Divine Service



The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 Zion Lutheran Church Kearney, Nebraska

H Warm Welcome to Our Guests!

Please sign our guest book in the narthex or a pew card so we know how we can best serve you. If you are a member in good standing of a sister LC-MS congregation, we invite you to commune with us. Members of other church bodies with whom we are not in confessional fellowship are asked to please refrain from communing. Our pastor will be happy to explain how our desire for Christian care and unity is shown in our communion practice. All communicants need to register in the narthex prior to the service. Those not communing are invited to come to the altar, cross your arms in front of you, and bow your head to receive a pastoral blessing.

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, Lays Down His Life for the Sheep The Lord Jesus is "the good shepherd" who "lays down his life for the sheep" (John 10:11). His life is not taken from Him, but He lays it down willingly, of His own accord, because He knows and loves the sheep. As the One sent by the Father, He has the "authority to lay it down" and the "authority to take it up again" (John 10:18). So has He done, and now He continues to love and serve as the Good Shepherd of the sheep by the voice of His Gospel. He thus calls all people into the fold of His Church, so that there may be "one flock, one shepherd" (John 10:16). That is why the apostles "were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead" (Acts 4:2). Since "there is salvation in *no one else,* "His voice rings out to this day through the preaching of His name, "for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). His voice comforts our hearts against all condemnation and gives us courage to "love one another" and "to lay down our lives for the brothers," as He laid down His life for us (1 John 3:16, 23).

592 Dearest Jesus, We Are Here (vs. 1-3 before baptism, vs. 4-5 after baptism) 1 Dear - est Je - sus, we here, Glad ly Your are com-2 Your com-mand is clear and plain. And we would 0 -3 There-fore we have come to You, In our arms this 4 Gra - cious Head. Your mem ber own; Shep herd. take Your 5 Now Your in - to heart Prayers that from our we pour mand o - bey ing; With this child we now draw near "You must du ly: all he born bey it gain, а here in fant bear ing. Tru ly Your grace we view; Prince of make here lamb and feed it; Peace, Your throne; hearts pro-ceed - ed. pe - ti tions heav'n -Our ward soar; That You In sponse to Your own say ing to it re -Heart and life re - new ing tru ly, Born of wa ter May this child, Your mer shar In Your be cy ing, arms Wav of lead Pre cious Vine. let Life. to heav en it; hearts' de - sires heed ed! Write May our be the name we shall be giv - en As child and heir of heav а en. and the Spir - it, And My king-dom thus in - her it." shield-ed on earth and Yours for - ev ev - er, Yours er. \_ noth - ing Your side this branch for - ev sev - er From er. giv - en; Write the book of heav have it in en! now

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# Holy Baptism

Stand

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

### Invocation

■ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

### **C** Amen.

## Exhortation

- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- **C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

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## **Confession of Sins**

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

## Absolution

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- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the '+' Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

# Service of the Word

## Introit

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,\*

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for- | ever.

The LORD is my | shepherd;\*

I | shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green | pastures.\*

He leads me beside still | waters.

He re- | stores my soul.\*

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his | name's sake.

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.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my | enemies;\*

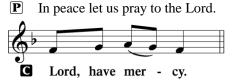
you anoint my head with oil; my cup | overflows.

- Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*
  - and to the Holy | Spirit;
- as it was in the be- | ginning,\*
  - is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,\*

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for- | ever.

## Kyrie



 $\mathbf{P}$  For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



■ 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.



**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



This Is the Feast LSB 155 Refrain 0. This is the feast of С vic-to-ry for our God. 0 Al-le - lu ia. al - le - lu - ia. al - le lu ia. 1 -Wor-thv is Christ, the Lamb who was slain. whose 2 Pow rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and er, 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and 4 Bless ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to 5 For the Lamb\_ who was slain has be -0 blood set free be peo - ple us to of God. Refrain hon - or, bless ing, and glo - ry are His. Refrain ioin in the hymn of all cre tion: а Stanza 4 and the Lamb for - ev - er. God Α men. Refrain gun His reign. Al - le - lu ia. Final Refrain Final Refrain 0. This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God.  $\mathbf{O}$ ia, Al-le - lu al - le - lu - ia, al - le lu ia. --Salutation and Collect of the Day P The Lord be with you. С And al - so with you. P Let us pray. 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.



### First Reading

<sup>1</sup>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 is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. <sup>12</sup>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."

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Gradual

adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

Christ has risen | from the dead.\*

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor.

He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;\*

he has put all things un- | der his feet.

