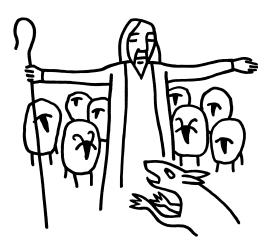


Sunday, April 21, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter



The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.

Central Lutheran Church: Called to Share God's Love.

We're glad you are here! Help us welcome you by signing a Welcome to Worship pad.

Please give the name of each person attending worship, including children.

Visitors, may we have your complete address?

Children 5 years and under are welcome in our worship services or in the nursery in room 4.

GATHERING
PRELUDE

"Shepherd Me, O God"

arr. Mark Hayes Debbie Pankow

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

You may face the baptismal font as the service begins. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

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 verdant 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.**

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

CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Called to Share God's Love

CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH VISION

Living out God's Grace and Love through Worship, Learning, Fellowship and Service

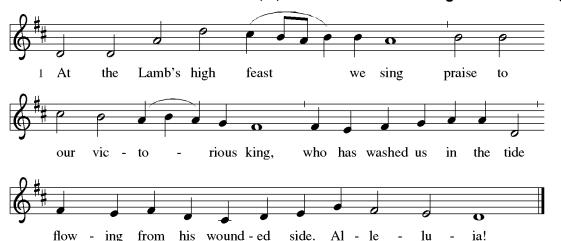
CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH CORE VALUES

We are a congregation that

- is open to all,
- values a community of all ages,
- is grounded in scripture and sacrament.
- nurtures individual gifts,
- believes that everyone has something to offer,
- values involvement in the greater community,
- supports all in the challenges and celebrations of their lives,

as God meets us where we are.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN ELW # 362 v. 1, 7, 8 "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"



- 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy; from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, newborn souls in you to be. Alleluia!
- 8 Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live, Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, your name we praise. Alleluia!

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.**

KYRIE ELW SETTING THREE

ELW pp. 138-39

- In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
 In Lord, have mercy.
- ☐ For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
- □ Lord, have mercy.
- ☐ 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. ☐ Lord, have mercy.
- For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
 □ Lord, have mercy.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY APRIL 28
Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

CANTICLE OF PRAISE ELW SETTING THREE

ELW pp. 140-41

- ☐ Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
- Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. refrain
- Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. refrain
- □ For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

WORD

FIRST READING Acts 4:5-12

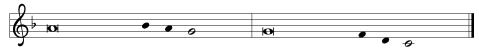
Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he can proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.

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 I is my shepherd; I shall not I be in want.

²The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me be- side still waters.

³You restore my [|] soul, O LORD, ∥

and guide me along right pathways I for your name's sake.

⁴Though 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.

⁶Surely 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

Jesus' death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God's commandments.

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.

CHOIR ANTHEM

"The Lord's My Shepherd"

Tune: Crimond directed by Tai Wai Li

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want; he makes me down to lie in pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again; and me to walk doth make within the paths of righteousness, e'en for his own names' sake. Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill; for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff my comfort still. My table thou has furnished in presence of my foes; my head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows. Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me; and in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW SETTING THREE

ELW p. 142
Please stand.

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

GOSPEL John 10:11-18

In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.

The holy gospel according to Saint John. 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.**

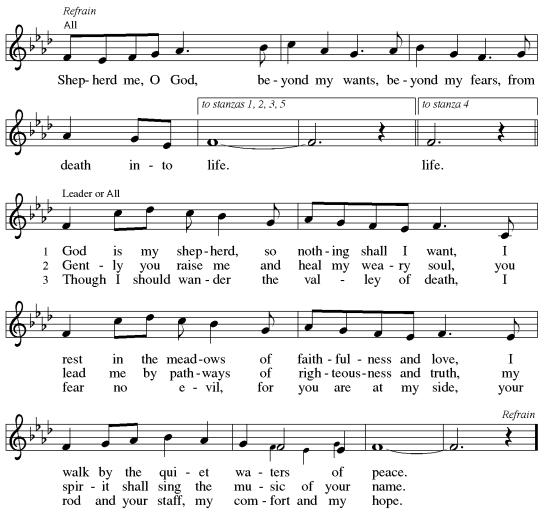
CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Dan Bollerud

SERMON Rev. Dan Bollerud

HYMN ELW #780

"Shepherd Me, O God"



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APOSTLES' 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

