Blessed Savior Lutheran Church

**Florissant, Missouri**



*“Empowered by God’s Holy Word,*

*we joyfully share the love of Jesus with all people;*

*through worship, teaching, fellowship,*

*service and witnessing.”*

 *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

*April 21, 2024*

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

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**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Sunday, April 21, 2024**

**WE WELCOME YOU** to our worship service this morning. We pray God’s rich blessings upon you as you hear His Word and praise His holy name. We ask our members and visitors to please use the friendship pad found on the pew. Kindly hand the friendship pad to the person sitting next to you. The Ushers will collect them after the service. Thank You.

**HOLY COMMUNION** will be offered during our worship services this week. You are encouraged to prepare for communion by meditating on the Christian Questions and Answers located on pages 329 & 330 in the front of the hymnal.

 We rejoice in this celebration of the **LORD’S** Supper as the Lord Jesus indeed comes to us in a very intimate manner, giving to us His true Body & Blood in and with the bread and wine in this sacred meal. St. Paul writes*, “A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.”* (1 Corinthians 11:28-29) It is out of love and care for every individual that comes to the Lord’s Supper that we ask those who are not instructed in the faith and/or doubt the presence of the Body and Blood of Jesus in this Sacrament to speak to the pastor before attending the Lord’s Supper. Members of churches that belong to the Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod, believing and confessing as we do, are invited to partake in the Lord’s Supper with us. We practice close communion and ask that ALL guests who desire to commune; kindly speak to the Pastor before the service. Please respect our position of love in this matter of pastoral care, BSLC.

**THIS WORSHIP FOLDER / CHURCH BULLETIN** is prepared for your convenience and contains the entire order of worship with all spoken and sung responses. However, if you are more comfortable using the hymnal, you may use the order of worship found in the front pages of Lutheran Service Book where all the melodies are shown for the sung responses of the congregation.

*Divine Service 3* *p.184*

*Greeting of Peace* The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, “Peace be with you,” as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3).

*Opening Hymn*

***“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”*** *#710*

Stand

Confession and Absolution

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

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P 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.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **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.**

P 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

*Introit* Psalm 23; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b



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.**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.**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.
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.**
I am the good | shepherd.\*
 **I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life | for the sheep.**

*Kyrie* p. 186

C **Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

*“Gloria in Excelsis”*  p. 187

P Glory be to God on high:

C **and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.**

**We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,**

**we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.**

**O Lord God, heav’nly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;**

**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**

**that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.**

**For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.**

**Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,**

**art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*Salutation and Collect of the Day p.189*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

 C **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. Amen.**

Sit

*Reading* Acts 4:1–12

 1As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, 2greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. 3And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. 4But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

 5On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, 6with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. 7And when they had set them in the 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 being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, 10let 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. 11This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. 12And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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

C **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 under his feet.**

*Epistle* 1 John 3:16–24

 16By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. 17But 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? 18Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

 19By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; 20for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. 21Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; 22and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. 23And 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. 24Whoever 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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

*Alleluia* p. 190

C **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

*Holy Gospel* John 10:11–18

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

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

 11Jesus said “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12He 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. 13He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing 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. 16And 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. 17For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. 18No 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.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

*Nicene Creed p.191*

C **I believe in one God,**

 **the Father Almighty,**

 **maker of heaven and earth**

 **and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,**

 **the only-begotten Son of God,**

 **begotten of His Father before all worlds,**

 **God of God, Light of Light,**

 **very God of very God,** **begotten, not made,**

 **being of one substance with the Father,**

 **by whom all things were made;**

 **who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven**

 **and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary** **and was made man;**

 **and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.**

 **He suffered and was buried.**

 **And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures**

 **and ascended into heaven**

 **and sits at the right hand of the Father.**

 **And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,**

 **whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

 **the Lord and giver of life,**

 **who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

 **who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,**

 **who spoke by the prophets.**

 **And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,**

 **I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,**

 **and I look for the resurrection of the dead**

 **and the life** T **of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

*Children's Message*

*Sermon Hymn* *“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”* # 709

*Sermon*

*Offering*

Stand

*Offertory* p. 192

C **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 uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

*Prayer of the Church*

*After each petition of the prayers:*

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| --- | --- |
| P | Lord, In Your mercy. |
| C | **Hear our prayer.** |

 *After the final petition:*

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| P | One God, now and forever. |
| C | **Amen.** |

Service of the Sacrament

*Preface* p. 194

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C **It is meet and right so to do.**

P It is truly meet, 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:

*Sanctus* p. 195

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;**

**heav’n and earth are full of Thy glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

*Lord’s Prayer* p. 196

**C 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* p. 197

P 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 T 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 T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

*Pax Domini* p. 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

*Agnus Dei* p. 198

C **O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

Sit

*Distribution*

*Distribution Hymns*

 *“Crown Him with Many Crowns” #525*

 ***“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”*** *#700*

 ***“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”*** *#549*

Stand

*Nunc Dimittis* p. 199

C **Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,**

**for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,**

**a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

*Thanksgiving* p. 200

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C **and His mercy endureth forever.**

A 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.

C **Amen.**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

*Benedicamus* p. 202

A Bless we the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Benediction* p. 202

P 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 T give you peace.

