

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church - Vilmar

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, April 21, 2024

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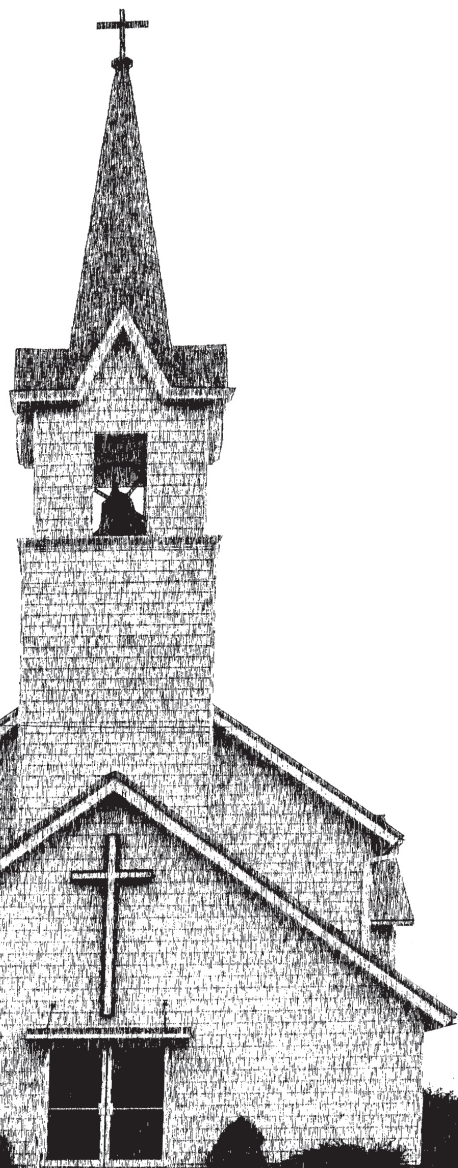
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**Items with an asterisk:
Congregation is invited to stand, as you are able*

Prelude and Ringing of the Bell

***Opening Hymn, “*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*”...LBW #481**

Welcome and Prayer Requests

***Brief Order of Confession & Forgiveness (1 John 1:8-9, John 20:21-23).... pg. 56**

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***Salutation (2 Timothy 4:22)..... pg. 62**

***Prayer of the Day (see bulletin insert)**

Special Music, “*Allegro*”

First Reading, Acts 4:1-12

Psalms 23, “*The Lord’s My Shepherd*” LBW #451

Second Reading, 1 John 3:16-24

***Verse, “*Alleluia*” (John 6:68)..... pg. 62**

***Holy Gospel Reading, John 10:11-18**

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day, “*Have No Fear, Little Flock*”LBW #476

***The Nicene Creed..... pg. 64**

***Prayers of the Church**

Sharing of the Peace

Gathering of the Offering and Presentation

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“*Lamb of God*” (John 1:29)..... pg. 72

Communion Distribution

Hymn, “*Children of the Heavenly Father*”LBW #474

Hymn, *“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”* LBW #456

*Post-Communion Grace & Canticle, *“Thank the Lord”* pg. 72-73

*Post-Communion Prayer pg 74

Benediction (*Numbers 6:24-26*) pg. 74

Doxology, *“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”*

Announcements

The Sending

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Recessional Hymn, *“Go Now In Peace”*

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen.

Postlude

Serving in the Lord’s House Today, Sunday, April 21:

Pastor: Rev. Tamara J. K. Keen; **Organist:** Barb Wagner;

Reader: Betty Rewerts; **Special Music:** JayLynn Seehusen, flute solo;

Fellowship Hosts: Warren and Lollie Van Dyke;

Deacons: Dick Ulrich and Ron Taylor;

Altar Committee: Don and Vernetta Salge

Welcome! We extend a warm welcome to our guests and visitors today. May you know God’s presence as we worship together as the body of Christ. Please sign the guest register in the narthex. We look forward to seeing you with us again!

Statement Regarding Holy Communion: We are celebrating the sacrament of Holy Communion today. All are welcome to receive the Lord’s Body and Blood who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with, and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of all power, you called from death our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep. Send us as shepherds to rescue the lost, to heal the injured, and to feed one another with knowledge and understanding; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 4:1-12

¹While Peter and John were speaking to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came to them, ²much annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming that in Jesus there is the resurrection of the dead. ³So they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴But many of those who heard the word believed; and they numbered about five thousand.

⁵The next day their 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.’

