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REALity

Fourth Sunday of Easter
*The Risen Savior Provides Good
Shepherding*

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church | Jordan, Minnesota

April 21, 2024

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome and thank you for joining us for worship today! In our service, we gather before our almighty and saving God to offer him our worship and praise. We also assemble to hear God’s holy and powerful word and celebrate his life-giving sacraments. Through these means, God strengthens our faith and walks us ever closer to our eternal home with him.

TODAY’S THEME

Scripture frequently pictures spiritual care in terms of a shepherd watching over sheep. Even folks unfamiliar with shepherding understand the meaning. Sheep are helpless animals – an easy meal for predators. For sheep to survive they needed a shepherd who not only leads them to sources of food, but who also is willing to tangle with a pack of wolves. Jesus is such a shepherd. He proved he is willing to lay down his life for his sheep. The word “pastor” comes from the Latin word for “shepherd.” Today, there are plenty of people – pastors, religious leaders, etc. – who claim they can provide healing for your soul. Yet, Scripture warns that “many” of these are “false prophets” (1 John 4:1) who “distort the truth” (Acts 20:30). Many! But the resurrection reality is that our Good Shepherd is faithful. He will raise up true sub-shepherds who know Christ and proclaim the truth of his gospel.

CLOSE COMMUNION

Following the guidance of Scripture, we invite those who are members of this congregation or one of our sister WELS congregations to join us as we celebrate the Lord’s Supper this morning. Those who are members of other church bodies are asked to speak with the pastor before attending the Lord’s Supper. With this practice, it is not our intent to judge hearts, but to remain faithful to the truth of God’s Word. Thank you for respecting our practice regarding the Lord’s Supper.

Pastor.....Jeremy Glowicki
Organist.....Noah Helke

Holy Baptism

551 Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep

CW 551

Remain seated

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession

Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded Baptism when he said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

All of us are born into this world with a deep need for Baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. He took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. In Baptism, he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. We recall what Baptism means for our daily lives:

**Baptism means that the sinful nature in us
should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance,
and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death.
It also means that a new person should daily arise
to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.**

As baptized children of God, we confess our sins:

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.**

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

God saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit and united us to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Every day God forgives your sins, removes your guilt, and strengthens you to defeat Satan's power. His promise is for you and your children, and he will never forsake you. Your sins are forgiven. You are clothed with Christ. You are at peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

Sacrament of Baptism

The Gospel according to St. Mark:

People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

Stetson Lee Wermerskirchen, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart ✠ to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given you the new birth of water and the Spirit and has forgiven all your sins. May he strengthen you with his grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

Let us pray.

We give thanks, most merciful Father, that you have received Stetson as your own child and made him a member of Christ's body, the church. Now, we pray, grant to him and to all your church on earth that, being dead to sin, we may live to righteousness and, being buried with Christ into his death, we may also share in his resurrection, so that, with all your saints, we may inherit eternal life; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Word

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Acts 20:28–32

The good shepherd asks his sub-shepherds to keep watch over the flock.

“Always keep watch over yourselves and over the whole flock in which the Holy Spirit has placed you as overseers, to shepherd the church of God, which he purchased with his own blood. I know that after my departure savage wolves, who will not spare the flock, will come in among you. Even from your own group men will rise up, twisting the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. Therefore be always on the alert! Remember that for three years, night and day, I never stopped warning each one of you with tears. “And now I entrust you to God and to the word of his grace, which has power to build you up and to give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

23 I Will Live in the House of the LORD

Psalm 23

Second Reading

1 John 4:1-6

St. John encourages us to test all those who claim to have a spiritual message. Not all such individuals have been sent by God.

Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see if they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit who confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit who does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard is coming and is already in the world. You are from God, dear children, and you have overcome the false prophets, because the one in you is greater than the one in the world. They are from the world. That is why they speak from a worldly perspective and the world listens to them. We are from God. The one who knows God listens to us, but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. That is how we can distinguish between the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

John 10:14



Refrain



Tone



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Gospel

John 10:11–18

Jesus explains why he is the good shepherd.

