

April 20-21, 2024 Easter 4

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**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** God gathers us through Word and Sacrament to celebrate God's presence and to receive God's gift of grace. God has made us his people through our baptism and keeps us close to him through the preaching of the word and God's presence in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. We give thanks today for the gift of faith God has planted in us, and we depart to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

We extend a special **welcome** to those who are our guests. May God bless this time of worship for you as we are blessed by your presence. If you have no church home we invite you to join with us and consider Our Savior's as your church home. If you are not baptized and would like to talk about baptism as part of your faith journey, please speak with one of the pastors.

**FELLOWSHIP PADS:** We ask everyone to sign and pass the fellowship pad in the pew and return it to the rack when done.

**OFFERING:** No offering is collected during our worship this day; however, we do welcome your support of our ministries and thank you for your gifts. Together we make a difference in the lives of others.

Offering plates are available as you leave the sanctuary. For online giving go to the church website: oursaviorswestsalem.org/giving. Or text your gift amount to 608-471-7267 and follow the instructions on the response you receive. Or use the QR Code to the right. Thank you for your generosity and support of our work together.

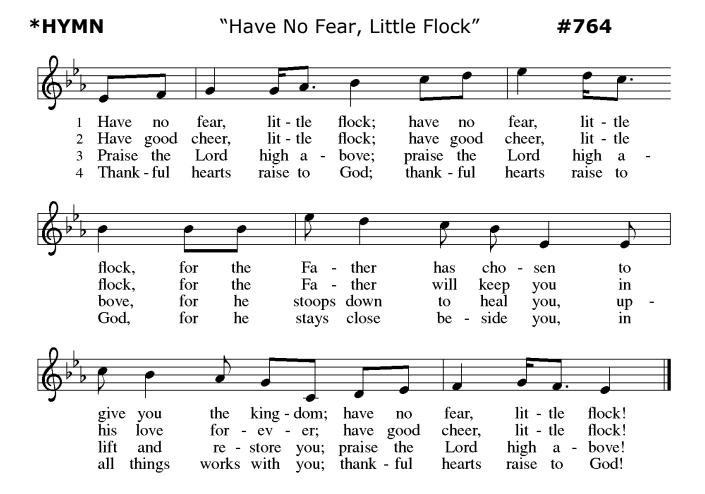


# Order of Worship

\*Please stand as you are able

#### **PRELUDE**

#### **WELCOME**



#### \*GREETING

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

## And also with you.

### \*KYRIE

Bold text is congregational response.



#### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.** 

#### **READING** Acts 4:5-12

<sup>5</sup>The next day the rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their 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 questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' <sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "The New 23rd" Senior Choir 8 a.m.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### \*GOSPEL VERSE



**\*GOSPEL** John 10:11-18

The Gospel according to John.

### Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: <sup>11</sup>"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care 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>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. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

### **SERMON**

#### "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" \*HYMN #502 of love The King shep - herd is, whose good - ness my 1 wa -Where streams liv 2 of ing ter flow, my ran somed 3 Per - verse and fool ish oft strayed, but yet in Ι death's dark vale fear ill. In I with thee. dear no if fail eth I lack nev er; noth ing lead eth soul he and, where the ver dant shoul love he sought and his der me, on side staff Lord, be me, thy rod and my his I and he is mine for ev er. am with food ce - les - tial feed pas - tures grow, eth. laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought gent - ly me. com - fort be - fore still; thy to guide cross 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 from thy pure chalice floweth! within thy house forever.

**BAPTISM** page 227 (in front of the hymnal) 10:30 a.m.

#### \*NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

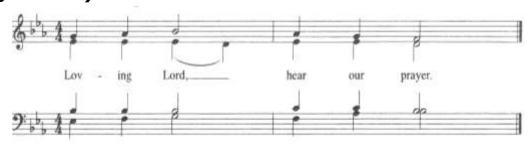
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. **Amen.** 

#### \*PRAYERS

P: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

(Please join in silent prayer as members of the SOS Band offer our petitions.)

Shepherding God, gather your church whenever we wander from you and one another. Empower our church in ministries around the world to worship and serve alongside global companions as equal partners and coworkers in the gospel. God of grace, (sing refrain)



Nurturing God, preserve the health of biomes and ecosystems. Inspire scientists, researchers, conservation organizations, and all people entrusted with the task of caring for creation, that we may be better stewards of the world around us. God of grace, (sing refrain)

Almighty God, lead nations and communities to share resources, cooperate in solving conflicts, and listen to the wisdom of Indigenous peoples. Help all those with power to share it and to use such power for good. God of grace,

### (sing refrain)

Loving God, protect the very young and the very old; those living without housing; victims of domestic abuse; all who live with chronic illness or compromised immune systems; and those who are isolated, alone, or homebound, especially Eva and Cristi. Guide communities to actively care for people who are vulnerable. God of grace,

### (sing refrain)

Gracious God, help this and all communities of faith, including our living faith partners at Bethany Mauston, to listen for your voice. Call us away from things that distract us from following you. Invite us to more deeply love and serve people who are lonely, isolated, and on the margins. God of grace, (sing refrain)

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Living God, we give thanks for our ancestors in faith. Strengthen us to share the good news in our own day. God of grace, (sing refrain)

P: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.** 

#### \*PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.** 

Please share a sign of peace with those around you.

