These actions have purpose and meaning; but they are not meant to be painful or difficult. In contrast, Psalm 51:17 says, “The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.” If at any time during the service, it is too difficult or painful to stand, please remain seated. Our Lord knows your heart.

**SPECIAL PRAYERS:** Please call Pastor prior to the Sunday service for special prayers.

**NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH?** If you or another member who you know needs transportation to church on Sundays, please call Ken Davidson at 719-429-4919.



### **PLEASE PRAY FOR: Sick and/or Recovering:**

Jerry Heldt

Ted Schmidt

Zoe Ward (family member of Chris Pushchak)

Debbie Ledbetter (Carol Skoda's friend)

Sue Poehlein

Pat Schuch

Rod Willard

Mark (Heather Pegor's Uncle)

Doug Westlund

Savannah Sundell (Carol Skoda's Daughter)

**PRAYER CHAIN:** If you have a prayer concern and would like to send it through a prayer chain, we have 2 options.

- To send the prayer through a phone prayer chain, please contact Mary Richardson at 719-269-1426.
- To send the prayer via email, please contact Carolyn Westlund at her email address: [1956cew@gmail.com](mailto:1956cew@gmail.com).

If you would like to join either prayer chain, please contact Mary or Carolyn respectively. If you would like a Christian greeting card from St. John sent to your loved one listed on the above prayer list, please contact Mary Richardson with the address where it should be sent.

**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN -- APRIL 21, 2024- APRIL 28, 2024**

Office Hours: Monday through Friday — 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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**Sunday, April 21, 2024**

9:00 a.m. Divine Worship  
Reader: Kris Holt  
10:15 a.m. Fellowship  
10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

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**Monday, April 22, 2024**

4:00 p.m. Canon City Youth Choirs  
6:30 p.m. Confirmation

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**Wednesday, April 24, 2024**

10:00 a.m. Bible Study  
6:00 p.m. Youth Group

★HAPPY★  
BIRTHDAY!

*Natalie Urban*

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**Thursday, April 25, 2024**

7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast  
9:00 a.m. Quilters

★HAPPY★  
BIRTHDAY!

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**Saturday, April 27, 2024**

9:00 a.m. LWML Meeting

★HAPPY★  
BIRTHDAY!

*Dustin Kletke*

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**Sunday, April 28, 2024**

9:00 a.m. Divine Worship with Holy Communion  
10:15 a.m. Fellowship  
10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

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