



This is his  
commandment,  
that we believe  
in the name of his  
Son Jesus Christ  
and love one another.

1 John 3:23

**April 25, 2021**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**9:30 AM Worship**

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## PRELUDE AND BELLS

### AS WE GATHER

*(We hear so many mixed messages of what love is. Popular songs from the past decades or even more contemporary ones tell of what love can and should be; poems, memes, and other influences also are commonly read and seen; even our own emotions and feelings strive to tell us what love is and should feel like. Despite all these mixed messages, our Lord tells us how we are to know real and perfect love. In our Epistle we hear, “By this we know love, that Jesus laid down His life for us” (1 John 3:16). Today, we focus on the fact that as our Good Shepherd, Jesus has laid down His life for His sheep. By that sacrifice on the cross and Easter victory, we can rejoice in a perfect love that lasts and an unconditional love that forgives as our Good Shepherd continues to guide, lead, and direct us through all our days.)*

## PRELUDE AND BELLS

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES    *1 John 3:16a, 24; John 10:11, adapted*

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: By this we know love,

**C: that He laid down His life for us.**

P: “I am the good shepherd,” says the Lord.

**C: The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.**

P: Whoever keeps His commandments abides in God, and God in him.

**C: And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *Psalm 23; John 10:11*

P: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures.

**C: Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd, we confess to You that we have been ungrateful for all You give us to sustain our bodies and lives. Forgive us, Good Shepherd.**

P: He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

**C: Like sheep, we are distracted and tend to wander and scatter. We forget who we are as baptized children of God and fail to respond to Your shepherding in our lives. Forgive us, Good Shepherd.**

P: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

**C: We confess that in difficult times of life, we sometimes struggle to be confident in Your presence and protection, seeking to find our own comfort. Forgive us, Good Shepherd.**

P: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

**C: As we journey through this sinful world, we overlook the goodness and mercy that flow into our lives from You. Forgive us, Good Shepherd.**

P: Jesus, our Good Shepherd, hears our cries and says to us, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep." Receive the forgiveness won for You through Christ's laying down His life and rising from death in victory. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen. Thanks be to God.**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

### DIALOG

P: Holy is the Lord, the Almighty.

**C: He was, he is, and he is to come.**

P: He is worthy of glory and honor and power.

**C: He created all things. By his will they came to be.**

P: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain;

**C: worthy to take the scroll and break its seals.**

P: By his blood he purchased for God

**C: people of every race and tongue, of every folk and nation.**

P: Christ made of them a kingdom

**C: and priests to serve our God.**

P: And they shall reign on earth forever.

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

### 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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the**

**Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He 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**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray...

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Risen Lord, You are the Good Shepherd who lays down His life for the sheep. They are Yours, and nothing will snatch them from Your hand. In the love You've shown and the perfect love we know through Your Spirit, empower Your flock to reach others, that all may be guided by Your shepherding grace; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING .....Acts 4:1-12  
*(Things can and should point back to Jesus. Peter turned the healing of a crippled man into an opportunity to proclaim Christ. Accused of disorder and arrested, Peter's subsequent trial became a prophetic testimony prompted by the Holy Spirit. The point of the proceedings became salvation in Christ alone instead of why and how a man was healed. We also have the authority and the imperative to bring all things back around to Jesus.)*

<sup>1</sup>As {Peter and John} were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, <sup>2</sup>greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. <sup>3</sup>And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. <sup>4</sup>But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand. <sup>5</sup>On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high

priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>And when they had set them in the 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 being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead — by him this man is standing before you well. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. <sup>12</sup>And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

PSALM (Read in Unison).....Psalm 23  
*(Courtroom trials and private conscience are nothing against the grace of God. The needs of life and the threat of death are easily comforted by the God who cares for his people. Though these blessings from God do not always come at once, they surely do arrive at the right time and in good measure.)*

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

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

<sup>3</sup> He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> **Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of  
death,**

