



**St. Luke's  
Lutheran Church**



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*Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.*

**Sunday, April 21, 2024 – 11:00 AM**

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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**(Series B)**

## **WELCOME**

We are glad you are here to worship our Savior with us. Please remember to turn your cell phone to silence. Restrooms are on the west side of the sanctuary. Prayer requests can be submitted to the church office through email, [office@stlukesmanhattan.org](mailto:office@stlukesmanhattan.org), or by calling 785-539-2604. On Communion Sundays, if you need non-gluten wafers at communion, or need to have communion brought to you, please notify the elder who is serving. We hope you will join us again so that you may experience Jesus.

## **AS WE GATHER**

One of the small but interesting features of many cathedral and monastery churches in Europe and other places is presence of misericords. A misericord is a small wooden shelf attached to the underside of a folding seat in a church, often in the choir area. Misericords physically supported people at worship during long periods of standing during extended prayer and other services when sitting was not permitted. The term “misericord” means “pity of the heart.” That word is part of the church phrase *Misericordia Domini*, a Latin term for describing the acts of mercy of God to His people. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, constantly and consistently shows acts of mercy to us as His people. His care comes straight from the heart!

## **IMAGE ON THE COVER**

If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there will My servant be also. If anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him. *John 12:26*

## **PRELUDE**

*(Please use this time to prayerfully prepare your hearts to enter into the presence of Jesus.)*

# **✠A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE✠**

## **WELCOME**

**PRESERVICE SONG – SPECIAL MUSIC**  
**A JOYFUL SOUND**

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**EASTER ACCLAMATION**

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**INVOCATION**

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

**OPENING SENTENCES**

*John 12:26; Ephesians 4:15; Psalm 25:1-3, 5, 10; 106:48*

- P** Jesus said: *“If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there will My servant be also. If anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.”*
- C** Speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ.
- P** To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in You I trust.
- C** Indeed, none who wait for You shall be put to shame.
- P** Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation.
- C** All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.
- P** Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting!
- C** And let all the people say, “Amen!” Praise the LORD!

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P** Let us confess our sins to God, our Father.

**C** O Lord God Almighty, we confess that we are sinful human beings by nature and by deed. We have not put You first at all times. We have not followed in the ways You have set forth for us. We have not always been thoughtful caretakers of Your creation and have not shared its bounty on all occasions. We have not kept our thoughts, words, and deeds fully pure and honorable. We have sinned in ways we know and in ways we do not even recognize. We have not honored those in authority and have not without reservation encouraged them. We have not completely put the best construction on all things and on all people. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Forgive us all our sins, and finally by Your grace, bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

**P** The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## LORD, HAVE MERCY

**P** Lord, have mercy,

**C** Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.

## PSALM 23

*Psalm 23; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b*

**P** I am the good shepherd.

**C** I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

**P** The LORD is my shepherd;

**C** I shall not want.

**P** He makes me lie down in green pastures.

**C** He leads me beside still waters.

**P** He restores my soul.

**C** **He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

**P** Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

**C** **your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

**P** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

**C** **you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

**P** Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

**C** **and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

**C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son**

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**P** I am the good shepherd.

**C** **I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Risen and ascended Lord, You are the Good Shepherd. You lay down Your life for the sheep; they are Yours. Empower Your church to reach every sheep that belongs to You and to give witness until You have brought all Your sheep into one fold; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## **NICENE CREED**

**☉ I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the  
dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.**

*Sit*

## **OPENING SONG – “One Thing Remains”**

- 1 Higher than the mountains that I face  
Stronger than the power of the grave  
Our constant in the trial and the change  
This one thing remains
- 2, 4 Your love never fails, it never gives up  
6, 8 It never runs out on me  
10 Your love never fails, it never gives up  
It never runs out on me  
Your love never fails, it never gives up  
It never runs out on me  
Your love
- 3, 7 On and on and on and on it goes  
It overwhelms and satisfies my soul  
And I never, ever have to be afraid  
This one thing remains  
This one thing remains
- 5, 9 In death, in life I'm confident and covered by  
The power of Your great love  
My debt is paid there's nothing that can separate  
My heart from Your great love

## FIRST READING

Acts 4:1-12

*(Peter and John are brought before the Jerusalem Council.)*

<sup>1</sup>As they 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.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## GRADUAL

*adapt. From Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

**P** Christ has risen from the dead.

**C** [God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.

**P** He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

**C** he has put all things under his feet.



## EPISTLE

1 John 3:16-24

*(Followers of Christ are called to love in deed and in truth.)*

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

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

*Romans 6:9; John 10:14*

**P** Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

**C** I am the good shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me.  
Alleluia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:11-18

*(Jesus prays for and about His disciples.)*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<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.”*

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Sit*

## LAMB'S MESSAGE

## SERMON

## VOTUM

**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**C** **Amen.**

## OFFERING

There are several ways to give.