C **Amen, amen, amen.**

*Closing Hymn* *“I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”* # 740

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*Sit*

***Announcements***

 *After the announcements, please stand for the closing Doxology.*

*Doxology #805*

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;***

***Praise Him, all creatures here below;***

***Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host:***

***Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

***Go and Serve the Lord***

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The Liturgist & Preacher: Pastor Matthew Roeglin

The Organist: Mrs. Donna Boyd

**Altar Flowers** – are placed by Justin & Meaghan Grimes in celebration of their 1st wedding anniversary and for the many blessings God has bestowed upon them.

Altar Flowers needed for: May 5, 12 & 26

**Prayers for our Church and Community** **Week of April 21st (front) & 28th (Back).** Each week we pray for members of our Church and our Community. At the end of the service the Ushers will pass out the new prayer list.

**Concordia University – Wisconsin** “Kammerchor Spring Tour 2024” will be at Chapel of the Cross, 11645 Benham Rd., St. Louis, MO on Tuesday, May 7th at 7:00 p.m.

**BLESSED SAVIOR’S CALENDAR**

**April 21 – April 28, 2024**

TODAY:

**Sunday 8:15 a.m. Bible Class (McKenna)**

 **9:30 a.m. Worship Service w/Holy Communion**

 **10:45 a.m. Bible Class (Pastor)**

**Apr. 21 10:45 a.m. Sunday School & High School**

MONDAY:

**Apr. 22**

TUESDAY: **CALL DAY – CONCORDIA SEMINARY**

**Apr. 23** **3 P.M. Vicarage & 7 P.M. Pastoral Calls**

WEDNESDAY: **2:30 p.m. Pastor’s Adult Bible Study**

**Apr. 24 6:00 p.m. Bible Study (McKenna)**

THURSDAY:

**Apr. 25**

FRIDAY: **Pastor - Day with family**

**Apr. 26**

SATURDAY:

**Apr. 27**

**NEXT 8:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study (McKenna)**

***SUNDAY* 9:30 a.m. Worship Service**

 **10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class (Pastor)**

**Apr. 28 10:45 a.m. Sunday School & High School**

**April 21 4th Sunday of Easter 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, and 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.

**Our Response to God’s Love – April 14, 2024**

Sunday (9:30)………. 44

Sem Students/family......

Visitors…………..…

Communed….

Total……………... 44

Sunday School…………

Sun. School/Bible Staff...

Bible Study/Youth……...

Bible Study/Y.Adults….

Bible Study I ………….

Bible Study II ………..

Adult/Confirm…….

Wednesday Morning …...

General Offerings…. $ 3,251.00

Misc.  $ 0.00

Total response for week of: **April 14**  $ 3,251.00

Weekly Budget Needed $- 3,800.00

 **Deficit** $- 549.00

**Blessings Upon Blessings**

Anniversary Campaign- Update

 Wk of 4/14 YTD

Debt Reduction $ 0.00 $ 4,210.00

Improvement/Banners $ 10.00 $ 1,635.00

 $ 10.00 $ 5,845.00

**Our Special Prayers and Intercessions**

Jim Laughlin – open heart surgery

Kim – cancer

Mary S. – cancer

Jeannie Firoved – health issues

Sara – health

Tiffany Connor – health issues

Connor Stretch – Health issues

Mike – Liver failure

Andrew – Guidance

Wanda Johnston – recovering from hip

 Surgery

David Hogenmiller – health

Rev. Gary Shack – health

Jim Grimes – health issues

Cheryl Ehrhard – recovering- knee surgery

JoAnn Roellig - hospice

Martha Oth – health

Lindsay Jaco – car accident

Debbie Bacon – hospitalized

Allan Joellenbeck – health

Dan Boyd – health

Bonnie Zeiszler – Liver cancer

Kyle – renewal of faith

Heather – strengthening of faith

Pastor Struve- hospitalized

Marge Struve – health issues

Pastor Eric Carlson – Leukemia

Anneliese Wenger – health issues

Charlotte Taggert – health issues

Jessica Parish – MS

Rita Kirk – health issues

Mary Peacock – health

Debbie – home recovering

Lindsay – health

Wendy DeSanto – health issues

Patti Henneman – health issues

Laurie Moore – health issues

William – health issues

Doris Boyd – health issues

David Kuhl – health

Mike Wilder – cancer

Tom Murphy – health

Kelly - health

Retha Taylor – health

Caitlyn – health

Steve Haynes – heart issues

Nancy Stocker – health issues

Ted Stocker- health issues

**Serving in our Armed Forces** – Andrew Mack, Paul Hackett, Jay Warren, Michael Rice, Caleb McElyea, Jeff Throgmorton, Adam Guercio, Chance Glover, Cody Guercio, Danny Chung, Zayne Glatz, Alanna Kreppert, James Adelhardt, Sean Bentrup, Wesley Peach, Jordan Rolf, Anne Heintzelman, Austin Dreckshage, Ken Leppert II, Shelby Croghan & Richard Vengels.

**\*Please note: Those who are named in our special prayers and intercessions list are placed there by members of our congregation. St. Paul tells us in 1Timothy 2:1-2: “I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings be made for everyone – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior.”** Those named remain joyfully in our prayers until the person who requested our prayers removes them or until the Lord resolves their need. Therefore, as St. Paul tells us in Philippians 4:6 “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God.