**I will 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;  
my cup overflows.

**<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
forever.**

SECOND READING ..... 1 John 3:16-24  
*(There are things we should be doing, like looking after the needs of the Body of Christ and feeding the poor. We fail in these duties sometimes and feel guilty — as we should. That feeling can motivate us toward putting our faith into action, but it should not cause us to feel condemned. God's grace is greater than our feelings. We may have absolute confidence before God even when we neglect our duty. Though we sometimes fail to keep his commands, we do not fail him altogether. We try harder, but more importantly, we continue to believe in spite of ourselves. For we do not believe in our good works or our bad ones, but in God's Son Jesus Christ. It is not enough to love your neighbor as yourself — you must keep loving God. When you sense the law accusing you, remember the first two commandments: Keep loving the Lord and then try again to love your neighbor, even if it means laying down your life for her.)*

<sup>16</sup>By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. <sup>17</sup>But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? <sup>18</sup>Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. <sup>19</sup>By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; <sup>20</sup>for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; <sup>22</sup>and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.  
**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL READING.....John 10:11-18  
*(We must learn to sacrifice for others simply because Jesus did so for us. He laid down his life for us, for his sheep. This is why we call him the Good Shepherd. Shepherds are known to drive off or kill lions and bears that threaten their sheep (1 Samuel 17:36), but they do not purposely sacrifice their lives for those sheep. Jesus voluntarily gave his life for his flock, in obedience to his Father's will.)*

<sup>11</sup>{Jesus said,} “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing 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>And I have other sheep that are not of 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 that I may take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON..... Pastor Chuck Mann

SUNDAY SCHOOL



OFFERTORY PRAYER (Said in unison)

**Generous God, you have given us treasures too  
numerable to count. Grant us faith to be generous with  
all that you have first given us: our time, our resources,  
and our possessions. May we boldly trust that your  
providence, presence, and care are a never-ending  
reality in our lives. Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

*(Place your hand over your heart and turn to your neighbor  
sharing the peace in this manner. No hand shaking.)*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

PRAYERS

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, for ever and ever. Amen**

BENEDICTION *Psalm 32:10*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to  
you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace

*Numbers 6:24–26*

In the name of the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**HYMN ..... On next page**

**“Come, Thou Almighty King”**

# Come, Thou Almighty King

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1 Come, thou al - might - y King, Help us thy name to  
2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, Gird on thy might - y  
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred wit - ness  
4 To thee, great One in Three, E - ter - nal prais - es

sing; Help us to praise; Fa - ther all - glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic -  
sword; Our prayer at - tend. Come and thy peo - ple bless, And give thy  
bear In this glad hour! Thou, who al - might - y art, Now rule in  
be Hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign maj - es - ty May we in

to - ri - ous, Come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
Word suc - cess, And let thy righ - teous - ness On us de - scend.  
ev - 'ry heart, And ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.  
glo - ry see, And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.

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## BLESSING & DISMISSAL

**P:** Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves have been born of God and knows God. Go now in the name of God the Father, the Son, + and the Holy Spirit. (1 John 5:7)

**C: Amen.**

**P:** Go in peace. Christ is Risen!

**C: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

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## Today's Worship Leaders & Volunteers – Thank You!

PASTOR ..... Pastor Chuck Mann  
ACOLYTES..... Maddie Jaeger & Maeleigh Baumann  
READERS..... Isabel Samuelson, Haylie Bentz, Ava Schmidt  
ORGANIST ..... LeAnn Richard  
USHERS/GREETERS ..... Randy & Gwen Hall  
ALTAR GUILD ..... Maybell Job & Claudette Ness  
COFFEE SERVERS ..... Randy & Gwen Hall  
SERVICE GROUP COORDINATORS .... Randy & Gwen Hall

### **Our Mission**

“Working hand in hand to know Christ and make Christ known through Worship, Christian Education, Evangelism, Fellowship, Caring Ministries, and Service.”

### **Welcome to all who have come to worship.**

Welcome to worship as we continue to rejoice in the good news of Christ's resurrection.