### **MISSION MOMENT**

## \*GREAT THANKSGIVING/HOLY HOLY



It is indeed our right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

#### \*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

\*LORD'S PRAYER



### \*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

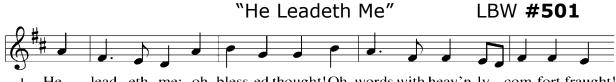
**HOLY COMMUNION** All who believe that our Lord Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, bringing to us the gift of forgiveness and the promise of eternal life, are welcome to gather at the Lord's Table. Younger children are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

Both wine and grape juice is available – grape juice glasses are purple. Gluten free wafers are also available.

#### **LAMB OF GOD**



#### **COMMUNION HYMNS**



- He lead eth me: oh, bless-ed thought! Oh, words with heav'n-ly com-fort fraught! Some-times mid scenes of deep-est gloom, some-times where E den's bow-ers bloom,
- 3 Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ev er mur mur nor re pine;
- And when my task on earth is done, when by thy grace the vic-t'ry's won,

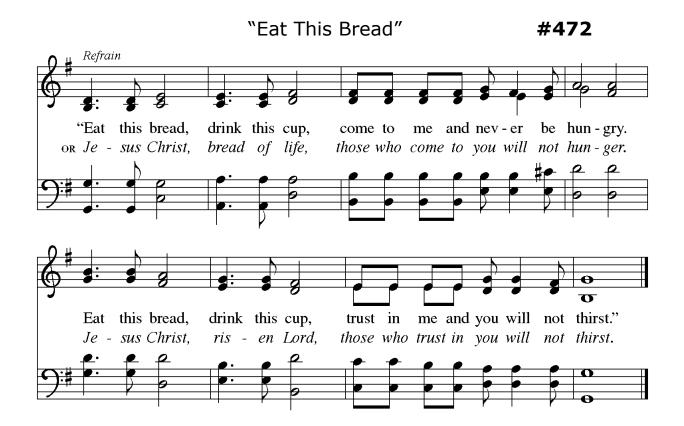


What-e'er I do, wher-e'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me. by wa - ters calm, o'er trou-bled sea, still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me. con - tent, what-ev - er lot I see, since 'tis my God that lead - eth me. e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jor - dan lead - eth me.





His faith-ful fol-l'wer I would be, for by his hand he lead-eth me.



#### \*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

#### \*SENDING OF HOME COMMUNION

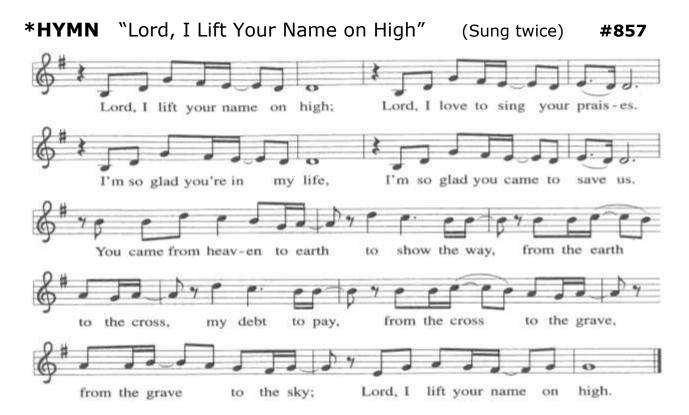
Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist XXX in this ministry on which she is/he is/they are sent forth. Bless her/his their time with YY, and in your love and care, nourish and strengthen them in this sacrament, that through the body and blood of your Son we all may know the comfort of your abiding presence. **Amen.** 

#### \*BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

#### Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope, bless you now and always. **Amen.** 



### \*DISMISSAL (Done from the back of the church)

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

#### **POSTLUDE**

**CARD MINISTRY** - Please be sure to sign the cards for this week's shut-ins, Eva Farris and Cristi Johnson. The cards are on the table by the Pre-K/K classroom.

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP** - A time for fellowship and treats between services on Sundays! Please sign up to bring treats or to serve what others have provided.