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

We Ask Your Prayers for: Alaska Native Lutheran Church; Joy Lutheran Church, Eagle River; Jan Adasiak, Marcia Baranow, Gary Bergman, Wendy Bergman, Jan Beverlin, Al Boecker, Joe & Lisa Boecker, Lori Boecker, Yvonne Boecker, Harlan & Ella Braun, Erik Bryant, Maria Bulkow, Charlene Chanonto, Betsy Cooper, Katy Coski, Kathy Earhart, Dixie Foley, Shannon Foley, Robin Harris, Dianne Hillemeyer, Pete Kropidlowski, Dee Lambert, Ed & Donna Luiten, Ed Mjolsnes, Arne & Norma Mjolsnes, Judith Moore, Marlene Rapp, George Rhyneer, John & Nel Rogers, Lynn Soiseth, Phyllis Tonkins, Lee & Jackie van Horn, Bob Voris, Bobbi Whitmire, Mark Wohlgemuth, Kallen Young, Kay Zernia, Kariana, Judy, Michael Please pray for the families of those who've died:

Each petition ends: God of grace. hear our prayer.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**

Michael Griggs (nephew of Sharon Jones), Doris Ziegler, Diane Mohlwinkle (friend of Karen V)

MEAL

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

Please be seated.

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OFFERING OFFERTORY ELW # 471 v. 3

"Let Us Break Bread Together"



The offering plate is located on a table at the center back of the Sanctuary. We welcome your donations to support Central's ministries and beyond via cash, check, card via the Square app on the tablet at the table, or at our website at centluth.org. Thank you.

OFFERING PRAYER Please stand.

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.

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.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS ELW SETTING THREE

ELW p. 144

 □ Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Lord gives us a meal and gives us a prayer. We pray together:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

† Invitation to the Meal †

This is not Central's table, not a Lutheran table; this is God's table, and you are all welcome.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Today we commune in a walking style—you'll be offered a wafer of bread and may select a cup of wine (red) or grape juice (white). After communing, drop your empty cup in the basket. If, for any reason, you prefer to receive a blessing in lieu of receiving communion, please cross your arms over your heart. Gluten-free wafers are available on the tray at the first pew.

Votive candles are available to light in memory of loved ones in the stand on the left side of the altar. Please use the Oil Candle Lighter. It is the small metal box with two removable metal wands. Each wand has a wick on one end that is kept moist with oil from inside the box. Light the wick end of the wand from an already lit votive candle. After lighting a new votive candle, blow out the flame on the wand and place it back into the container, which will re-wet the wick with new oil. Please do not let the wick burn for a long time, as it will use up the oil in the wand and the wick will actually start to burn (which we do not want). Please do not pick up the votive candles to light them. Let each worshipper re-light and extinguish the wand at their turn; do not pass the burning wand to another person.

LAMB OF GOD ELW SETTING THREE

ELW p. 146

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN ELW # 778

"The Lord's My Shepherd"



- 1 The Lord's my shep-herd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie
- 2 My soul he doth re store a gain, and me to walk doth make
- 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;
- 4 My ta ble thou hast rich ly spread in pres-ence of my foes;
- 5 Good-ness and mer cy all my life shall sure ly fol low me,



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COMMUNION HYMN ELW # 1062

"Build a Longer Table"



Thank you to our worship leaders today:

Presider & Preacher:
Choir Director:
Tai Wai Li
Musician:
Debbie Pankow
Assisting Minister:
Birte Eliasen
Lector:
Connie Boecker
A/V Wrangler:
John Bulkow
Projectionist:
Carol Norquist

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace and peace. **Amen.**

SENDING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

SENDING HYMN ELW # 536

"God Be with You Till We Meet Again" see next page

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.**

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

"God Be with You Till We Meet Again" arr. E. L. Ashford
Debbie Pankow

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Worship:

Sundays April 21 and 28 will be led by Rev. Dan Bollerud.

Study:

Adult Ed class continues today at 10:45 am in the Sanctuary, with a series of special guests helping us prepare for Final Transitions—looking at wills, bequests, funeral plans, advance directives, executors, insurance, burials and more. Stay after worship or join us on Zoom.

Book Group is reading Next of Kin by Melinda Mitchell, a sci-fi retelling of the book of Ruth. Discuss on Monday, May 20, at 4:30 pm.

The **Early Risers study** is reading <u>Lamb</u> by Christopher Moore together via Zoom.us at 7 am Mondays

Several small groups here at Central will be reading Solo Planet: How Singles Help the Church Recover Our Calling by Anna Broadway this summer. (We know the author!) We'll be placing a group order for printed copies—let the office know you'd like to get a copy, or find the eBook online.



