



“I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep.”  
—John 10:14-15

*Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
Larimore, ND \* April 21, 2024  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*

# GATHERING

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made!

**Assembly: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Leader: Jesus is Risen!

**Assembly: Christ is risen indeed!**

Leader: Our celebration of Easter life continues,

**ALL: Let us worship and give praise to God!**

## \*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God...with good things. **Amen.**

*Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.*

**Lord, I confess my sin, You have promised to provide for all of my needs, and yet I mistrust Your promise. I know the futility of my own ambitions and my inability to do that which I desire. Today I need to recognize the sin within me, and ask that you would forgive me. Lord, in Your mercy, Forgive my sin and cleanse me so that I can be pleasing in Your sight and a minister in Your service.**

God, our heavenly Creator...Praise God for the gift of love to us. **AMEN.**

## \*GATHERING HYMN “Have No Fear Little Flock” ELW 764 vs.1,3,4

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **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.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

# INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

**Leader:** These persons have been elected...

**Leader addresses the Church Council:** Dear friends, You have been called... Today we install *Dave Voight, John Aamodt, Les Canarr, Derek Muir, Melissa Landis, Gordy Peterson, Stephanie Johnson, Roberta Stover and Matt Pernat*....

**Questions and Answers...**

**Leader:**

Let us pray.

Almighty God,

**Assembly:** Pour out your blessings upon these your servants who have been given particular ministries in your church.

**Leader:** Grant them grace to give themselves wholeheartedly in your service.

**Assembly:** Keep before them the example of our Lord, who did not think first of himself, but gave himself for us all.

**Leader:** Let them share his ministry and consecration, that they may enter into his joy.

**Assembly:** Guide them in their work.

**Leader:** Reward their faithfulness with the knowledge that through them your purposes are accomplished;

**ALL:** Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Leader to the congregation:**

Dear friends, Rejoice that God provides laborers for the vineyards!

**Assembly:** We will do all we can to assist and encourage them in the responsibilities to which they have been called, giving them our cooperation, our counsel, and our prayers.

# WORD

**FIRST READING:** Acts 4:1-12 PB 887

**1** While Peter and John were speaking to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came to them, **2** much annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming that in Jesus there is the resurrection of the dead. **3** So they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. **4** But many of those who heard the word believed; and they numbered about five thousand. **5** The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, **6** with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. **7** When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" **8** Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, **9** if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, **10** let 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. **11** This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' **12** There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

*WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE. THANKS BE TO GOD.*

**PSALM:** Psalm 23 (read together)

**The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. <sup>2</sup> He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. <sup>3</sup> He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. <sup>4</sup> Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. <sup>5</sup> Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. <sup>6</sup> Surely goodness**

**and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

**SECOND READING:** *1 John 3:11-24* PB 990-991

**11** For this is the message you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. **12** We must not be like Cain who was from the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. **13** Do not be astonished, brothers and sisters, that the world hates you. **14** We know that we have passed from death to life because we love one another. Whoever does not love abides in death. **15** All who hate a brother or sister are murderers, and you know that murderers do not have eternal life abiding in them. **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.

***WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE. THANKS BE TO GOD.***

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *“O Word of God Incarnate” ELW 514 vs.3*

L: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

A: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**\*GOSPEL** *John 10:11-18* PB 872-873

**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."

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

A: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *"The King of Love..."* ELW 502 vs.1-3

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *"The King of Love..."* ELW 502 vs.4-6

**OFFERING**

**\*OFFERING SONG** *“Thank the Lord”*

**Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev’ryone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

**Let us pray. You are an abundant God, and out of Your great mercy you have given us so much. We give you this offering today. With it, we worship You and give our whole selves to You. May it be used for Your kingdom and Your glory. Extend and multiply its reach, and may it be a great blessing to many. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.**

**\*APOSTLE’S CREED** ELW pg. 217

**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 into Hell. 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**

# MEAL

## \*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### \*THE 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.

## INVITATION/DISTRIBUTION

### \*COMMUNION BLESSING

### \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray: We thank you, gracious God, for loving all your family with tender care, and feeding us in a way our hearts can understand, with the saving body and blood of Jesus Christ. Renew and enliven us by your presence in this meal, that we may be your presence in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.

# SENDING

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*BLESSING



**\*SENDING HYMN** “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” ELW 789 vs.1,2,4

**\*DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**  
Go, in peace to share the good news! **Thanks be to God!**

**Welcome! We are glad you are with us today!** If you are interested in joining our church, please contact Lori at 218-791-2671 or Julie at 701-741-5683. If you have an emergency, call Dave Voight (Church Council President) at 701-240-4255 -or- Camilla Stover (WELCA-V.P.) at 218-791-2678.