### **Visitors**

We welcome all visitors to First Lutheran today.

### **Nursery**

The nursery, located beside the narthex, is available for use for any parent feeling the need to use it during worship services with their child.

### **Thank you for your giving**

Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, Attendance – 134

Facebook Online Viewing - 142

General Fund & Plate Giving - \$2,790.00

### **Sympathy**

Our sympathy goes out to Claudette Ness and family on the death of her stepson, Chris Ness. Funeral for Chris was this past Saturday. May God give them comfort in this time of sorrow.

## **Pastoral Care**

Please call Pastor Chuck if you or a loved one are in the hospital or know you will be going to the hospital. The church does not usually get informed of your stay by any of the hospitals even if you are registered under our congregation's name. We want to make sure you get pastoral care. Thank you!

## **Prayer Requests**

Family of Chris Ness on his death, Mardella Aanderud – Mother to Melanie Beckman, Donna Gunderson, Mary Ann Monsebroten – Sister to Jackie Olson, Weldon Wagner – Brother to Arden Wagner, Kathy Solomonson, Josiah Johnson – Brother to Steph Mann, Shauntaye Kopecky – Kurle family member, Mary Schulz, Ross Lorentzen, Gwen DeMontigny, Kayla Boger – Family member of Steve & Peggy Wollmuth, Keith Hammerbeck – Family friend of the Kugler's, Deborah Davenport – Mother of Laura Gardner's friend, Virgie Emineth, Cindy Delmonico – Mother to Melissa Kugler, Glenn Weist, Ruby from Pine Ridge, Claire Boucher – Friends of Aaron & Lexie Solomonson newborn, Jamie Baumann, Taylor Gardner, Harold Holtz, Elaine Renfrow – Mother to Lynette Sondrol, Sandi Femling – Cousin to Melanie Beckman, Laren Holznagel, Harlow Tatum – Daughter to Brea (Gutknecht) Tatum, Ruth Lund – Mother to Doddie Kuntz, John Krebsbach – Brother to Peggy Wollmuth, Arlo Omoth – Brother to Jeneen Loe, Bob Miller, Rodney Jaeger

## **Office Hours**

Jeannette will be in the office this week Monday thru Thursday. She will be out of the office on Friday.

## **Jean Sunday**

Today is Jean Sunday. If you wore jeans to church today, consider donating a \$1 or more to FLY to help with expenses for activities throughout the year. Even if you don't wear jeans, you are still welcome to donate. A jean's can is on the table with the offering plate.

## **Mother's Day Tea**

Women, young and old at heart! Join us today at 2:00 pm for our Mother's Day Tea. The program is "Once Upon an Apron". If you have a favorite apron, we would love for you to bring it to the tea to wear and share your story behind the apron. Bring a friend or more with you. Jill Wiese will be our guest.

## **Confirmation Tea and Rite of Confirmation**

The following will be honored this Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00 pm with a Confirmation Tea by invitation only. They will then have their Rite of Confirmation on Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, during the worship service.

Aaron Blumhagen  
James Chrest  
Maddie Jaeger  
Carter Knutson

Alex Retterath  
Justin Scheresky  
Ashlyn Schmitz

## **New Members**

If you are interested in becoming a member of First Lutheran in the near future, please talk to Pastor Chuck. A new member class will be scheduled sometime this summer or next fall.

## **Thank You**

Thank you, members of First Lutheran Church for your prayers for me during this last surgery and during recovery. Thanks also for the cards and calls as well. You all mean a great deal to us and we appreciate you. Thank you and God bless you!

Pastor Erik

## **Hearing Assist**

First Lutheran is in the process of getting a hearing assist system to be used during the worship services. If you feel you could benefit from this, please let Jeannette know in the church office so we have an idea of how many units to order.

## **Prayer Shawl Crocheting Class**

If you would like to learn how to crochet to make the prayer shawl's, Steph will be having a class at the parsonage on Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 10:00 am and also on Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm. Please bring a skein of yarn and crochet needle. Talk to Steph or give her a call at 891-9413 with questions.