“I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired man, who is not a shepherd, does not own the sheep. He sees the wolf coming, leaves the sheep, and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the sheep and scatters them. Because he works for money, he does not care about the sheep. “I am the Good Shepherd. I know my sheep and my sheep know me (just as the Father knows me and I know the Father). And I lay down my life for the sheep. I also have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. Then there will be one flock and one shepherd. This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life so that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have the authority to lay it down, and I have the authority to take it up again. This is the commission I received from my Father.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Sermon

Stand

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.

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,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.**

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Almighty and merciful God, on this glorious day we rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Increase our faith that the message of the empty tomb may fill our lives and make us glad each day.

When we are weak, be our strength; when we are sad, be our song; and when we sin, be our salvation.

Remove the hurt of death from all who mourn. In moments of grief call believers through the voice of our Good Shepherd and embolden us to follow his promises. In their hopelessness of despair turn the faithless to trust in the only Way, Truth, and Life.

Wipe away tears born of death and give new birth to a living hope in the hearts of the lost and troubled. Use our witness as compassion and comfort for others in need of mercy.

King of kings and Lord of lords, destroy all dominion, authority, and power that stands against you, whether seen or unseen. Whatever evil exerts itself against your saving will--false teaching or lukewarm faith, Satan's lies or worldly pleasures, empty worship or futile religion—rule it for the sake of the gospel's free course.

Triumph over our enemies and empower the Church to fight the good fight to the end. Never leave us or forsake us.

Walk among our churches, O Living One, as the faithful witness and firstborn from the dead. As your angel sent women with news of the risen Christ, call women in our church to announce, "He is risen!" As you sent your disciples with the breath of the Spirit, call those in our church full of the Spirit and wisdom to administer the keys of the kingdom.

Wherever we live and whatever we do, help us to be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks us to give the reason for the hope that we have in Christ.

Heavenly Father keep the baptized united with your Son in his resurrection. Put to death the fleshly urges of those caught in addictions, clothe in your righteousness anyone ashamed of good intentions which have fallen short, and assure those searching for purpose that their eternal identity as your dear children is sealed.

Thank you for the power of baptism working in our lives, and for the certainty of its promises through the resurrection. Enrich us with everything we need for life and godliness.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

O Lord of life, you have done mighty things for us! We pray through him who is the Beginning and the End, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

His name is above every name, to the glory of God the Father! Amen.

Offering

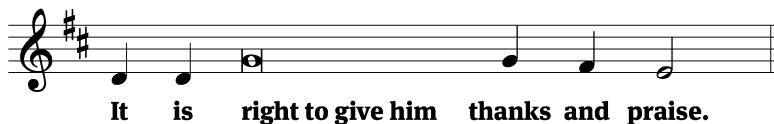
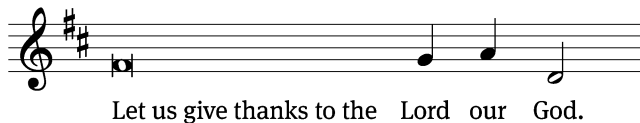
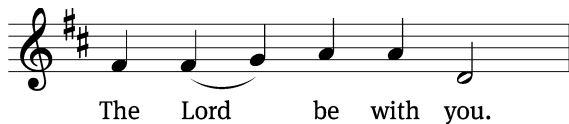
During the offering, please fill out the Friendship Register in the pew and pass it down to those sitting next to you.

The Sacrament

Stand

Preface

CW 199



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It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 200

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of seven staves of music. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts, heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Words of Institution

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

Lamb of God

CW 202

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us, grant us peace.

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Be seated

Distribution

670 I Come, O Savior, to Your Table

CW 670

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
Amen.

804 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

CW 804

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News & Notes

Radio Broadcast

The radio broadcast is sponsored by Andy and Donna Breeggemann in memory of their fathers. Thank you!