**CALENDAR**

**Today, 4/21/2024— 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter!**

**9:00am**—Sunday School

**10:00am**—Worship w/Holy Communion

**11:00am**—Fellowship

**Wednesday, 4/24/2024**

**3:30pm**—Confirmation Class

**Thursday, 4/25/2024**

**9:30am**—NEEDLES UP!! (Quilting)

**Next Sunday, 4/28/2024—*Blessing of the Quilts***

**9:00am**—Sunday School

**10:00am**—Worship

**11:00am**—Fellowship

**Every day**

An opportunity to show we are Christians by our love.

## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Mission of the Month for: Mar. – Apr.:** FURNACE FUND
- **Noisy offering:** Collected on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month for the mission of the month(s).
- **Mission Action Month:** Stay tuned for information if we need more of any specific item(s).
- **April 21<sup>st</sup> (back-up April 28<sup>th</sup>):** Installation of Church Council
- **April 28<sup>th</sup>:** Quilt Blessing: Come & see quilts! If one tickles your fancy, ask a quilter about purchasing the quilt!
- **Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>:** Spring Clean-up Day—wear work clothes to church; Potluck meal (*Burgers and Dogs will be provided by the council*).
- **Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>:** Last Day of Confirmation '23-'24
- **Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>:** Mother's Day ~ Last day of Sunday School
- **Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>:** Pentecost Sunday—wear the color **Red!**
- **Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>:** Holy Trinity Sunday ~ LHS Graduation

# PRAYER LIST

To add/remove someone from the prayer lists, please email the church: [oslclarimoreoffice@gmail.com](mailto:oslclarimoreoffice@gmail.com) or call/text Roberta: 218-779-0359

## **We pray for those in need:**

Cynthia Pic Orpha Lieberg Ron Petsinger Sarah Anderson  
Michael & Evynn Schlender (nephew of Ann Ferdon) Country of Israel,  
and all countries in the world—that they come to know Christ as their Savior  
and Lord Mark Sletten Robbie Leake OSLC Call Committee:  
*Paul Mutch, Dee Muir, Jenn Aamodt, Dave Voight, Gordy Peterson (non-  
voting members: Luke Reinhold, Sadie Aamodt)*

## **Prayers for Homebound/Nursing Home Members:**

LaVonne Jacobson Vicki Sweeney Dolores Mutch Marv Jemtrud  
Arlene Lilja Gloria Temple

## **Prayers for Armed Service Members:**

Robert Norman Dillon Norman

### **Serving this Sunday**

***Ushers:*** Col. Hogan & Col. Klink  
***Reader(s):*** Confirmation Students  
***Prayer:*** Confirmation Student  
***Communion:*** N/A  
***Fellowship:***  
R. Stovers & M. Johnsons

### **Serving Next Sunday (4/28/24)**

***Ushers:*** Volunteer Encouraged  
***Reader(s):*** Confirmation Students  
***Prayer:*** Confirmation Student  
***Communion:*** Rt. & Ra. Stover  
***Fellowship:***  
T. & N. Smith & T. Welder

**Please prayerfully consider signing up to volunteer to participate in Sunday Worship services. We need ushers, readers, and prayer readers (worship leaders encouraged as well). If you don't feel comfortable reading from the front, you are more than welcome to read from the microphone (on the organ) in the back of the church. All are welcome and encouraged!**

## **SERVING IN APRIL & MAY**

***Reminder: \*If you are unable to serve on the schedule listed, please refer to the monthly inviter for a list of people to contact.***

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday- April 21**

COMMUNION: Rt. & Ra. Stover  
FELLOWSHIP: R. Stovers & M. Johnsons

### **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday-April 28**

FELLOWSHIP: T. & N. Smith & T. Welder

### **1<sup>ST</sup> Sunday-May 5**

COMMUNION: Paul & Julie Mutch  
FELLOWSHIP: **POTLUCK**—Council to bring burgers & dogs

### **2<sup>ND</sup> Sunday-May 12 – Mother's Day**

**FELLOWSHIP: N/A**

### **3<sup>RD</sup> Sunday-May 19**

FELLOWSHIP: M. Landis & N. Lilja

### **4<sup>TH</sup> Sunday-May 26 – LHS Graduation**

FELLOWSHIP: *OSLC Men's Club*