#### **OUR SAVIOR'S WORSHIP TEAM**

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Eric Sorenson, Senior Choir Director

**BAPTISM -** In the waters of baptism, we welcome Madelyn Jo, daughter of Bradley & Kinsey Craig. Madelyn's sponsors are Victoria White and Jacob Schmidt.

#### **WORSHIP LEADERS**

6 p.m.

Worship Assistant Sophia Johnson Communion Assistant Judy Gilbert

Welcoming Team Jim & Marjorie Anderson

8 a.m.

Worship Assistant Addison Kendhammer Communion Assistant Berit Gilbertson Welcoming Team Karl & Kathy Wehrs

10:30 a.m.

Worship Assistant Maxwell Langrehr
Communion Assistant Jason Stefferud
Welcoming Team Brenda Skittone

Home Communion Judy Gilbert

Altar Guild for April Stacey Sjoquist/Tracy Skrentny

# CONFIRMATION AFTER SCHOOL & CLASS Wednesday, April 24

6 pm – 6 Confirmation Class

NO - 7 Confirmation Class

#### **HUNGRY JAR OFFERING FOR APRIL - OSLC Sugar Creek Camperships**



Sugar Creek helps young people to be grounded in a Christ-centered, safe, and fun environment. It is a place for them to grow, and reinforces the importance of staying connected in our churches. It is a place where children can see role models in the college-aged staff who love Jesus and can excite them to a life of faith. At Sugar Creek youth are encouraged to make good choices, to share the love, joy and hope that a life of faith

brings.

More than once we have heard what a difference Sugar Creek has made in the life of a young person!

It costs almost \$800 to send a child to camp for a week. Our Savior's is committed to providing Camperships to help with the cost. Your generous contributions will help provide a camping experience for all who want to attend – no one is turned away.

#### Our Savior's CAMPERSHIPS available

\$350 full week -- \$150 half week

Request forms due in the church office

NO LATER than May 2<sup>nd</sup>

**CARE AND SHARE FOOD PANTRY -** is open Saturdays, 10 AM to Noon. We are thankful for all the donations we have recently received. Many local families have benefited from your generosity. Monetary, food, and personal items are always appreciated.

#### **NEW MEMBER CLASS -**



Sundays at 9:15 AM April 21 + May 5-12-19 or Wednesdays at 6:30 PM April 24 + May 1-8-15

We will meet in the Koinonia Room. Participants will be eligible to join the congregation, but no obligation – most of all, just come and share, learn, and connect! See Pastor Jon for more information!

#### **BED BUILDING** - Saturday, April 27th

Our Savior's will be hosting a bed build for the local chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) that serves La Crosse County on Saturday, April 27th at the Lion's Shelter from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. The goal is to build 30 beds with 60 volunteers. Come and join us! (Idea: NHS hours??)



Use this link to sign up: <a href="https://x.gldn.io/QoFVq34M6Hb">https://x.gldn.io/QoFVq34M6Hb</a>



**COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS** - A reminder that applications for college scholarships are due Monday, May 6.

#### **WEEKLY WATER FACT - Food Facts:**

It takes 120 gallons of water for one egg.

To create one pint of beer, it takes 20 gallons of water.

It takes more than twice the amount of water to produce coffee than it does tea.

One pound of beef requires 1799 gallons of water.

One slice of bread requires 11 gallons of water.

One pound of chocolate requires 3170 gallons of water.

One gallon of wine requires 1008 gallons of water.

One apple needs 18 gallons of water to grow.

A ream of paper requires 1321 gallons of water.

#### **NEW ORGAN**



We have heard that the new organ, provided by a generous gift, will be installed after worship on Sunday, May 5. During worship that weekend we will give thanks to God for the current organ, and for the music it provided us. A dedication of the new organ will be the weekend of May 25-26.

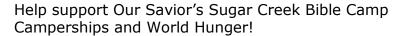
#### JUNE DAIRY DAYS - 5K RUN/WALK

We are looking for members to help out with the June Dairy Days Fun Run! Are you a runner yourself or are you interested in helping organize the fun run? We're looking for you! Contact Carla Burkhardt (608-617-3262) or Judy Gilbert (608-797-3001), to let us know of your interest. We will appreciate your help!



Save the dates! May 31 and June 1&2 is our community's June Dairy Days celebration! We will need lots of volunteers to help with our commitments to work shifts at the food stand and help with the June Dairy Days Fun Run. Look for the volunteer sign-up sheets in the gathering area. Thanks in advance for your help!

#### **SCRIP CARDS AVAILABLE**







Culver's, Kwik Trip, Kwik Trip car wash, Woodman's, and Ship Shape car wash.

Check out the April newsletter (www.oursaviorswestsalem.org) to find out more.