

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD  
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**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**April 22, 2018**

**VISITORS – WE WELCOME YOU** to this house of prayer this morning. May you feel at home among friends as we worship together. We invite you to sign your name in the guest book in the back of the church and hope you will return again soon.

Prelude  
Ringing of the Bell  
Welcome

Opening Hymn: #710,  
"The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" (Psalm 23)

Easter Sentence

P: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. By His great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. "I am the First and the Last, and the Living One," says the Lord; "I died, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hell."

An Act of Adoration

P: O Almighty God, before whose presence the angels veil their faces, with reverence and love we acknowledge Your glory and worship You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, eternal Trinity. Blessing and honor and glory and power be unto our God, forever and ever.

**C: Amen.**

An Act of Confession

P: Merciful Father,

**C: we have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy on us. Spare them, O God, who confess their sin. Restore those who are penitent, according to Your promises declared to mankind in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Grant, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, that we may live godly and sober lives, to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.**

P: God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to Him. May He keep us in His grace by the Holy Spirit, lead us to greater faith and obedience, and bring us to live with Him forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

Easter Hymn of Praise: #475

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing"

Collect of the Day, spoken by Pastor

First Reading: Acts 4:1-12

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Easter Gradual, chanted by Pastor

Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia #952

Holy Gospel: John 10:11-18

Responses

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10th chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

*(The Gospel is read.)*

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ!**

The Apostles' Creed ..... back cover of the hymnal

Children's Message: "Who's Afraid of the Big, Bad Wolf?"

Hymn of the Day: #709, "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

Sermon: "A Real Man For Us!" Luke 24:36-43

Offering

An Act of Thanksgiving, prayed in unison

**C: Father of all mercies, we give You thanks for all Your goodness to us and to all men. We praise You for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for Your love in the reconciliation of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we ask You to give us that due sense of all Your mercies, that our hearts may be truly thankful and that we praise You not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving ourselves to Your service and by walking before You in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, to whom with You and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer ..... back cover of the hymnal

Blessing

P: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: Amen.**

Closing Hymn: #711, "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Chimes/Silent Prayer

Announcements

Postlude

### **VOTERS' MEETING - THIS WEEK**

The Voters will gather for the Spring Meeting on Tuesday, April 24th, at 7:30 PM. Constitutional matters will come up under "Old Business." Under "New Business" we will deal with the estimate for the church basement project, consider rain gutter replacement for the church, and also discuss necessary foundation work to keep water leaks out of the basement. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending so that we may go forward with these important projects!

### **YOUTH LOCK-IN**

A Youth Lock-In is scheduled for this coming weekend. However, many have asked about rescheduling the event. Would Friday and Saturday, May 13th and 14th, work better? Let Pastor know **TODAY**. Whichever date ends up working, please bring your favorite games, appropriate movies, a pillow, and a sleeping bag. Pizza and drinks will be provided out of the youth fund. If you are 18+ and would like to help as a chaperone, please speak with Pastor ASAP. Thanks!

### **PERSONAL CARE KITS**

The Lenten Lutheran World Relief Project is complete and our congregation has gathered supplies for 33 personal care kits to be sent to people in need around the world. In addition, hundreds of extra combs and toothbrushes were given. These will be donated locally! Thank you for your consideration!

### **THANK YOU TO THE KEVIN BALLMAN FAMILY**

The Ballman family has begun work on steam-cleaning all the upstairs church carpeting! It looks and smells great! Thank you for your efforts!