

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ APRIL 21, 2024



**"I am the
good
shepherd."**

John 10:11

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"Being Transformed By God's Grace To Love And Serve."

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If it is uncomfortable for you to stand where indicated, please feel free to remain seated. The congregation responds where it is bold print.



Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

please stand in body or spirit

Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's abundant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

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.**

Hymn of Praise

#764 vs 1 & 2

Have No Fear, Little Flock



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle
2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good cheer, lit - tle

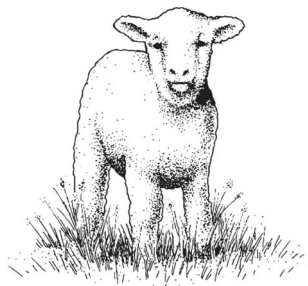


flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to
flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in



give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!
his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jillson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4
Music: LITTLE FLOCK, Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930
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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.**

please be seated

First Reading

Acts 4:5 - 12

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

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. 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children’s Sermon

Paul Fuelling

please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation

#764 vs. 3 & 4

Have No Fear, Little Flock



3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -
4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to



bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -
God, for he stays close to be - side you, in

see next page.....



lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!
all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!



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Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to John the 10th chapter.

John 10:11 - 18

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.**

please be seated
Sermon

Pastor Stephen Zeller

please stand in body or spirit
Hymn of the Day

“The Lord’s My Shepherd”

#778



Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Sharing The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

please be seated

Offering

please stand in body or spirit

Offertory

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”

#362 vs. 1 & 6

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.**

The 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.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Hear, O Lord, the prayer you taught 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.**

please be seated

HOLY COMMUNION

By Stations

All who believe that Jesus is present in the Bread and the Wine
and has the power to forgive are welcome to commune.

Red wine or white grape juice is available.



Communion Hymns

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

#502

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

#789

please stand in body or spirit

Post-Communion Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

Post-Communion Prayer

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.**

Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ☩ bless you now and always.

Amen.

Sending Hymn

“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

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Dismissal

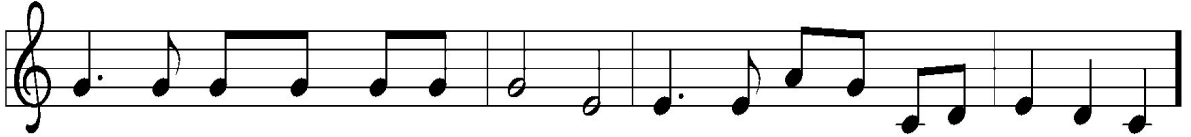
Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

God Be with You Till We Meet Again



- 1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun-sels guide, up - hold you,
- 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,
- 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con - found you,



with a shep-herd's care en - fold you;
dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.
put un - fail - ing arms a - round you;

Refrain



Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Je - sus' feet;



till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828-1904

Music: GOD BE WITH YOU, William G. Tomer, 1833-1896

"CHRIST IS ALIVE, ALLELUIA"



Welcome: Welcome to the Lord's house. May your soul be restored; may your cup overflow; may you experience God's goodness and mercy (Psalm 23).

We invite everyone to enjoy coffee and fellowship before worship in the Gathering Space. Please join us!

In Our Prayers: "Unspoken prayer concerns", Rodger Luetjen, Eugene Oelrichs, Scott Cash, Judie VonHolten, Greg Ives, Dewey Jobe, Judy Smith, Paul Kelly, Renee Weller, Gordon Ives, and Kyle Luetjen.



Gale Logan, Evelyn Brockman (mother of Pam Luetjen), Alexis Harrington, Liz Smart, Denny & Pam Karl (friends of Melisa Balke), Josephine Heimsoth, Peggy Bay, Sharon Shull, Don Gibbs, Melvin Oelrichs (grandpa of Nicholas Dieckman), Art Heimsoth, Dorothy Brown (mother of Bob Brown), Cliff Eckhoff, Averi Kroenke, Carmilla Swaim and husband (friends of Debbie Eckhoff), Donna Allen (mother of Adrienn Dieckman), Ken Jenson (friend of Connie Gerken), Jamie Simon, Dena Sikoutris, Joseph Fuelling (nephew of Paul Fuelling), Annie Bright, Kiley Simon (friend of Jenna Nash), Karen Haase (sister-in-law of Gene Beckman), Jackie Ross (sister of Randy Healan), Ronnie Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Marvin Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Marlin Lackas (brother-in-law of Paul Fuelling), Bill Hampton, and Adam Gumbel (son of Jim & Kim Gumbel).



Nursing Home: Vern Dean Bohling: *Ambrose*. Marie Viebrock & Florence VonHolten: *GSCC*. Kathy Hallauer: *Loving Arms*. Sally Viebrock: E. W. Thompson Center

Military: Please keep all those who have served our country past and present in your prayers, especially: ENS David M. Gardner (son of Pam Balke), Private Bradyn Hood (grandson of Connie Gerken), MSgt. Jason Ostberg (son-in law of Suzanne Lutjen) Lt. Col. Ron Poe, SSG Nick Smith and Cpt. Joseph Strathman.



With Sympathy: We also pray for those families who have lost loved ones; family and friends of Larry Ficken (great-uncle of Meghann Smith).

Prayers: If you would like your name added or removed from the prayer list, please contact the church office at 668-3537.



One Stitch at a Time: The Sewing Group will meet on Monday, **April 22nd** at 9:00am in the church basement.

LBPS: Little Blessing Preschool will be in session on Tuesday, **April 23rd** and Wednesday, **April 24th** from 8:00am until 11:15pm in the church basement.



