

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
A SERVICE OF THE WORD AND TABLE
APRIL 21, 2024**



GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace and our Easter joy. **Amen.**

Immersed in the promises of baptism...now and forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

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1 Sav - ior like a shep - herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
 2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard - ian of our way;
 3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;

In your pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use your fold pre - pare.
 keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
 you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
 bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.

Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.

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GREETING

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

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;

Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
 Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
 Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:

we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
 on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
 Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.

Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
 Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
 For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

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.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

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?”⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders,⁹ if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed,¹⁰ let 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.¹¹ This 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: 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

A reading from First 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.¹⁷ How 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.¹⁹ And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him²⁰ whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.²¹ Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God;²² and 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.²⁴ All 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.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Gospel: John 10:11-18

*The holy gospel according to St. 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.***

CHILDREN'S TIME AND SERMON

Pastor Megan Hoewisch

HYMN OF THE DAY

My Shepherd, You Supply My Need

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1 My Shep - herd, you sup - ply my need; most ho - ly is your name.
 2 When I walk through the shades of death, your pres - ence is my stay;
 3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days;



In pas - tures fresh you make me feed, be - side the liv - ing stream.
 one word of your sup - port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.
 oh, may your house be my a - bode and all my work be praise.

You bring my wan - d'ring spir - it back when I for - sake your ways,
 Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread;
 Here would I find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers go and come;

and lead me, for your mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
 my cup with bless - ings o - ver - flows, your oil a - noints my head.
 no more a strang - er or a guest, but like a child at home.

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father;
 through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
 and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
 who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
 who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*After each prayer petition, the congregation responds: **Hear our prayer.***

PEACE

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

You can place your offering in the plate as it's passed around, give online at FLCHavre.org, or send your offering to PO Box 66, Havre, MT 59501.

OFFERING HYMN

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system has the lyrics: 'Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low;'. The second system has the lyrics: 'praise him a - bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.' The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one sharp (F#).

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

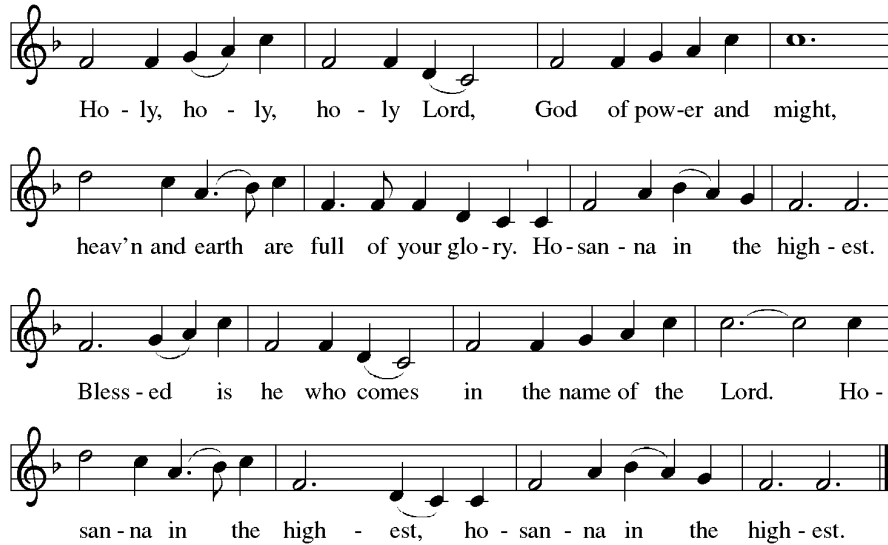
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right . . . and join in their unending hymn

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san-na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

... let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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**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.**

COMMUNION

There are gluten-free wafers available in a bowl beside the bread, and white grape juice in the center of the trays. All are welcome at the Lord's table.

LAMB OF GOD

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1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. **Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
 tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
 life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
 death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
 gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
 break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
 heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
 Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
 riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
 sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



Refrain
 Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Thank You to Russ and Dianne Getten for sponsoring today's KOJM broadcast in memory of Barbara Peterson.

Millennialish Fellowship Group will meet on Thursday, April 25 for a potluck dinner at 5:30pm and fellowship in the fireside room from 6-7pm.

Confirmation Sunday: For the past two years, we have had a joint Confirmation class with First and Messiah. We will celebrate their Confirmation with a joint service at MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH on

Sunday, May 19 at 9:30am, Pentecost Sunday. There will be no service at First on that morning. Please join us in witnessing this milestone in these students' lives!

Celebrations: Our worship services will soon be filled with special celebrations:

- April 28: Preschool Teacher Appreciation
- May 5: High School Recognition
- May 12: Sunday School Teacher Appreciation
- May 19: Confirmation (at Messiah Lutheran Church at 9:30am)

PRAYER LIST


Grieving Families: John Hecker (Alison Hecker's husband); Judy Hoewisch (Pr. Megan's aunt); Larry Jappe; Edna Reese (Donna Tweeten's aunt); Edith Anderson; Ruth Halverson (Larrie Halverson's mother); William "Tim" Chagnon; Carol Chagnon; Joy (Sug) Hokanson; Ed Ostlund; Laurie George; Stu Sorensen (Sue Ost's brother); Pr. Walt Kirkegaard; Keith Nordrum (Sandy O'Leary's brother); Mark Larson; Terry Stevenson (Michael Stevenson's father)

Medical Issues: Erika Holsapple (Judy Solomon's granddaughter); Jeremy Hitchcock (Keith Doll's nephew); Ian McKay (thyroid cancer, Linda Hinebauch's grandson); Monica Laeupple; Kristin Donovan; Zack Rambo; Helen Hill; John Snider (Gunnar Ageson's girlfriend's father); Lowel Johnson; Mary Wagner; Doris Gullickson (Nancy Erickson's mother); Keith Doll; Marilyn Lofing (Vicki Kutzler's sister); Samantha Niess and family; Gavin Pankratz (Judy Solomon's friend); Suzanne Beal (Margaret Hencz's sister); Amy Patrick Thackeray; Ginger Doll (Keith Doll's niece); Kenneth Freshwater (Charlis Carpenter's friend); Reidun "Skram" Erickson (Judy Solomon's friend); Karen Nave; Kristi Hale (Keith Doll's daughter); Tim Holsapple; Brooks Adams (Chris and Kathy Gorder's Grandson); Kris Gartner

Those at Home: Lita Moog **Living in Community:** **Eagle's Manor:** Mary Grandberg; **NMCC:** None; **Away:** Anna May Borst

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Reader	Karen Vosen
Liturgy Leader	Judy Solomon
Communion Bread	Malleys and Autumn
Communion Set Up	Marion Olson
Communion Server	Margaret Hencz
Communion Server	Marilyn Thackeray
Communion Server	Charlis Carpenter
Usher	Joe Davidson
Coffee Hour	Malley/Salisbury
Pianist/Organist	Michael Stevenson