



***Sunday, April 21, 2024***

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Sermon One with Children

Gathering Hymn Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

ELW 385

Confession and Forgiveness

We serve a risen Savior yet we live as if in chains. **Amen**

Let us come into the light, the revealing and healing light of the risen Savior by confessing our sins and receiving God's forgiveness.

**Almighty God, Creator of the heavens and earth, we confess that we do not always live into the message of hope and salvation, the promise of eternal life. We live in ways that make the here and now more important than the future. We live in ways that put ourselves and our own success first over the needs of others and the long-term needs of the world. Forgive us for our selfish ways and call us into the path of Christ, who humbled himself and gave himself up for us on the cross, so that death might be no more and that all can share in the joy of salvation and eternal life, through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen**

**Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!**

The stone is rolled away, the tomb was found empty. Mary calls out, "I have seen the Lord!" We have seen Christ, too, in every helping hand, in every heartfelt gift, in every choice to restore life in this world. We are called to this new life, a life of forgiveness and reconciliation. You are forgiven; accept your forgiveness and know that God loves you and desires great wholeness for all life. Walk forward on this journey of faith, knowing your brothers and sisters are with you. **Amen**

### 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.

**C: Amen.**

### First 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.”

**L:** Word of God, word of life.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

**<sup>2</sup>The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name’s sake.

**<sup>4</sup>Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running 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 forever.**

Second Reading 1 John 3:16-24

<sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>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?

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

<sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>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.

**L:** Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God**

### Gospel

**P:** The holy gospel according to John 10:11-18

**C: 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."

**P:** The gospel of the Lord.

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

### Sermon Two

Hymn of the Day    Have No Fear, Little Flock    ELW 764

### Prayers of Intercession

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.

*A brief silence.*

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, **hear our prayer.**

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, **hear our prayer.**

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, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, protect the very young and the very old, those living without housing, victims of domestic abuse, and all who live with chronic illness or compromised immune systems. Guide communities to actively care for people who are vulnerable especially Terry, Alvina, Bjorn, Katy, Ed, Dennis, Kathy, Cherie, Gary, Jeff, Huldah, Carroll, Barb, Lindsay, Betsy, Jim, Chris, Robert, Andy, Michelle, Karen, and the families of Gary and Kenlyn. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, help this and all communities of faith 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, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Living God, we give thanks for our ancestors in faith  
(including *Anselm of Canterbury and all who labored to help  
generations understand the good news of the gospel*).  
Strengthen us to share the good news in our own day. God  
of grace, **hear our prayer.**

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.**

### Sharing of the Peace

### Noisy Offering

### Offering Prayer

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the  
gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form  
us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ,  
our true vine. **Amen.**

### Great Thanksgiving

### Dialogue

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### Words of Institution

**P:** 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, 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.

### Lord's Prayer

**P:** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**C:** **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 to Communion

Jesus invites you to this table.

Come, eat and live.

### Prayer after Communion

Living God, **you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### Blessing

Go out into the world as the people of God in this place, and may the God who raised Jesus from the dead grant you grace, the Son who gave his life for you give you peace, and the Spirit who is with you day by day, inspire you to greater service both now and forever more. **Amen.**

Sending Song God Be With You Till We Meet Again

ELW 536



Dismissal

Go in peace. God is at work in you.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Calendar

### **Sunday, April 21, 2024**

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

### **Wednesday, April 24, 2024**

NO Wednesday Worship or Confirmation

### **Sunday April 28, 2024**

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

## Announcements

West Koshkonong will host their Salad Luncheon on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at Noon. They will serve salads, pie and beverages. Cost is \$15.

There will be no Wednesday worship April 24 due to the youth trip to Mount Horeb for the youth alive night.

The ABCD (Ramp project) Bingo Fundraiser is Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, during Coffee Hour. There will be a registration table in the Narthex before and after church. Cost is \$5 per card, or 5 cards for \$20. Please plan to join the fun on the 5<sup>th</sup>! Lots of great prizes for players of all ages.

