

# 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER



APRIL 21, 2024

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**Prelude/Bells**

**Welcome/Announcements**

**\*Invocation/Confession/Absolution**

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

**Amen.**

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near to him with a true heart, and confess our sin to God our Father, imploring him. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness. (*silence for confession*)

Most merciful God,

**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 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.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God, strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn**

**Come, Thou Almighty King Green #522**

**\*Kyrie/Gloria Blue p.19-21**

**\*Prayer of the Day**

**Almighty God, you show those in error the light of your truth, that they may return into the way of righteousness. Grant to all that are admitted into fellowship with Christ the power to avoid all things that are contrary to the faith and to follow you according to the will of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Share the peace by greeting those around you.*

**First Reading:****Acts 4:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>As {Peter and John} 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.”

**Psalm 23***(read responsively)*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD | is my shepherd;\*

I shall not | be in want.

**<sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down | in green pastures\***

**and leads me be- | side still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>He re- | vives my soul\*

and guides me along right pathways | for his name’s sake.

**<sup>4</sup>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.**

<sup>5</sup>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.

**<sup>6</sup>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.**

**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 God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

**Hymn:**

**This Is My Father's World Green #554**

**Gospel:**

**John 10:11-18**

<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.”

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day**

**Children of the Heavenly Father Green #474**

**\*Apostle's Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**And born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**Was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day, he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven  
And sits at the right hand of the Father  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit**

**The holy Christian church,  
The communion of saints,  
The forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body, And the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Review of the Prayers of the People**

**Prayers of the People**

Let us pray ...

*(petition)*, Lord, in Your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

*(Final prayer)* Into your hands, we commend for all whom we pray, trusting in you, through our Savior, Jesus the Christ.

**Amen.**

**Offering**

*Ushers collect the offering while special music is played.*

**\*Offering Prayer**

*The congregation is invited to stand and sing as the ushers bring the offering to the front:*

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, and uphold me with thy free Spirit.**

**\*Preface/Sanctus**

**Blue p.30-32**

**\*Words of Institution**

**Blue p.33**

**\*Lord's Prayer**

**\*Lamb of God**

**Blue p. 34**

**Distribution**

*Our Saviour's Lutheran Church and Fahlun Lutheran Church both offer the Lord's Supper to all baptized believers that believe that Christ is present in the bread and the wine. If you wish to receive, please come forward as directed by ushers to receive the bread and the wine. After receiving the bread and wine, you may return to your seats. If you are unable to make it to the altar, let the ushers know and the pastor will be happy to bring communion to your seat. If you don't wish to receive communion, please keep your hands folded as you come forward and the pastor will be happy to offer an individual blessing to you.*

**\*Please Stand (page 5)**

**\*Thanksgiving Prayer**

**\*Closing Hymn**

**All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name Green #328**

**\*Benediction/Dismissal**

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

*(Our Saviour's, said):* **Amen.**

*(Fahln, sung):* **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

Go in peace, you are forgiven in Christ!

**Thanks be to God.**

**Bells/Postlude**

## Prayers of the people

### Prayers of Thanksgiving

Birthdays/Anniversaries for:

### General Prayers Requests:

- Augustana District & LCMC Agriculture
- Organizations serving in need
  - United Way Galeon Senior Living
  - Food Shelf Love INC
- Military Service Members & their families; especially Pastor Jeremy, Amy & Family Law Enforcement Officers & First responders
- Our Government (Local, State, Federal)
- Peace and justice in Israel and Ukraine

### Parish Members

OS-Jim Dyrud

F-Michael Eddy

F-Delores Hawkins

### Friends and Families

OS-Caryn (Angie)

OS-Richard (Anne)

OS-Lynnette (Elenora)

OS-Merrit (Faye)

OS-Josie (Faye)

OS-Allison (Faye)

OS-Dickie (Faye)

OS-Kevin(Faye)

OS-Zack (Faye&Rick)

OS-Diana (Joel D)

OS-Wayne (Joel D)

OS-Ron (Joel D)

OS-Kay (Mary)

OS-Ken(Mary)

OS-Sharon (Michelle)

OS-Roland (Michelle)

OS-Jerry D (Michelle)

OS-Sheila (Neva)

OS-Tammy (Rick)

OS-Tina (Rick)

OS-Earl (Rick)

OS-Sara (Sarah)

OS-Kristi (Sandy)

OS-Tyler (Sandy K)

OS-Joan (Sandy K)

OS-Patty (Sandy K)

OS-Kevin (Sandy K)

OS-Gladys (Sandy K)

OS-Elsa (Terry)

OS-Mike M

F-Wendy (Andrea)

F-Judy Alcott (Barb S)

F-Jeffrey (Bev)

F-Laura (Bev)

F-Tammy (Bev)

F-Brittany (Darlene)

F-Elwood (Joel B)

F-Helen (Joel B)

F-Wayne (Joel B)

F-Paul (Joel B)

F-Jimmy (Joel B)

F-Travis (Kevin/Kelly)

F-Rob (Ronnah)

F-Sharon (Ronnah)

F-Keith R (Rose)

### Sorrowing Families

OS-Gaylord Nack

OS-Terry Swanstrom

OS-Jerry Jensen

OS-Ron (Jason K)

OS-Paul (Shirley)

OS-Dennis

F-Elvira Blank

F-Dolly Brown

F-Greg A (Bev)

F-Larry O (Larry A)

F-David (Larry A)

F-Dixie (Ronnah)

F-Renee Sather (Barb S)

F-Glen (Joel B)

\*Please Stand (page 7)

# Announcements

**Today, Sunday, 21APR** Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:00am Worship at Our Saviours

10:30am Worship at Fahlun

Usher: Ronnah Schoeck

Serving: Janet Steinbrecher

Leading Worship: Pastor Blaine MacNeil

**Next Sunday, 28APR2024**, Fifth Sunday of Easter

900am Worship at Our Saviour's

1030am Worship at Fahlun

Usher: Jeff Johanson

Serving: Judy Ahlbrecht

Leading Worship: Tim Peterson, Mt Carmel

## Upcoming Events:

**05MAY** Sixth Sunday of Easter, Leading Worship Pastor Blaine MacNeil

**12MAY** Seventh Sunday of Easter, Leading Worship: Rose Johnson

**19MAY** Day of Pentecost, Leading Worship: Pastor Blaine MacNeil

**26MAY** Holy Trinity Sunday



**Annual Sandwich & Salad Meal + Dessert  
at Our Saviours,  
April 28, 2024 11:00am – 1:00pm**



**Sign up at Our Saviours or  
Call Sandy Karl 320-815-0781**



## Next Week's Readings:

Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 150; 1 John 4:1-11 [12-21]; John 15:1-8