

**FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER**

**April 21, 2024**

**Faith Lutheran Church**

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**Rev. Patrick Pooch**

**OPENING HYMN**      *“I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”*      **LSB 740**

**+ INVOCATION, CONFESSION, AND ABSOLUTION +**      **LSB 151**

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

**Cong.: Amen.**

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

**Cong.: who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**Cong.: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

Pastor: Since we are gather to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess bdfore God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinte mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God be merciful to me, a sinner.

**Cong.: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins and lead us to everlasting life. Amen**

**+ INTROIT +**

**Ps. 23; antiphon: John 10:14,15b**

Pastor: I am the good shepherd.

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

Pastor: The LORD is my shepherd;

**Cong.: I shall not want.**

Pastor: He makes me lie down in green pastures.

**Cong.: He leads me beside still waters.**

Pastor: He restores my soul

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

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

**Cong: your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

Pastor: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

**Cong: you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

Pastor: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

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

**Cong.: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will forever. Amen.**

+ **KYRIE** +

**LSB 152**

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Cong.: LORD, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the LORD.

**Cong.: LORD, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the LORD.

**Cong.: LORD, have mercy.**

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the LORD.

**Cong.: LORD, have mercy.**

Pastor: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious LORD.

**Cong.: Amen.**

+**HYMN OF PRAISE**+ (sung) *“This is the Feast of Victory”*

**LSB 155**

**Refrain:**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.

**Refrain:**

2. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,  
and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

**Refrain:**

3. Sing with all the people of God,  
and join in the hymn of all creation.

4. Blessing, honor, glory, and might  
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

**Refrain:**

5. For the Lamb who was slain  
Has begun His reign. Alleluia!

**Final Refrain:**

This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**+ SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY +**

**Pastor:** The LORD be with you.

**Cong.:** And also with you.

**Pastor:** Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened 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.

**THE FIRST READING**

**Acts 4:1-12**

**4** And 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<sup>[a]</sup> is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone.<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>12</sup> And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men<sup>[c]</sup> by which we must be saved.”

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the LORD.

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

**THE EPISTLE**

**1 John 3:16-24**

<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 God,<sup>[a]</sup> and God<sup>[b]</sup> in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

Pastor: This is the Word of the LORD.

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

**+ALLELUIA & VERSE+**

**LSB 156**

*Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia, alleluia*

**+ THE HOLY GOSPEL +**

**John 10:11-18**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 10th chapter.

**Cong.: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>11</sup> 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.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the LORD.

Cong.: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**SERMON HYMN:**      *“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”*

**LSB 709**

**SERMON**

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

**LSB 159**

**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.**

**THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**LSB 159**

Pastor: Lord in Your mercy.

Cong.: **Hear our prayer.**

Pastor: ...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.**

**CREATE IN ME**

**LSB 192**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence and take not Thy Holy Spirit**

from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and up-hold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

+ THE LORD'S PRAYER +

LSB 162

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 debts  
as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom,  
and the power and the glory,  
forever. Amen

+THE BENEDICTION+

LSB 166

Cong.: Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN

*"O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe"*

LSB 666

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

Cong.: Thanks be to God.



**Rev. Patrick Poock**  
**Organist: Lillian Boettcher**

**Happy Birthday**

David Benson 22<sup>nd</sup>

Crissia Reay 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Happy Anniversary**

George & Carol Priest 23<sup>rd</sup> (58 yrs)

Joe & Sally James 26<sup>th</sup> (15 yrs)

Thomas & Renee Kaczmarek 26<sup>th</sup> (21 yrs)

**THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES AT FAITH:**

**Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**

**8:00 am Divine Service**

9:15 am Bible Study

9:15 am Sunday School

10:30 am Divine Service

11:30 am Coffee Bites

**Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

6:30 pm Grief Share

**Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am Women of Faith

3:30 pm Bible Study

5:00 pm Divine Service

6:30 pm Bible Study

**Looking Ahead**

April 29<sup>th</sup> Grief Share 6:30 pm

May 7<sup>th</sup> Board of Elders Mtg 9:00 am

May 9<sup>th</sup> LWML Meeting 10:30 am