### Epistle

### 1 John 3:16–24

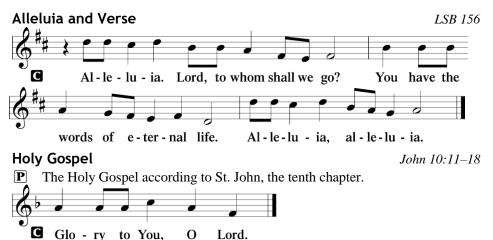
<sup>16</sup>By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. <sup>17</sup>But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? <sup>18</sup>Little children, let 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 him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

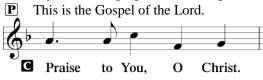
- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

#### Acts 4:1-12

Stand



<sup>11</sup>[Jesus said:] "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."



Sit

709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is The 1 King of love my shep herd is. Whose good - ness 2 Where streams of liv ing wa ter flow, My ran - somed 3 Per verse and fool ish oft I strayed, But vet in death's dark vale ill With 4 In T fear Thee, dear no ρ fail eth er: I noth ing lack if nev He soul lead eth And. where the ver dant He love And His shoul der sought me on Lord, be side me. Thy rod and staff my I His And He mine for ev am is er. grow. With food ce - les - tial feed eth. pas - tures gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me. com - fort still, Thv cross be - fore to guide me. 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; 6 And so through all the length of days Thine unction grace bestoweth; Thy goodness faileth never; And, oh, what transport of delight Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever! From Thy pure chalice floweth! Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-77 Tune: Irish, c. 18th cent. Text and tune: Public domain

### Sermon - "A Good Shepherd for All Times"

Psalm 23:6

### Stand

### **Apostles' Creed**

С 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.

## Prayer of the Church

# Sharing the Peace

Following the prayers, you may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you". Shaking hands is not required unless one is comfortable doing so. Please respect your neighbor's needs.

# Consecration of the Offering

After the peace please be seated. The altar is set for the Lord's Supper and the offering is consecrated. As you prepare to receive the sacrament you may use the prayers in the front of the hymnal or meditate on a communion hymn.



# Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

The Lord be with you.
And al - so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.



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**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



### **Proper Preface**

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



### Lord's Prayer

 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.

## The Words of Our Lord

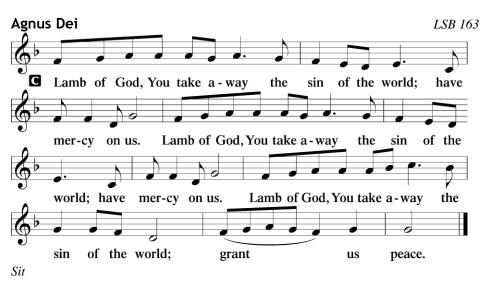
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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**C** Amen.



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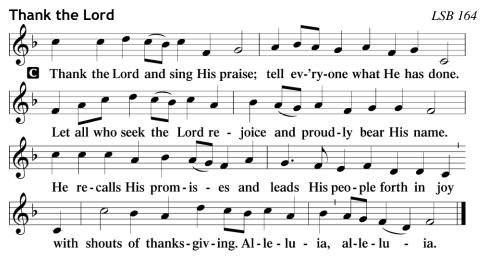


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### Stand

### The Dismissal

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ≁ in peace.
- **C** Amen.



## Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

> We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

С Amen.

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### Benediction

Amen.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



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Prayers for Our Members	
Denalyn Nuttelman	Baptism
Allyson Christener	Expecting
Judy Ahrens	Healing
DyAnn Altwine	Healing
Bruce Brooks	Healing
Lyle Colsden (Mother Hull)	Healing
Fred Flessner	Healing
Pat Flodine (Cambridge Court)	Healing
Jade Florang	Healing
Marilyn Fuqua	Healing
Jan Hatfield	Healing
Ruby Hatfield	Healing
Evelyn Heiden (Mother Hull)	Healing
Lennis Hodgson	Healing
Mary Ann Mertz	Healing
Betty Mustard	Healing
Don Richmond	Healing
Norrine Rockwell (Kinship Pointe)	Healing
Jane Schmid	Healing
Gretchen Trampe (Prairie View)	Healing
Jill Bates	Cancer
Ivan Bombeck	Cancer
Phyllis Wells	Cancer

