

4th Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 22nd, 2018

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW)

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Since we have just come through the most penitential season of Lent, during the Sundays of Easter up until the Day of Pentecost, the Confession will not be included in the service. For those who seek some penitential words and absolution in the liturgy, they can be found in the Kyrie, and in the general thrust of the Great Thanksgiving which is based on the gift of forgiveness from Jesus, "for us".

OPENING HYMN: *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* (ELW 836)

GREETING: (ELW p. 184)

KYRIE: (ELW p. 184)

CANTICLE OF PRAISE: *This is the Feast of Victory* (ELW p. 187)

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Let us pray. **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. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Acts 4:5-12 A reading from Acts.

⁵The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' ¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: *The Lord's My Shepherd* (ELW 778, based on Psalm 23)

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24 A reading from 1 John.

¹⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and

will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Alleluia* (ELW p. 188)

GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON:

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Signs and Wonders* (ELW 672)

NICENE CREED: (ELW p. 104 or back cover of hymn book)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

SHARING THE PEACE

GIFT GATHERING AND SONG: *Let the Vineyards ...* (ELW 181)

OFFERING PRAYER: Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

MEAL: (ELW p. 190)

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: (ELW p. 190)

LORD'S PRAYER: (ELW p. 191)

COMMUNION HYMNS:

Lamb of God (ELW p. 191)

Christ is Arisen (ELW 372)

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart (ELW 484)



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: Let us pray. **Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING SONG: *God Be With You Till We Meet Again* (ELW 536)

DISMISSAL

All who desire communion with Jesus and approach the sacrament with faith, are welcome at the Lord's Table. While both the common cup and individual glasses are offered, we encourage the use of the common cup to emphasize the unity we share in the Body of Christ, the church (please indicate your preference to the servers). A non-alcohol option is available in the tray. You may also partake of bread only, or come to the table for a blessing only.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

'BALANCED': Join us at Faith Lutheran Church, starting on Thursday, May 3rd at 7:00 pm for Andy Stanley's 6-week course on bringing your faith and finances together for a balanced life. Facilitated by Joanne Jehu. Those who sign up by April 22nd will receive a free workbook. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

THANK YOU to the volunteers who manage our church property. We are truly blessed to have such active and caring people as part of our church family.

Upcoming Events:

LECTIONARY STUDY: Mon, Apr 23, 2 pm – scripture: 1 John 4:7-21.

MEDITATION GROUP: Wednesdays at 5 pm in the Sanctuary.

WOMEN'S BRUNCH: Tues, Apr. 24, 10 am, Four Seasons Cookhouse.

CHURCH COUNCIL: Wed, May 2, 7 pm at the church.