PSALM 23

Today we will sing hymn #451 in the green hymnal for the psalm, "The Lord's My Shepherd"

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24

¹⁶ We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷ How 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?

¹⁸ Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹ And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰ whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹ Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²² and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³ And 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. ²⁴ All 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.

HOLY GOSPEL READING: John 10:11-18

¹¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The 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. ¹³ The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I 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. ¹⁷ For this

reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸ No 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.'

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Sunday, April 21

First Reading: Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 150

Second Reading: 1 John 4:1-11; Gospel Reading: John 15:1-8

*The lectern Bible is NRSV. This version will be printed in the bulletin each week. **The weekly readings will be bookmarked and labeled in the lectern Bible each Sunday so the reader can read The Word from the Bible.** The Psalm is divided by whole verse and can be read from the bulletin. Thank you.

Anniversary

The congregation is invited to an open house reception honoring the 60th Wedding Anniversary of Dean and Kay Brinkman on Sunday, April 28 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m., in the Vilmar Church basement. A light lunch will be served. No gifts, please.

Graduates Recognition

If someone in your family is graduating this year and you'd like their name included in the bulletin, please let Monica know by Thursday, May 9. We will recognize them with a special prayer on Sunday, May 12.

Sound System & Live Streaming Training

I would like to get a few people trained in running our systems. I have a detailed booklet that explains how to operate everything, but I would like to sit down and go through it with some people, and take a few Sundays to have hands-on learning experiences with it. If you would be interested in this, please let me know, and we can coordinate dates for training. Thanks, Monica

Vilmar's Weekly Schedule

Sunday, April 21

Herald Announcements Due Today

8:45-9:45 a.m.: Sunday School

10 a.m.: Worship Service with Holy Communion

11 a.m.: Coffee and Fellowship

Monday, April 22

5 p.m.: Walk with God at Wilder Park

Tuesday, April 23

5 p.m.: Walk with God at Wilder Park

Wednesday, April 24

11:30 a.m.: One For Lord meeting at Rustic Brew, Hampton

6-7:30 p.m.: Jr. Lutherans and Confirmation Classes at

Diane Hummel's home

Thursday, April 25

9 a.m.: Bulletin Deadline

5 p.m.: Walk with God at Wilder Park

Friday, April 26

5 p.m.: Walk with God at Wilder Park

Saturday, April 27

7 a.m.: Men's and Women's Bible Study at Jurene Dralle's home

Sunday, April 28 — Singspration Sunday

8:45-9:45 a.m.: Sunday School

10 a.m.: Worship Service

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Brinkman Anniversary Reception

2:30 p.m.: Women of Faith meeting at the parsonage

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Reader: Jeff Seehusen; **Fellowship Hosts:** Angie Sieren;

Deacons: Dick Ulrich and Ron Taylor

Reminder

If you are the last one to leave the church building on ANY day of the week, please be sure to double check that all the lights are shut off – especially the hallways, classrooms, bathrooms, kitchen, etc. Please lock the doors when you leave as well. Thank you!

Children's Bulletins & Activity Bags

The children's bulletins are on the stand at the top of the stairs. There are also activity bags for the children on the bookshelf at the top of the stairs. Feel free to use them, and return the bags to the shelf following the service.

Volunteers Needed

- **Scripture Readers** (sign up sheet on the bulletin board)
- **Fellowship Hosts** (sign up sheet on the bulletin board)
- **Special Music** (talk to Jane Thompson)
- **Mowing Volunteers** (sign up sheet on the bulletin board)

Remember in Our Prayers

Prayer Concerns: Harold and Marlys Kruse, Bruce and Deb Johnson, Jurene Dralle, Evalyn Nettleton, Mari Ann Wearda, Ali Matteson, Robert Vieker, Jaxon Hartkopp, Pastor James Puotyual, Larry Voigts, Sandra Greenlee, Randy Brinkman, Pastor David Craig, Barb Kelly, Wendell Debner, Helen Debner, Jerrylyn Brinkman, Calla Clarey, Pastor Robert Salge, Darwin Dralle, Mary Schipper, Jean Morris, Susan Seehusen, Pastor Mark Walker, Sheryl Johnson, Lori May, Gloria Flaten, Carrie Wilson, Randy Horst, Harlan Martzahn, Joel Heuer, Susan Zierath, Kyle Debner, Connie Opperman and Kathy Dann

Service Men and Women: Lloyd Davis and Rashell Haxhijaj

Pastoral Care and Private Communion

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