1. **A basket** is available in the narthex as you exit.
2. Please **send** your offerings to  
St. Luke's Lutheran Church  
4801 Anderson Avenue  
Manhattan, KS 66503
3. Give through our **website**:  
<https://stlukesmanhattan.org/about-us/financial-support/>
4. **Electronic Funds Transfer** - Sign up through the church office.

**STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE:** John 10:14 – “I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me.” What does it mean to know the Lord? It starts with being known by the Lord: He claims us as His own and calls us by name. Then, once we are His, we learn to know Him, and in knowing Him, we learn to imitate Him. That is how the Christian life of good works and generosity grows from the Lord's grace.

## OFFERTORY – “All Hail King Jesus”

1, 2      All hail King Jesus, all hail Emmanuel  
King of kings, Lord of lords, bright Morning Star  
Throughout all eternity I'm going to praise Him  
And forevermore I will reign with Him

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*Stand*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord, beseeching Him for the needs of ourselves and others.

Trusting in God's loving response, we pray for the church and all who are called to lives of service to God's people, asking that the Lord will bless His undershepherds and all who care for His flock.

**C** **Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

**P** We pray for ourselves, that the Holy Spirit guide us into gracious ways and instill in us a holy confidence in the goodness of our God, aiding us in our prayers. With thanks for the faithful examples set by those whose earthly journeys are complete and whose witness to Christ yet inspires us, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

**P** We pray for the blessing of God upon our nation and its leaders that we may lead peaceable lives, and we pray for the needs of ourselves and others for healing and restoration, for solace and comfort, [*especially* . .].

**C** **Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

**P** These things and all else that we should have asked grant us according to Your gracious will, O Lord, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C** **Amen.**

## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

### PREFACE

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and each us to pray:

**C** **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.**

## **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## **THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## **The Lord's Supper**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor or an elder. For further study, see Matt. 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

## **DISTRIBUTION**

*The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first. They then distribute the body and blood of Christ to those in the pews who are unable to come forward, and then finally to those who come forward.*

*Distribution and dismissal will be done by half tables.*

## **LAMB OF GOD**

## DISTRIBUTION SONGS

### “Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)”

- 1           Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
              That saved a wretch like me  
              I once was lost, but now I'm found  
              Was blind, but now I see
  
- 2           'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
              And grace my fears relieved  
              How precious did that grace appear  
              The hour I first believed
  
- 3, 5, 6     My chains are gone, I've been set free  
              My God, my Savior has ransomed me  
              And like a flood His mercy reigns  
              Unending love, amazing grace
  
- 4           The Lord has promised good to me  
              His word my hope secures  
              He will my shield and portion be  
              As long as life endures
  
- 7           The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
              The sun forbear to shine  
              But God, who called me here below  
              Will be forever mine  
              Will be forever mine  
              You are forever mine

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“As the Deer” Psalm 42:1

- 1           As the deer panteth for the water  
              So my soul longeth after Thee  
              You alone are my heart’s desire  
              And I long to worship Thee
- 2, 4, 6       You alone are my strength, my shield  
              To You, alone, may my spirit yield  
              You alone are my heart’s desire  
              And I long to worship Thee
- 3            You’re my friend and You are my brother  
              Even though You are a King  
              I love You more than any other  
              So much more than anything
- 5            I want You more than gold or silver  
              Only You can satisfy  
              You alone are the real joy giver  
              And the apple of my eye  
              (Martin Nystrom ©1984, arr. ©1997 Maranatha! Music CCLI #288089)

*Stand*

**POST COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**



## BENEDICTION

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

## EASTER ACCLAMATION

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## GREET ONE ANOTHER

*We greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "The Lord be with you," "Peace be with you," or "The peace of the Lord be with you".*

## CLOSING SONG - "Doxology" Psalm 148

1, 3 Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him, all creatures here below  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

2 Break forth my soul for joy and sake  
What comfort comes to me this day  
My Savior dwells within my heart  
How blessed am I how good thou art

4 Amen, amen

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