Newsletter: The Sunbeam committee will meet on Wednesday, **April 24th** at 3:00pm.

Health Care: The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **April 25th** from 8:00am until 10:00am to help you with your health care needs.



Ask The Pastor: It's back! A few years ago, a group of members and friends would gather one evening a month at a local restaurant for "Ask the Pastor," an opportunity to have casual conversation around just about anything. Instead of a predetermined Bible Study, you brought the topic and the questions, which often ranged from dinosaurs to God's will and everything in between. Since there are now a couple of new places in town that serve dinner and have space in the evening we decided to bring back this kind of gathering. We'll start on Thursday, **April 25th**, at 6:00 pm, meeting at Missouri Made Shop & Comfort Café (105 E Main St.) Food and drinks will be

available for purchase. If you can, let Pastor Stephen know if you think you might be there in order to plan for space and seating.

NO Casual
Worship
Service



Casual Worship: There will be NO Casual Worship Service on Saturday, April 27th.

WELCA: Mid-MO Women of the ELCA Gathering will be held at **Our Savior's Lutheran in Jefferson City, on Saturday, April 27th** with registration beginning at 9:00 am. All women of the congregation are invited to attend. If wishing to share rides or for more information, please contact Janice Gerken.



The speaker for the afternoon is from the HALO program (found in both Jefferson City and Kansas City). The purpose of the program is to provide assistance to children who are homeless due to being abandoned, orphaned, and abused. HALO partners with shelter and other programs to help stretch their services.

An **in-kind offering** is being collected to assist their program. Items needed: paper towels, paper plates, Kleenex, napkins, toilet paper, and toddler-sized diapers. Donations from St. Paul's members would be appreciated. You may leave your donations in the Gathering Space; the items will be transported to Jefferson City on April 27. **Thank You!!**

BIBLE
STUDY



Bible Study: How many of you have ever thought, "I'd probably get more out of Confirmation as an adult than as a kid"? Or how many of you have come from a different tradition and not dug into the depths of the Small Catechism? This summer, Pastor Stephen would like to host a Bible Study exploring Luther's Small Catechism. Essentially, Confirmation 2.0. We will plan on 6 class sessions. As usual, scheduling will depend on interest. Please indicate your interest in attending this kind of class on your Offering Card, as well as availability (time or day of the week), or simply contact Pastor Stephen.

Graduates: We have students graduating from pre-school all the way through college. We are very proud of you and would like to share your achievements. If you are going to graduate soon, please call or email the church office.

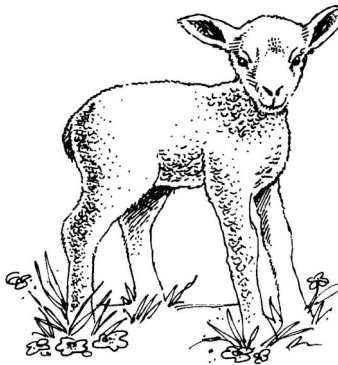


~ * ~ **IN OUR COMMUNITY** ~ * ~



Concert: State Fair Community College is hosting its annual President's Concert on Tuesday, **April 30**, at 7:00 pm in the Stauffacher Theater on campus. The concert features SFCC's Contemporary and Chamber Choirs and the SFCC Concert Band, concluding with a combined piece with the band and choir. Prior to the concert there will be a light dessert reception in the cafeteria (next to the theater) where the SFCC Jazz Band will play a few songs. It will be a fun night of music for the community!

Ol' Time Breakfast: The Seniors of North Benton County will have a fundraising breakfast on Saturday, **May 4th** from 6:30am until 9:00am. It will be held at the Senior Center and the funds raised will be used for the parking lot.



THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, April 21:	8:45am	Confirmation Class
	9:00am	SS / Adult Class
	10:00am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion by Stations
Monday, April 22:	9:00am	Sewing
Tuesday, April 23:	8:00am	LBPS
Wednesday, April 24:	8:00am	LBPS
	3:00pm	Sunbeam
Thursday, April 25:	8:00am	BCHD
	6:00pm	Ask the Pastor
Saturday, April 27:	NO	Casual Worship
	9:00am	Mid-Mo WELCA Gathering
Sunday, April 28:	8:45am	Confirmation Class
	9:00am	SS / Adult Class
	10:00am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion by Stations



~ * ~ Coming Events ~ * ~

April 25 Ask the Pastor
May 19 LBPS Moving Up Ceremony

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Ministers The Whole Congregation
Presiding Minister Pastor Stephen Zeller
Organist Lois Viebrock
Pianist Jeannette VonHolten
AV Technicians Russ Oelrichs & Todd Rusk
Altar Guild Glenalee Dillon & Suzanne Lutjen
Ushers Justin Tinney, Head Usher
..... Victoria Fox, John Oelrichs, Braden Poe & Ryan Schlesselman



Fourth Sunday of Easter ~ April 21, 2024

Assisting Minister Darin Oelrichs
Communion Assistants Jenna & Shelby Nash (Luther League)
Reader Tiffinay Nash
Children's Sermon Paul Fuelling
Acolytes Kaelyn Keith & Lane Smith
Flowers Janice Gerken



Fifth Sunday of Easter ~ April 28, 2024

Assisting Minister Janice Gerken
Communion Assistants Debbie Eckhoff & Rhonda Schlesselman
Reader Lynn Schear
Children's Sermon Joyce Schlesselmann
Acolytes Wyatt Gooch & Khloe Viebrock
Flowers Tammie Heimsoth