# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 25, 2021 8:00 AND 11:00

WELCOME GUESTS If you're looking for a church home, we hope you'll consider Redeemer. Check out the resources on the information cart, the library in the narthex, or www.redeemer-lutheran.net. If you have questions about this congregation or about the Lutheran Church, feel free to ask an usher or the Pastor. Please fill out a fellowship card (found in this worship bulletin) and drop it in today's collection plate, providing a phone number and e-mail address. To offer a special public thanksgiving prayer or for those in need, please fill out a blue "Prayer Card" found in the narthex. Give the card to an usher or place it in the offering plate. Large print versions of this bulletin are available upon request at the ushers' station. Thank you for worshiping with us.

## PRAYER UPON ENTERING

Almighty God, grant that all preachers may proclaim Christ and Your Word with power and blessing everywhere. Grant that all who hear Your Word preached may learn to know Christ and amend their [sinful] ways. Graciously remove from the Church all preaching and teaching which does not honor Christ and Your Word. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD "I Am the Good Shepherd." (John 10:14) These are comforting words, which set before our eyes a gracious picture of our Lord Jesus Christ, and teach us what sort of a person He is, what sort of work He does, and how He is disposed towards men. And if you ask me whether Christ is saintly, I answer without hesitation 'Yes', and I place Him like a shield before my own saintliness, and I trust in Him with my whole heart. For I was baptized into Him and have received in the Gospel a letter and seal, that I am His dear lamb, and that He is my Good Shepherd, who seeks His lost lamb and deals with me in no legalistic way. He demands nothing of me, neither does He drive me on; He does not threaten or frighten me, but He shows me His sweet grace, and lowers Himself to me, even beneath me, and takes me upon Himself, and am carried by Him. Why then should I be afraid at the quaking and thundering of Moses or even of the devil? I am under the protection of the Man who has given me His saintliness and all that He has, who supports me and upholds me that I cannot be lost – so long as I remain His lamb and do not doubt Him or willfully fall away from Him.

-Martin Luther (1532)

## **PRELUDE**

# EASTER ACCLAMATION

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Cong.: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

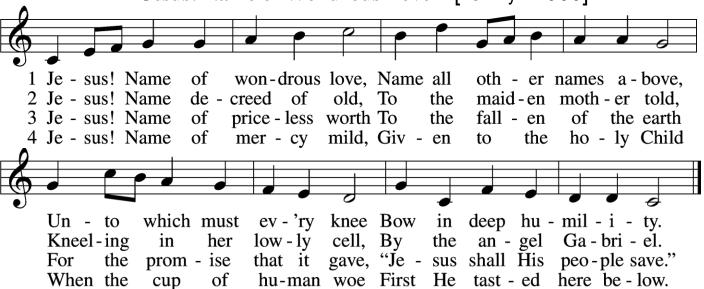
# + PREPARATION +

Pastor: O Lord, open my lips,

Cong.: and my mouth will declare Your praise.

# **HYMN**

# "Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love" [LSB hymn 900]



5 Jesus! Only name that's giv'n
Under all the mighty heav'n
Whereby those to sin enslaved
Burst their fetters and are saved.

6 Jesus! Name of wondrous love, Human name of God above; Pleading only this, we flee Helpless, O our God, to Thee.

Stand

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Cong.: Amen. (Matthew 28:19b)

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us

forgiveness. (Hebrews 10:22)

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Cong.: who made heaven and earth.

(Psalm 124:8)

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

Cong.: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(Psalm 32:5)

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

Cong.: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Cong.: Amen. (John 20:19-23)

# SERVICE OF THE WORD INTROIT (Psalm 23)

(Psalm 23; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b)

Pastor: I am the good shepherd.

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep. The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Cong.: He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

Pastor: He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Cong.: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

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

Cong.: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

All: 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.

Pastor: I am the good shepherd.

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





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Pastor: The Lord be with you. Cong.: And with thy spirit.

# COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have awakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong.: Amen.

## READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Elder: The Lord be with you. Cong.: And also with you.

## **First Reading** (page 911 in the pew Bibles)

Acts 4:1-12

As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, 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. This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. 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."

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Cong.: Thanks be to God.** 

#### **Epistle** (page 1022 in the pew Bibles)

1 John 3:16-24

Saint John points us to the source of all love: the good shepherd who lays down his life for us on the cross.

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. 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? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. 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. 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.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.



Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.



# Holy Gospel (page 896 in the pew Bibles)

John 10:11-18

Jesus declares that he is our Good Shepherd.

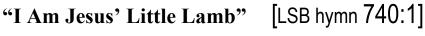
[Jesus said:] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. 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. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. 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."

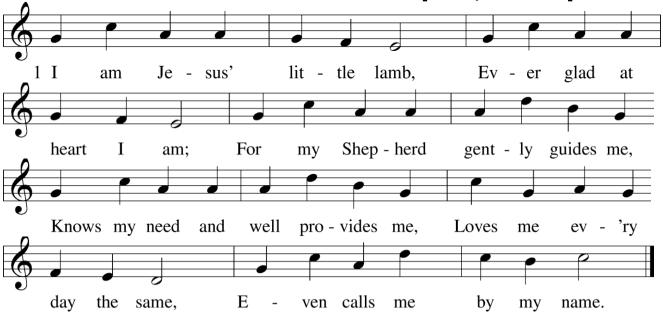
Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.



## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The congregation is invited to sing the hymn as the children come forward





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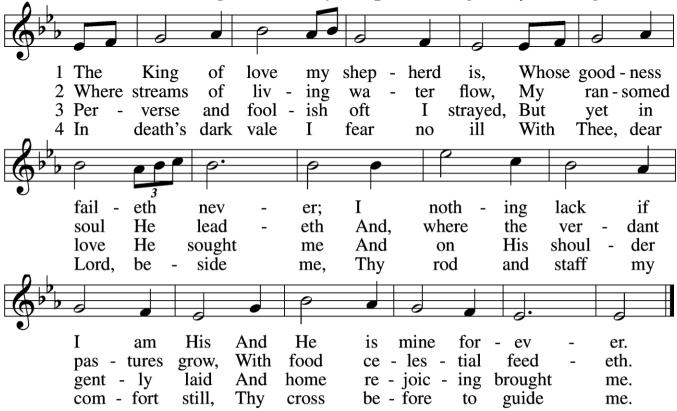
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life + everlasting. Amen.

# HYMN OF THE DAY

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is" [LSB hymn 709]



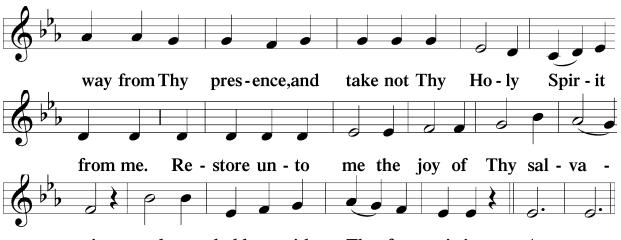
- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth; And, oh, what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so through all the length of days
  Thy goodness faileth never;
  Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
  Within Thy house forever!

# SERMON

## "Greater Than Our Hearts"

(Pastor Jim Toma)





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Thy free spir-it.

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## **OFFERING**

You may place your offering in the plate as you exit the service.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(1 Timothy 2:1-4)

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Shepherd of Israel, in Your Son, Jesus Christ, You have sought out Your sheep and gathered us with them into Your flock. Keep us always in Your fold, and guard us from every wolf and snare. Lord, in Your mercy,

#### Cong.: hear our prayer.

Stand

Pastor: O God, as You breathed new life into the world through the resurrection of Your Son, so now by Your Holy Spirit breathe new life into Your Church that, freed by His Gospel, we may always confess the name of Jesus Christ, the only name given among men by which we must be saved. Lord, in Your mercy,

