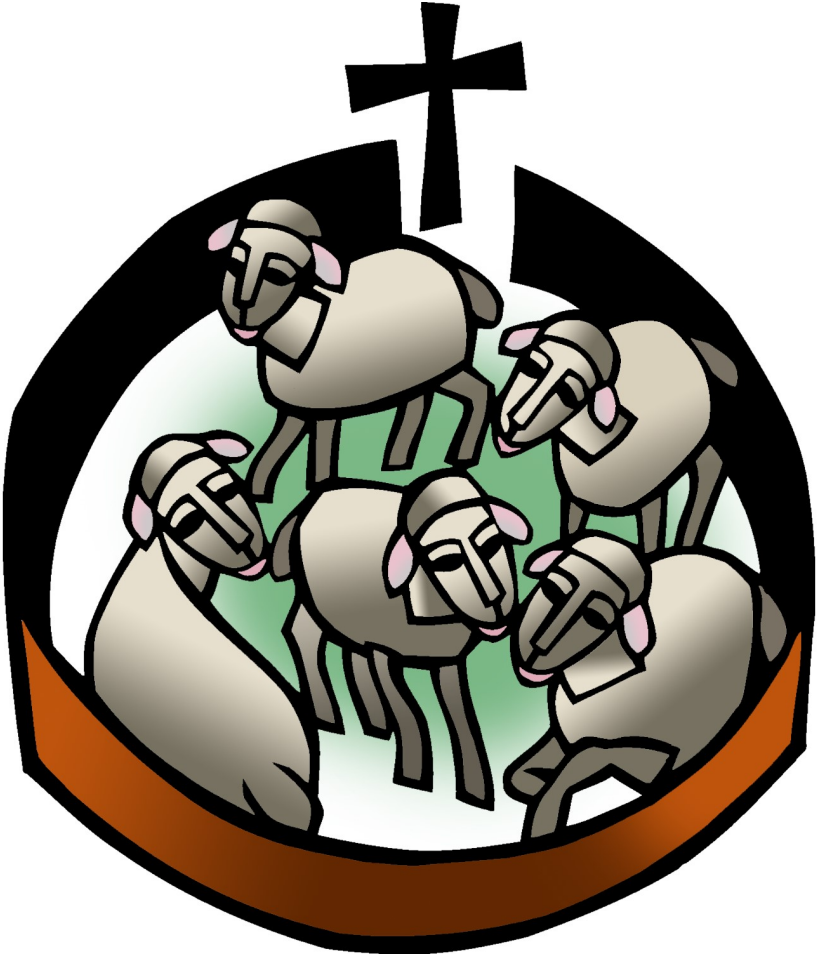


Saturday, April 24th & Sunday, April 25th, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year B



St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Please stand as you are able

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Our worship begins in the name of the Father,
and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

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.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are captive 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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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.

C: **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

A: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated

First Reading: Acts 4:5-12

Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 23:

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴**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.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

Word of God, Word of Life.

G: Thanks be to God.

Gospel: John 10:11-18

The Gospel of our Lord.

G: Praise to you O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Apostle's Creed

P: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

A: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

P: Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

A brief silence.

A: Loving Shepherd, ... *(after each petition)*
Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

The Peace

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

C: **And also with you.**

Eucharistic Prayer

P: Gathered at and around the Lord's table, we remember with thanksgiving that
*"in the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
saying: 'Take and eat; this is my body,
given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.'*

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.'"

The Lord's Prayer

P: Let us pray together the words our Savior gave us:

A: **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

P: The risen Christ invites us to this table.
Come, eat and be satisfied.

Please partake of Holy Communion

Prayer after Communion

A: Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

G: **Amen.**

Blessing

P: May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

G: **Amen.**

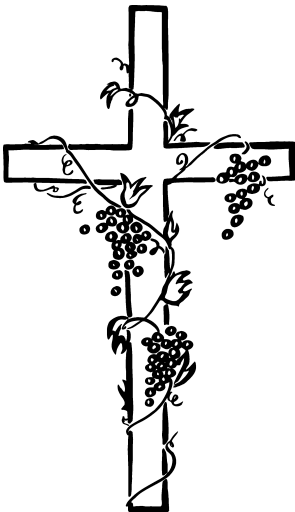
Dismissal

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

G: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

A: Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

G: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**



Sunday May 2, Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 8:26-40

Psalm: Psalm 22:25-31

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-21

Gospel: John 15:1-8



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