Fellowship:

Beer & Hymns, the LSSA fundraiser, returns on Sunday, April 21, 6 - 8 pm at O'Brady's on Huffman. Come sing favorite hymns with friends!

Potluck to celebrate Vicar Zach's seminary graduation: 10:45 am May 5

Serve:

Our monthly **Clare House meal** is this Thursday 4/25. Can you help with:

- Salad for seventy people
- Garlic bread for seventy
- Four gallons of whole milk
- Dessert for sixty: ice cream? Cookies?
- Four gallon-ziplocks of cooked pasta noodles (spaghetti, macaroni...)

RSVP to our Church office with offers

Our **Church Clean Up Day** will be Saturday, May 4, beginning with breakfast at 8:30 am and then we get to work, indoors & outdoors, jobs of all sizes.

THANK YOU to Ken Helm for seven hours of work to get our sound system back up and happy after an amp blew.

Do you have a **bike** sitting unused? Catholic Social Services' Refugee Assistance & Immigration Services program invites donations by May 15, kid & adult sizes.

News:

The ELCA Alaska Synod will hold the annual **Synod Assembly** here in Anchorage at Gloria Dei, April 26-27-28. Please keep the group in your prayers this week as congregation members and pastors from across Alaska travel to be together and to elect our next Bishop. **We are asked to provide for a dinner, by Friday** (RSVP to our Church office):

- 10 loaves of French bread
- Salads 6 large Costco bags

Year-round, we collect shelf-stable foods for **LSSA Food Pantry**. Our April focus is canned and dried fruits and vegetables.

Sunday 4/21

9:30 am WORSHIP SERVICE w Rev. Dan Bollerud (Sanctuary) or via centluth.org

10:45 am Adult Ed: Final Transitions (Sanctuary and via Zoom.us)

11 am KOREAN PRESBYTERIAN WORSHIP SERVICE (Small Chapel, Community Room)

2 pm ANLC WORSHIP SERVICE (Sanctuary)

4:30 pm Confirmation Class (Community Room)

6 - 8 pm Beer & Hymns LSSA fundraiser at O'Brady's on Huffman

Monday 4/22

Russian tutoring meets most days in rooms 3-4 7 am Early Risers Study of Lamb via Zoom.us

Tuesday 4/23

Vicar Zach attends Pastors Collegium Tuesday - Thursday Noon Pastor's Text Study (Cordova Room)

1 - 3 pm Helping Hands Clothing Closet open (HH Closet)

4 - 7 pm Alaska Children's Choir (Room 8)

4:45 - 6:15 pm Pickleball (Fellowship Hall)

Worship online via centluth.org

Bible studies & meetings Zoom.us meeting ID 963 8911 9335

Wednesday 4/24

8:30 - 10 am Coffee Klatsch @ Kaladi Bros. on Brayton

Noon - 1 pm Lectionary Text Study (Cordova Room)

4:30 pm KOREAN PRESBYTERIÁN WORSHIP SERVICE (Narthex, then Community Room)

5:45 pm Bell Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary)

7 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary)

overnight Emergency Shelter for Families @ ECWS duplex

Thursday 4/25

10 am - 3 pm Log Cabin Quilters (Fellowship Hall)

by 3 pm volunteers deliver evening meal to Clare House shelter

Friday 4/26

Vicar Zach, John Bulkow, Birte Eliasen & David Braun attend Synod Assembly Fri & Sat.

9:30 am - Noon Synod Assembly worship (Fellowship Hall)

2:30 pm Caring Ministers meeting @ Dahna Graham's home

4:30 pm KOREAN PRESBYTERIAN WORSHIP SERVICE (Narthex, then Community Room)

Saturday 4/27

Vicar Zach, John Bulkow, Birte Eliasen & David Braun attend Synod Assembly Fri & Sat.

9:30 - 10:30 am WW Meeting (Community Room)

(set up) Noon - 4 pm Eddie's AA Monthly Dinner (Fellowship Hall)

(4 pm set up, out by 10 pm) Holy Rosary Academy (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday 4/28

9:30 am WORSHIP SERVICE w Rev. Dan Bollerud (Sanctuary) or via centluth.org

10:45 am Adult Ed: Final Transitions (Sanctuary and via Zoom.us)

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