## Cong.: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, Your Son has called us to love our brothers. Turn us in love toward the neighbors closest to us, especially within our own homes, that we may daily show our confidence in God by deed and truth, laying down our lives as Christ first did for us. Lord, in Your mercy,

#### Cong.: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Eternal Lord, through the Paschal Lamb You have wrought peace between man and God. By Your gift of good government, grant peace and good days also to our citizens and between the nations of the world, that we and all our neighbors may lead quiet lives in godly contentment. Lord, in Your mercy,

## Cong.: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, by the firstfruits of Christ's life from the dead, You secured forgiveness for our troubled consciences. Bless also with temporal health and well-being those who suffer among us *especially*... Grant them aid in this moment and, even more so, true, immortal health in the world to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

#### Cong.: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord God, out of Your fatherly goodness You have remembered us poor, miserable sinners and given Your beloved Son to be our Shepherd — not only to nourish us by His Word, but also to defend us from sin, death and the devil. Grant us Your Holy Spirit, that even as this Shepherd knows us and helps in every affliction, we also may know Him, trust Him, seek help and comfort in Him, heartily obey His voice and obtain eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong.: Amen.

# LORD'S PRAYER

(Matthew 6: 9-13)

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

# COLLECT FOR THE CHURCH

Pastor: Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Cong.: Amen.

# **BENEDICTION**

(Numbers 6: 24-26)

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and + give you peace.



Sit HYMN

# "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" [LSB hymn 465]



# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# EASTER ACCLAMATION

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Cong.: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

## **POSTLUDE**

# SERVING OUR LORD AND HIS PEOPLE TODAY

8:00 Service 11:00 Service 6:30 PM

Wednesday April 28

Acolyte: Thomas Keller Kacie Onak

Ushers: Klinton Keller Michael Brooks

Sharon White Mitchell Flores

Ron Smith

Elder/Reader: Adam Volkert Tom Miller Manny Flores

Organist: Matt Laub

#### LAST SUNDAY WE PRAYED FOR:

HEALING **Dr. Uwe Siemon-Netto** (is home, recovering from Covid & working on stabilizing his blood sugar. Comfort him and his wife, **Gillian** and remind them You are with them in every struggle); **Deanna Sorrell** (sister of Teryne Byler, strained her wrist and will be "out of commission" for a couple of months); **Tom Adams son and niece** (healing grace); **Chuck** (Jill Seeger's brother, target discharge date of April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Prayers for continued improvement); **Joan Harris** (health and work issues); **Pastor Jim** (hip replacement surgery in May).

ASSURANCE/ENCOURAGEMENT Greg Thorpe (Penny Pereboom's brother-in-law, is on hospice after fighting cancer for 12 years. Grant him and **Patti**, Penny's sister, the strength and peace to get through this difficult time knowing that our time is in Your hands)

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS: Nicolle Aube 4/25; Christopher Coble 4/25; Donna Sepke 4/28; Karin Jester 4/30.

THIS WEEK'S WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Al & Phyllis Gasparian 5/1.

THIS WEEK'S BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS: Donna Dehne 5/1.

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# NEWS AND NOTES APRIL 25, 2021

## Opportunities This Week To Serve Our Lord And Our Neighbor

25 Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Easter	
•	Service of the Word	8:00 & 11:00 AM
	Sunday School and Confirmation Classes	9:30 AM
	Adult Bible Study "Joining Jesus Show Me How"	9:30 AM
	(in the Sanctuary with Pastor Toma)	
	Online Sunday School	10:00 AM
26 Monday	Pastor Toma's Day Off	
	Church Office Closed	
	Boy Scouts	7:00 PM
27 Tuesday	Preschool Chapel	9:30 AM
28 Wednesday	Service of the Word (masks required)	6:30 PM
	Bible Study "End Times according to Scripture"	7:30 PM
29 Thursday	Preschool Chapel	9:30 AM
30 Friday	Coffee, Women, and Scripture (Women's Bible Study)	10:00 AM
1 Saturday	Oratio, Meditatio, Tentatio Prayer group	9:00 AM
	Sewing Group	9:30 AM-5:00 PM
2 Sunday	Fifth Sunday of Easter	
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	Adult Bible Study "Joining Jesus Show Me How"	9:30 AM
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For Further Information Please Call the Church Office at 714-846-6330 Church Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM / 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM Preschool Office Hours: Monday – Friday 7:00 AM – 5:30 PM