Prayers for Our Members' Family & Fri	ends
Kayla Ernst (Bartels' friend)	Expecting
Amy Nuttelman (Chris' wife)	Expecting
Naomi Wollberg (Matthias' wife)	Expecting
Roger Young (Tiffany Davis' father)	Parkinson's
Joan Bentley (Kreutzer's friend)	Healing
Norm Erickson (Jackie Zehendner's father)	Healing
Jerry Foote (Carol Herron's friend)	Healing
Cyndi Foresman (Scott's wife)	Healing
Marilyn Glover (Don Helmbrecht's sister)	Healing
David Heapy (Janel Lange's father)	Healing
Annette Hoffman (Leah Baker's cousin)	Healing
Luetta Lammers (Ruby Hatfield's sister)	Healing
Michelle Lewis (Joni Brooks' friend)	Healing
Tim Powers (Kim Wilkens' brother)	Healing
Howard Quandt (Helmbrecht's brother-in-law)	Healing
Eve Sane (Quentin Lange's friend)	Healing
Randy Solomon (Beth Rosenthal's father)	Healing
Emmett Sprague (Jill Bates' nephew)	Healing
Joanne Staton (Kristian Arevalo's grandmother)	Healing
Pastor Brad Birtell (Willers' friend)	Cancer
Glenda Fichtner (Ruby Hatfield's niece)	Cancer
Ron Halvorsen (Jeff's dad)	Cancer
Steven Junge (Steve & Fran's nephew)	Cancer
Lynda Kreutzer (Rich & Carol's sister-in-law)	Cancer
Helen Lange (Bartels' friend)	Cancer
Sharon Mulhair (Pam Uhlir's cousin)	Cancer
Lindsey Muniz (Steve & Fran's niece)	Cancer
Milton Naprstek (Marilyn Fuqua's brother)	Cancer
Tyrone Uhlir (Pam's nephew)	Cancer

## Response to the Gospel

Date: 4/14/2024 Offering: \$4,867.30 Weekly Need: \$7,500

## Offering Options:

To worship the Lord with your offering:

1) Place your offering in the offering plate.

2) Go to zionkearney.churchtrac.com/give

3) Go to zionkearney.com and click on the ChurchTrac icon

4) Mail your gift to Zion Lutheran Church, 2421 C Ave, Kearney, NE 68847

The Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Pastor & Carol Gaunt, All glory to God.

# Worship Assistants

<u>Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> - 7:00a</u>					
Elder: Eric Rosenthal	Usher: Andy Wollberg				
Acolyte: Makenna Starkey	Engineer: Jamie Nikodym				
Announcer: Brooke Fisher	Altar Guild: Ellen Hockemeier				
	Chelsea Junge				
Sunday, April 28 <sup>th</sup> - 9:00a					
Elder: Ken Hockemeier	Usher: Mike Wilkens				
Acolyte: William Hodgson	Engineer: Zach DeLoach				
Announcer: Lonna Gronewoller	Altar Guild: Ellen Hockemeier				
	Chelsea Junge				

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Sun 4/21	9:00a	Divine Service
	10:30a	Adult Bible Study & Sunday School
	10:30a	Radio Broadcast
		1460AM & 92.1FM
	5:00p	Divine Service
	Birthdays	Patricia Flodine
Mon 4/22		
Tues 4/23	1:30p	Sleeping Mats
	7:00p	Church Council
	Birthdays	Philip Wellman
Wed 4/24	8:30a	Chapel
	5:30p	Midweek
	Birthdays	Theodore Florang
Thurs 4/25		
Fri 4/26		No School - Plant Sale
	Birthdays	Margaret Smith
Sat 4/27		
Sun 4/28	9:00a	Divine Service
	10:30a	Voter's Meeting (No Adult Bible Class)
	10:30a	Radio Broadcast
		1460AM & 92.1FM
	5:00p	Divine Service
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# Announcements for April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024

<u>Richmond Thank You:</u> Thank you to everyone who attended Don's open house. We appreciated all the love that was sent our way. We are blessed to have you all as friends and family. God bless!

**LWML Spring Collection:** Today is the last day to donate the Girl's Travel Size Health & Beauty items. Also, we are no longer collecting the denim pockets and buttons. Thank you to everyone who has helped!

**LWML Podcast:** Need a devotion for on the go listening? Try an LWML podcast devotion by downloading the LWML app on your phone or iPad! On the home page of the app click on the podcast icon and you will have a choice of recorded devotions to listen to as you drive, exercise, or do the dishes! If you need help talk to Carol DeLoach.

<u>Voter's Meeting</u>: There will be a voter's meeting <u>Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup></u> after 9am service. It will take place in the sanctuary. Adult bible class will not meet.

<u>Radio Broadcast & Altar Flowers:</u> The sign-up sheets for the 2024 radio broadcasts and flowers are on the bulletin board by the mailboxes. If you want a certain date, sign up ASAP.

## SCHOOL NEWS

<u>Plant Sale Pick-Up</u>: There will be no school on Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> for the plant sale. If you would like to volunteer to help, there is a sign-up sheet on the office window.

<u>MAPS Testing:</u> Students will be taking their last round of MAPS testing this week.

<u>Heartland Field Day:</u> There will be no school on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> for the Heartland Field Day.