

# Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

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**PRELUDE** *Glenna Reiersen & Jen Krinke*

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**NOW THE FEAST AND CELEBRATION**

*By Marty Haugen*

**GATHERING HYMN:** *'As We Gather at Your Table'*

*ELW 522*

**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**

*Booklet p. 3*

**NOW THE FEAST**

*Booklet p. 4-5*

**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.**

**FIRST COMMUNION RECOGNITION**

*Sullivan Dvorak ~ Ingrid Espeseth ~ Annabelle Mishler  
Addison Rydberg ~ Veyda Youngbauer ~ Hazel Olson*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, 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, 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. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' 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.**

### PSALM: Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.**

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

**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.**

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

**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 3:16-24*

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. 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? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask,

because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. 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. 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.

The word of the Lord. ~ **Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN:** *'Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us'*

*ELW 789*

**GOSPEL VERSE**

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**GOSPEL READING:** *John 10:11-18* ~ **Glory to you O Lord.**

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 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. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. 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. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. 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.**

**MESSAGE:** *Pastor John Stiles*

**OFFERING with SPECIAL MUSIC:** *'Something Beautiful'*

*Organ & Piano Duet  
Glenna Reiersen & Jen Krinke*

**OFFERING PRAYER:** God of good gifts,  
**receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:**

Response: God of grace, **Hear our prayer**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*You may greet and share Christ's peace with one another with a handshake or hands folded.*

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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## **HOLY HOLY HOLY**

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## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father in heaven,

Hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

**COMMUNION SONGS:** *'Lamb of God'*  
*'As the Grains of Wheat'*

*Booklet p. 14*

*Booklet p. 10*

## **COMMUNION BLESSING**

## **THANKS BE TO YOU**

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## **BENEDICTION/THREE FOLD AMEN**

**SENDING HYMN:** *'Alleluia! Sing to Jesus'*

*ELW 392 vs 1, 3, 5*

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

## ***THIS WEEK AT ORLC***

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### **Sunday (21st)**

8am Prayer  
9am Worship  
9:15am Sunday School  
10am Scholarship Breakfast  
Family Event: Twins Game

### **Monday**

9am Quilting  
7:30pm AA

### **Tuesday**

2pm Lakes & Pines Tax Help  
6:30pm OR Readers

### **Wednesday**

6:30am Men's Breakfast  
3pm Kids of the Kingdom  
6pm JH Youth Group  
7:30pm SH Youth Group

### **Thursday**

8am Sonrisers  
1pm Grief Group

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TODAY!! NORM OPHEIM SCHOLARSHIP BREAKFAST:** Sunday, April 21 after the 9am worship service. Join us for breakfast! Free will offering with all donations going to the Norm Opheim scholarship fund. This scholarship is available to all senior youth who apply to assist them with their future college career.

**SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTS:** Spring reports are ready. You may pick one up on the back table in the Narthex. Meeting date is Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> immediately following worship. Please stay and get an update on church programming and council member voting. A quorum is needed.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Soon, the nominating committee and council outgoing members will be asking for people to step into the 4 church council positions that will be open this Spring. It is a wonderful opportunity to be part of this church family. If you are feeling led, please contact Lois Bengtson, John Oare or Lyndon Hagestuen. Questions also can be fielded to this committee or Pastor John. Thanks everybody!

**NEW MEMBER SUNDAY:** Wanting to make ORLC your home church and family in Christ? Connect with Pastor John and make it official Sunday, April 28th where we will welcome you on New Member Sunday!

**ALTAR GUILD:** The altar guild is looking for new members. Please consider joining us for a meeting after Church on Sunday, May 5 to learn more about the duties of the group.

**YOUTH GARAGE SALE:** Its spring cleaning time and we want your donations!! Drop off days: May 7-9<sup>th</sup> from 10-6pm and May 10<sup>th</sup> from 10-3pm.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Doug & Becky Berglund in honor of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**RADIO SPONSOR:** Dave & Mary Jo Mettler  
(Tune in by turning your radio dial to Anthem Country 106.5FM or WCMP 1350AM)

**RECYCLE BEYOND THE BAG:** Collection drop off: 3 white collection boxes around the Church. Inside: Sanctuary doors and in the hallway outside the kitchen. Outside: Backdoor.

**GREEN TIP:** April 21

Twenty percent of all CO2 emissions in the U.S. come from driving, and half of those come from cars. As the weather warms and summer approaches, can you savor the warmth and better weather by commuting or running errands on foot, bike, or scooter? Maybe now is the time to dust off the bicycle that's been hanging in the shed for years and pump up its tires. Or what about going out of your comfort zone to inquire about carpooling with co-workers, neighbors, or other families with kids on the same sports team?

**PRAYER TEAM:** Outreach

*Missionaries walk boldly into some of the darkest areas of the earth. They confront spiritual and physical oppression that we can't imagine. Pray that the Light of God would shine through them, uplifting darkness and oppression as they share His love!*

As we continue to lift up our missionaries, Tim, Maria, Elliot and Amos Steadyheart, who are serving in Kazakhstan, we pray today for the third city that they would like to expand in outreach. It is called Chunja, this is the central village where they will soon start a business. They shared with us this winter about a building that could be used for

gatherings and other special events. This town is a little farther past the farm and their home village. I think it sounded like a larger place. Pray for favor to continue what God is telling them to do! We also pray for support and blessing on the Pioneers Ministry base. We pray for all mission families sent out in this part of the world. May they stay healthy and safe. *Psalm 119:105, "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."*

**ORLC PRAYER LIST:** *Prayer is powerful & a way to support those seeking comfort and guidance. The list below are those who need your prayers.\_*

**TO PRAY FOR:**

Kathryn J, Kirk O, Kathy J, Gail M, Jon R, Bill & Shirl W, Jeneice C, Areatha L, Eleanor F, John A, Kiley (son-in-law of Pat H), Bill M (son of Ron & Donna P)

*Always keep in prayer--- our military, first responders, front line workers, for all who work for peace and justice on behalf of 'the least of these' and for all those we hold in prayer in the quiet of our hearts*