## **BIBLE STUDIES**

"Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of Christ" (Romans 10:17)

#### SUNDAY MORNING ADULT STUDY

"Joining Jesus Show Me How" (9:30 AM with Pastor Toma in the Sanctuary)

## WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

"End Times according to Scripture" (7:30 PM with Pastor Toma in the Fellowship Hall)

FRIDAY BIBLE STUDY: COFFEE, WOMEN, AND SCRIPTURE (10:00 AM) "Romans - God's Abiding Word" (with Deaconess Pat Anderson on Zoom)

# REDEEMER'S STEWARDSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 93

God has given each of us gifts and calls us in 1 Peter 4:10,11 to "use them to serve one another that God may be glorified through Jesus Christ".



SPOTLIGHT ON STEWARDSHIP 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. 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.

# AROUND REDEEMER

WORSHIP SERVICES AT REDEEMER will be offered in our Sanctuary on Sundays and available online at 8:00 AM on <a href="www.facebook.com/RedeemerLutheranHB/">www.facebook.com/RedeemerLutheranHB/</a> as a Facebook live stream, and accessible from <a href="www.redeemer-lutheran.net">www.redeemer-lutheran.net</a>. Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 AM or on Zoom at 10:00 AM for Sunday School.

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL we study "God Creates Adam and Eve" (Genesis 1:26-2:25).

BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY May 8<sup>th</sup> our speaker will be Dr. Daniel van Voorhis. The topic will be "Creedal Christianity: Finding the Common Denominator" We will walk through the history and content of the three "ecumenical creeds" (Apostles' Creed, Nicene Creed and Athanasian Creed) explaining their significance for today." Plan to attend this very informative presentation. Please RSVP to the church office for breakfast.

PRIVATE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION AND COMMUNION are by appointment. Please call the church office to arrange a date and time.

## PRESCHOOL NEWS

HELP A CHILD GO TO SCHOOL The Redeemer Lutheran Preschool Board has established a Preschool Scholarship Fund. We have had families visit our school who simply cannot afford the tuition and were not approved for governmental assistance. We would like to offer these families a good Christian education for their children. To donate to this fund, please make your check payable to Redeemer Lutheran Church with "Preschool Scholarship Fund" on the memo line. Thank you for your continued support of Redeemer Lutheran Preschool.

PRESCHOOL NEEDS HELP WITH GARDENING Our preschool is looking for a volunteer, who enjoys gardening, to help pull weeds in the preschool play yard. This is something that can be done once a month. Please contact, Jan Flores at 714-349-1215, if you are interested. Your help is greatly appreciated!

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DAILY, CHRIST OFFERS HIS RICH BLESSINGS THROUGH THE SCRIPTURES.			
SUGGESTED READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 25, 2021:			
Sunday, April 25:	Leviticus 8:1-13, 30-36; Acts 4:1-12; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18		
Monday, April 26:	Leviticus 9:1-24 & Luke 9:18-36		
Tuesday, April 27:	Leviticus 10:1-20 & Luke 9:37-62		
Wednesday, April 28:	Leviticus 16:1-24 & Luke 10:1-22		
Thursday, April 29:	Leviticus 17:1-16 & Luke 10:23-42		
Friday, April 30:	Leviticus 18:1-7, 20-19:8 & Luke 11:1-13		
Saturday, May 1:	Leviticus 19:9-18, 26-37 & Luke 11:14-36		
Sunday, May 2:	Leviticus 20:1-16, 22-27; Acts 8:26-40; 1 John 4:1-11; John 15:1-18		

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Our mission is to receive God's gifts of Word and Sacrament, worship Him and grow in His grace, and to share those holy gifts, by making disciples for Christ, who reach out joyfully to the world around them.

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