

# Easter 4 April 25, 2021

## Prelude

## Welcome & Announcements

Opening Hymn "Praise the One who Breaks the Darkness"

## Apostolic Greeting

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

**C** And also with you.

## Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One. You alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## Prayer of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** 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.

**C** Amen

## First Reading: Acts 4: 5-12

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup> with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup> When they had made the prisoners stand in their 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 questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' <sup>12</sup> There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

**P** Holy wisdom, holy word.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;  
he restores my soul.  
He leads me in right paths  
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff—  
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
my whole life long.

### Second Reading: I John 3:1-7

<sup>1</sup> See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup> Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he<sup>1</sup> is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup> And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup> Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup> You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup> No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup> Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

P Holy wisdom, holy word.

C Thanks be to God.

### Anthem

**L The Holy Gospel according to John 10<sup>th</sup> Chapter**  
**C Glory to you, O lord.**

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> The 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. <sup>13</sup> The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care 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> I 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. <sup>17</sup> For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup> No one takes[a] 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.” This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day**

**“The Lord’s My Shepherd”**

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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;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

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.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.

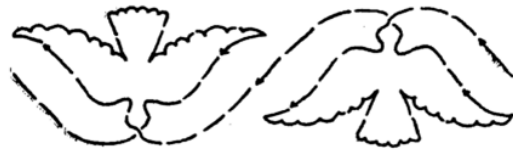
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

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 the People

- P Our Good Shepherd guards and guides us. Let us pray to him with trusting hearts.
- AM For the whole people of God, that we may gratefully receive the nurture of our blessed redeemer.      **C Lord have mercy.**
- P For those entrusted with worldly authority, that they may serve as God would have them serve.      **C Lord have mercy.**
- P For the natural world, that we may live in harmony with all other creatures.      **C Lord have mercy.**
- AM For any other needs that are known to us... May our Lord's help be abundant and swift.      **C Lord have mercy.**
- P For all these things, and all else you see that we need, Lord, we offer our prayers in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.      **C Lord have mercy.**
- P The Peace of the Lord be with you all.      **C And also with you.**
- P Please share a sign of peace with one another.



## The Great Thanksgiving

- L The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.**
- L Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.**
- L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
- L It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn.



## Blessing

L The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace.

C Amen.

## Closing Hymn

“Rise Up, O Saints of God”

## Dismissal

AM Go now in peace, to love and serve the Lord and your neighbors.

C Amen.

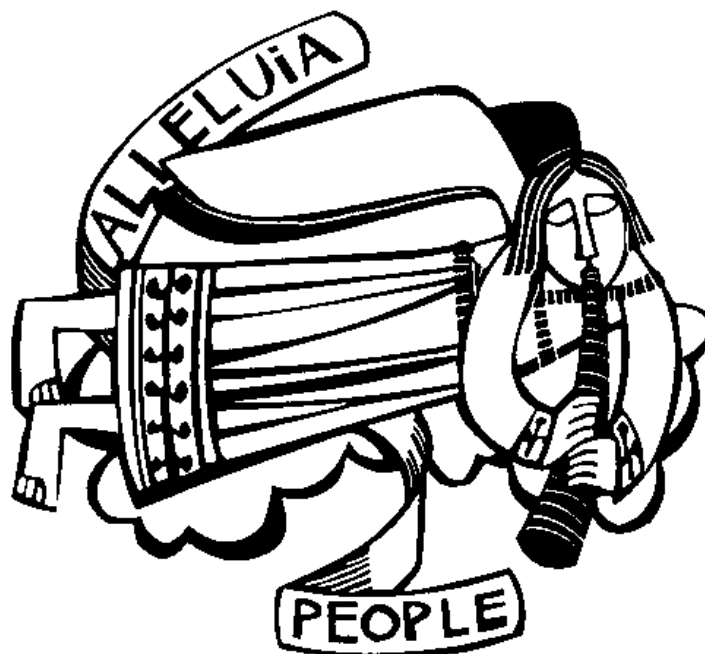
## Postlude

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*When you depart, please exit through the door marked “Exit,” moving through the narthex and to your cars while maintaining a safe distance from your fellow Christians.*

*Please exit from the back pews first as directed by the ushers.*

*Thank you for coming. May God's peace be yours today.*



# IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

The following is a listing of those who need your prayers. Our hope is that you will take this listing home with you and in your daily prayers remember those listed below.

