



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

LOVE JESUS, GROW IN FAITH, SERVE OUR NEIGHBORS

Galesville, WI (608) 582-2818

April 21st, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Pastor Joe Iverson

Music: **Kathy Meunier**

Special Music & Guest Preacher: **Jesse Klosterboer**

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN

That Easter Day with Joy was Bright

#384

THE STORY

CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia! Christ Is Risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

This is the day that the Lord has made!

Let us rejoice! And be glad in it

For Christ Is Risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

WORSHIP NOTES FOR GUESTS

GREETING

L: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the unity of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

...Let us pray:

God of resurrection and life,

we confess that we miss the mark.

We have fallen short of your vision for our lives.

You have given us daily bread,

And we have forgotten to give thanks,

You have shown us sunsets and beauty in nature,

and we have taken it for granted,

At times we have been doubting Thomas

Or Peter who denied you,

And you have remained steadfast.

In Jesus' name we pray to you;

Cover us in the waters of your Grace,

Forgive us, and bring us to the full life you desire,

That we may follow you, and bring life to those you love,

Through Jesus Christ, Risen to life,

For us and the world you so love.

Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

...We are held in God's loving embrace: forgiven, redeemed, and sent to serve in newness of life.

Alleluia! Amen.

HYMN

For Thine Is the Glory

#376

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Resurrecting God,

Just as we heard in the Gospel,

You are our Good shepherd. We can trust that we always have you to lead and guide us, to desire abundant life for us. Help us to truly listen for your voice, and to follow your call. Each day empower us through our baptism and your Grace

In Jesus name we pray

Amen.

First Scripture Lesson

1 John 3:16-24

¹⁶We know love by this, that he 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.

Second Scripture Lesson

Psalm 23

¹The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

²**He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;**

³he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

⁴**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.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶**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.**

Word of God, word of life,
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

pg.189 front of red book, setting 8

Let your stead-fast love, come to us, O Lord.
Let your stead-fast love, come to us, O Lord.
Save us as you promised; we will trust, your, word...
Let your stead-fast love, come to us, O Lord.

GOSPEL

John 10:11-18

The holy Gospel according to John
Glory to you, O LORD

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 SERMON

SERMON — Jesse Klosterboer

HYMN OF THE DAY

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

#377

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Larry Jacobs, **Emily Holker**, John Hovre, **Russ Glomstad**, Carol Fratzke, **baby Wesley**, Pr. Miyamoto, **LaVonne Prudlick**, and we send thoughts and prayers to the family and friends mourning the loss of **John McKeeth**

Respond to “Lord in Your mercy” with “Hear our prayer”

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN

“Create In Me A Clean Heart”

#186

OFFERING PRAYER

Holy God,
We thank you for the message of Easter, this redemptive story of life in your Grace. We thank you for all the blessings you have given us. Bless us through our faith, and the ministry at Zion, that we can take the inspiration of your message out the doors with us, living the message through our lives
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW pg. 153

STORY OF COMMUNION

LORD'S PRAYER SONG

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMNS

Let Us Break Bread Together

#471

Special Music

Jesse Klosterboer

As We Gather at Your Table

#522

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

#392

Instrumental music on the piano

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

SENDING HYMN

Now as the Green Blade Rises

#379

SENDING

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. To share and live the good news!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

#885

POSTLUDE