



April 21, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Easter

GATHERING

Prelude		Carrie Peterson
Welcome & Worship Announcements		
*We Ask God to Be with Us		
*Confession & Forgiveness		Pages 95-96
*Hymn	<i>The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done (vv. 1, 2, 4)</i>	ELW #366
*Apostolic Greeting		
*Hymn of Praise	<i>Glory Be to God in Heaven</i>	Page 204
*Prayer of the Day		

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.

WORD

Children Message		
Kid's Sending Song	<i>Go, Make Disciples</i>	ELW #540
First Reading:	Acts 4:5-12	
	L: This is the word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.	
Psalm:	Psalm 23	
Second Reading:	1 John 3:16-24	
*Gospel Acclamation	<i>Alleluia! Lord and Savior</i>	Page 205
*Gospel Reading:	John 10:11-18	C: Glory to You, O Lord.
	P: This is the gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.	
Sermon		Rev. Joanne Sorenson
*Hymn	<i>Have No Fear, Little Flock</i>	ELW #764

**please rise, in body or in spirit*

*Apostles' Creed

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*Prayers of the Church

P: God of Grace, C: **hear our prayer.**

The Peace of Christ Be With You

MEAL

Offering & Hymn

The Lord's My Shepherd (vv. 1, 3, 5)

ELW #778

Offering Prayer

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*Great Thanksgiving, Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

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Words of Institution, Lord's Prayer

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Welcome to the Lord's Table

Emma & Edward Boccock, Daniel Dix, Acira & Daelan Hinderks

Communion

Our table is set. All are welcome!

Distribution

In Christ Alone (vv. 1, 4)

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Post-Communion Blessing & Prayer

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SENDING

*Blessing

*Hymn

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice! (vv. 1, 2, 4)

ELW #385

*Dismissal

P: Go in peace; serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**please rise, in body or in spirit*

*Everyone is welcome to stay for coffee and fellowship
immediately following the worship service.*

Please pray for...

The Pastoral Call Committee, Dennis Taylor, Val Poppe, Robert Lorentzen,
Naomi Bibeau, Donna Hesselink, Lora, Nancy Tate, Gladys Lewis,
Dean Swanson, Gloria Russell, Louis Ludovico, Jeannine Moe, Marilyn Matthys,
Jay Flaherty, Amy Griffin, Annis Fredrickson, Janet Prschak,
and those we wish were worshipping with us today.

Other requests...

ANNOUNCEMENTS

APRIL BAND: Lost & Found; Leader: Fran Griffin

DO YOU HAVE ANY SMALL TOYS or sensory items you don't use anymore? Please consider donating them to fill the Children's Bags. There is a laundry basket in the narthex for your donations.

BECKY OLSON'S CLASS is collecting plastic caps from things like milk and mayo. If you would like to help them, there is a place to donate in the kitchen.

MARGIE IS COLLECTING gently used kid's books. She will happily take them on Sundays.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: Thursday, May 2 starting at 11am. To donate blood, please visit redcrossblood.org or call the office. You can also sign up to bring a pie!

FISHERMAN'S BREAKFAST: May 4 from 7am to 11am. Join us and invite your friends! Flyers are available. Please take one and hang it up to help spread the word.

The Week Ahead: April 21-28

Sunday, April 21

9:00am Worship Service & Sunday School

Tuesday, April 23

9:30am Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, April 24

2:00pm Worship Committee Meeting

Sunday, April 28

9:00am Worship Service & Sunday School



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Bethany Lutheran's website
at blcsp.org for updates
to this calendar

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First Reading: Acts 4:5-12

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."



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

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.

Gospel Reading: John 10:11-18

[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."