Jim Abbott  
Laurie Abbott  
Francine Ahrens  
Pat Alexander  
Robert & Mel Andrighetti  
Chuck Andersen  
Vinnie Aparo  
Edie Balkun  
Irene Barillaro  
Elana Barkasy  
Raymond Bazzolo  
Judith (Ross) Beatty  
Kevin Belkofer & Family  
Karen Bell  
Jim Bement  
Rebecca Bement  
Nancy Bent  
Richard Bertoli  
Gurvinder Bharara  
Armando Binelli  
Brian & Lisa Bodnar  
Holly Borden  
Joe Brancato  
George Bruno  
Brusseau Family  
Eddie Burns  
Theo & Victoria Camara  
Peter Carbone, Sr.  
Joe Casagni  
Liz Clinton  
Jill Cochrhne  
Nancy Colon  
Cheryl and Rich Corey  
Wayne Crossman  
Barry Demkar  
Sigrid Devita  
Melissa Dias  
Doris & Dutch Deitman  
Delores Derwitsch  
Gerard Doll  
Irene Douglas  
Betsy Durstin  
Diane & Paul Edwards  
Judy Elliott  
Bruce & Liz Falls  
Christy Ferro  
Holly Florio  
Ed Ford  
Mary Lynn Gagnon  
Gabby Gerkin  
Bob & Ann Gioscia  
Carol Gesner  
Pastor Wayne Gollenberg  
Connie & Don Gugenheim  
Wayne Hall  
Owen Hanecak  
Maggie Hanley  
Erica Haraldsen  
Alexis Heintz  
Bill Heintz  
Brad Herzberg  
Jim Hornfischer

Vicki Jene  
Jenn Johnson & Family  
Bob Jones  
Ed Killingbeck  
Lynn Killingbeck  
Burke LaClair  
Jeff Lajoie and family  
Lori Ledone & family  
Rebecca Little  
Tommy Locascio  
Rita Lundeen  
Ida Mallet  
Mervin Mank  
Cynthia Marine  
Richard Marine  
Bob & Lynn Milano  
Bernice Miller  
Ruth Mohlenhoff  
Lonnie & Rose Moranino  
Richard Mortlock  
Carolyn Mosher  
Denise Murphy  
Doris Murphy  
Michael Meyers  
Dennis Nalette  
Ron Nurnberg  
Greg O'Brien  
Tom O'Brien  
Cindy O'Dell  
Bruce and Kathy Panella  
Gary Parker  
Wally Pence  
Marge Raspiller  
Pat Reiley  
Pastor Sharon Riessinger-  
Blezard  
Grant Robinson  
Mary Rolfe  
Elfrieda Roller  
Dave Roskopf  
Chris Samele  
Rosemary Schibi  
Jay Shaw  
Linda Shaw  
Tricia Sherwin  
Bob Sienko  
Marge Skaret  
Richard Stanhope  
Jon Sterling  
Reid Underwood  
Jackie Quinn Wassik  
Russ Wilmot  
Jean Marie Witt  
Anna Woike

Paul  
Karen  
Katherine  
Helen  
JO  
Jaiden  
Mike  
Curran  
Diane  
Jen  
Charlie  
Michelle  
Jessica  
Donna L.  
Rich S.  
Dustin  
Skylar  
Andrea  
Kayleigh  
Linda H.  
Diane, Kayla, and family  
Bob  
Shannon H.  
Karen M.  
Ora  
Sharon  
Mason  
Louis F.  
Katherine T.  
Joyce-Ann  
Maryann Z.  
Diane  
Jack  
Max  
Lisa  
Erin and Family  
Tom D.  
Pam  
Miguel  
Jack & Barbara  
Lorraine  
Clarence and Priscilla  
Paula  
Larry V.  
Diane H.  
Clinton L.  
The Maxwell Family  
The Loomis Family  
The Sedgewick Family

Family and Friends of  
Jesse Smith

Family and Friends of  
Linda Schultz

Family and Friends of  
Tom Sedgewick

## Our Nursing Home Members

Doug Little  
Vinetta Nigels  
Doris Houk  
Dee Gammon  
Richard Regner  
Marilyn Duteau

## Our Military Friends

*Lord Jesus, Savior of the World and King of Peace, watch over our sons and daughters in the service of their Country. Protect them from the physical and moral dangers. Keep them close to you and help them live the commandments. Lord, Jesus give them courage to serve their country with honor and dignity. Be with them when they are in danger; strengthen them when they face hardship. Above all Lord, grant that when their service is finished that they may return to us, sound in mind, body and soul. Amen.*

Pvt. Brennan Thompson  
Tyler Quinn  
Eric Beyus  
Major Zachary Fulton  
Brandan Holbrook  
Jonathan Connell  
Tom Gregg, Jr.  
Brion Olivero  
Eric Bremer  
Peter Hutchinson  
S/W Anderson James  
Ernst USCG  
PFC Dominic Boscarino

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**If you place a name on the Prayer List, it is your responsibility to let the office know either by Prayer of Concerns form in the Narthex, e-mail or a quick phone call, once per month if the name needs to remain on the list. Thank you.**



## “Sock it to ‘em”

St. Paul’s Women of the ELCA  
invites you to contribute ...

**NEW Socks in all Sizes and Colors**

for those in our community who need it most.  
To be given through local agencies.

🧦 Community Soup Kitchen 🧦 Friendly Hands 🧦  
FISH Shelter 🧦 Gathering Place 🧦

**NOW THROUGH APRIL**

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