## **Christ in Our Home and Our Daily Bread**

The April/May/June edition of *Christ in Our Home* and the March/April/May edition of *Our Daily Bread* are in the magazine racks in the narthex. Pick up a copy of each today to use with your daily devotions.

## **Thank You**

THANKS to the FLC Church Council, FLCW, Evangelism Committee, Men's Bible Study group, and an anonymous party, all registration fees will be covered for FLC campers to Camp of the Cross Ministries this summer. Please let Peggy Moran know by May 24, 2021, if you have campers registered so the funds can be sent to the camp before the camp season begins.

## **LBW & WOV Hymnals**

We will be ordering more LBW (green) and WOV (blue) hymnals. As of the printing of this bulletin we are looking at approximately 40 more LBW at a cost of \$32 per book and approximately 32 WOV at a cost of \$15.75 per book or a total of \$1,784.00. If you would like to help purchase any of these hymnals, please talk to Jeannette in the church office. We may have a chance to purchase some from another church but how many and price is yet to be determined.

***LBW books on the cart in the narthex are free for the taking.***

## **THIS WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN**

TODAY	8:30 AM	Bible Study Led by Cathy Sheldon
	9:30 AM	Worship w/Sunday School Students
	10:45 AM	Sunday School
		Bible Study Led by Alexis Solomonson
	2:00 PM	Mother's Day Tea
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting Al-Anon Meeting
TUES.	8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
	10:00 AM	Mommy's Group
WED.	9:30 AM	Friendship Bible Study
	6:15 PM	Confirmation
	7:15 PM	FLY
	7:30 PM	Choir
SAT.	7:00 PM	Confirmation Tea
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Bible Study Led by Cathy Sheldon
	9:30 AM	Worship w/Holy Communion Rite of Confirmation
	10:45 AM	Sunday School
		Bible Study Led by Alexis Solomonson
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting
	7:00 PM	Al-Anon Meeting

# *Listening for the Promise*

## WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

April 25, 2021 — Fourth Sunday Of Easter

*“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”*  
- John 10:11-

Psalms 23 is one of the appointed readings for today. This foretelling and poetic psalm is well known and it would be a rare instance where this psalm is not read out loud at a funeral. God cares for our every human need, physical, emotional, and spiritual. The Lord Jesus is our shepherd who leads, guides, comforts, and protects us. At the end of life, when we walk through the valley of the shadow of death, it is good to know that the Lord Jesus is our Shepherd.

In the reading from the Gospel of John, Jesus says that he knows his sheep and they know him. In one way or another, we have heard the voice of Jesus calling us to himself. It is not only that Jesus knows us and knows our name, but it is that we know Jesus and we know him as the one who gives his life for us. We know his voice, we have heard him speaking to us, guiding and leading us, and revealing his truth to us. He is the good shepherd who ensures the sheep are fed, protected, and comforted. This good shepherd does not run away when he sees the wolf coming. No, this shepherd is the one who stays and protects the sheep and loves them even unto death on a cross. Jesus is the good shepherd; he is our good shepherd. We don't have to fear because we have a good shepherd, the best one of all, the shepherd of all shepherds, the one who loves us to death. We can be reassured in the words of Jesus as his words are trustworthy and true. We need not be afraid because we have a good shepherd.

Part of Christ's goodness is not only that he is good to us, those of us in his fold, but he is also good to those outside of the fold. Christ not only gives his life for us, but for us all. Christ has not only come into our lives; he is coming into the lives of others. So let us love the good shepherd in the way he loves us. Let us love others in the way Christ loves. Christ says, "I am the good shepherd," and when he says that, he says it to everyone. The good shepherd will not rest until everyone hears his voice and is safe in his fold.

**Let us pray:** *Thank you, Lord, for sending us the Good Shepherd, Jesus, to watch over us and guide us in his wonderful ways. Amen.*