2024 Mission Festival

On April 28th we welcome WELS Campus Ministry Administrator Pastor Dan Lindner to our congregation. He will be sharing a message from God's Word with us and presenting on our WELS Campus Ministry Program as well as the challenges college students face today. There is a sign-up sheet to bring brunch items for the brunch during the presentation.

Baptized Today

Baptized during worship today is Stetson Wermerskirchen, the son of Seth and Sarah Wermerskirchen.

Martin Luther College Congregation Grant Program

MLC, our college which trains Christian teachers and prepares future pastors to attend the Seminary, has a program which matches gifts given to help with tuition for students from the congregation dollar for dollar. The maximum amount has been increased this year to \$1,450. We have one student from our congregation at MLC, Morgan Glowicki. What this means is that a gift from our congregation members of \$1,450 will be \$2,900 towards her 2024-2025 tuition. If you would like to participate in this program, gifts can be placed in the well in the gathering area. The deadline for the church to submit gifts is June 30.

New Mover Outreach

Every month our congregation sends a card to people who have recently moved to Jordan. We would like to make a personal contact with those people and deliver a bag of useful household items to them. If you would like to help in that delivery each month, please speak with Pastor Glowicki or Noah Helke.

Media Booth and Acolyte

We need volunteers for the media booth and acolytes. If you need the link for the sign-up genius, you can find it on our website slpjordan.com under the "member info" tab.

2024 Joint Ascension Service

The 2024 Ascension Service will be held at Friedens Lutheran Church, New Prague, on May 9th at 7 pm. There will be a joint potluck beginning at 5:30 p.m. All attendees are

welcome to bring a dish to pass and/or a dessert. You are welcome to join the joint choir which meets to practice on Sundays, April 28th and May 5th at 4p.m. The practices will be at Friedens. If you are interested in playing brass, please let Pastor Glowicki know as soon as you can. You can text him at 763-244-9926. Friedens is at 28983 181st Ave, New Prague, MN 56071.

Theology on Tap

Do you want to study the Bible and fellowship with other Christians in a casual place away from church? Theology on Tap may be for you. The initial details are tentative as we firm a few things up, but the first meeting is May 23rd at 6:30 pm at Mana Brewing in Shakopee. Again, these are tentative but our Adult Discipleship Committee wanted to get the word out so you can plan. Look for firmer updates soon.

May Senior Fellowship

The May Senior Fellowship meets for breakfast at the Feed Mill at 9 am on May 2nd. Note the time change.

APRIL 2024

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7 Worship 9 am Communion Sunday School/ Bible Study 10:15 am	8	9 6:30 pm Coun- cil Meeting	10 Foundation 6 pm	11	12	13
14 Worship 9 am Sunday School/ Bible Study 10:15 am Fellowship Sunday Fellowship & Flick 11 am Celebrate Jordan	15	16 Oak Terrace 9:45 am	17 Foundation 6 pm	18	19	20
21 Worship 9 am Communion Sunday School/ Bible Study 10:15 am	22 Worship 7 pm Choir 7:45 pm	23	24 Foundation 6 pm	25	26	27
28 Worship 9 am Sunday School/ Bible Study 10:15 am WELS Connec- tion	29 Worship 7 pm Choir 7:45 pm					

SERVING THE LORD

		Acolytes	Ushers	Media Booth	Organist
4/21	9 Am	Izzy Kalal	4	Cooper Kalal	Noah Helke
4/28	9 AM	Isak Carlstrom	1	(Need Volunteer)	Noah Helke
5/5	9 AM	(Need Volunteer)	2	(Need Volunteer)	-

April Altar Guild	April Cleaners
Rachel Carlstrom/Karen Firle/Mary Zeman	-
April Counters	Spring Service Group Leader
Norma Bendzick/Connie Jabs	Craig and Melanie Sparby
May Altar Guild	
Jodi Bertrang/Melanie Sparby	

Attendance	
Sunday	77
Monday	n/a
Total	77

Gifts To Our Lord		
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Current	\$1832	\$3834
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Total	\$2082	\$3834



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