

Central Lutheran Church

Fourth Sunday of Easter, Good Shepherd Sunday April 21, 2024

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Central Lutheran Church, ELCA

1000 Easton Rd., Dallas, Texas

God calls us to proclaim the Gospel and demonstrate Christ's love for all.

Please turn off your cell phone.

This service is being livestreamed to our neighbors near and far on Facebook. Most of the sanctuary- including all leaders and worshippers- is on camera.

BELL PEAL (10:30 am)
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL MEDITATION Prelude on "Christ the Lord is Risen Again" J.S. Bach

THANKSGIVIG FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

C Amen.

P Look, here is water!

C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.

Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life. Look, here is water!

C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Look, here is water!

C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

With High Delight Let Us Unite



GREETING

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

C And also with you.

THIS IS THE FEAST

Sung by the congregation

This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia. Worth is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God Power and riches and wisdom and strength, And honor and blessing and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation. Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever, Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God, For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign, Alleluia, Alleluia

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P 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 LESSON: Acts 4:5-12

⁵The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let 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. ¹¹This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.'

¹²There 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

Sung responsively.



¹The LORD | is my shepherd;

I shall not | be in want.

²The LORD makes me lie down | in green pastures and leads me be- | side still waters.

³You restore my | soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.

⁴Though 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.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever.

SECOND LESSON: 1 John 3:16-24

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

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

²³And 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. ²⁴All 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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Veronika

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





P The Holy Gospel according to John, the tenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord

READING OF THE GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

[Jesus said:] ¹¹"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The 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. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I 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. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No 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 Pastor Veronika

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 778

The Lord's My Shepherd



- 1 The Lord's my shep-herd; I'll not want. He 2 My soul he doth re store a gain, and
- 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet
- 4 My ta ble thou hast rich ly spread in
- 5 Good-ness and mer-cy all my life shall

makes me down to lie me to walk doth make

will I fear no ill;

pres-ence of my foes; sure - ly fol - low me,



in pas - tures green; he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters bv. righ-teous-ness, e'en with - in the paths of for his own name's sake; staff me com - fort for thou art with me, and thy rod and still; head thou dost with a - noint, and my oil my cup o - ver - flows. in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell-ing-place shall and



He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by. righ-teous-ness, e'en with - in the paths of for his own name's sake. with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort for thou art still. my cup o - ver - flows. head thou dost with oil a - noint, and My in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell-ing-place shall and

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.

THE PRAYERS

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Please sit or kneel for prayer. The response to each spoken petition is:

P Lord, in your mercy

C Hear our prayer.

People with prayer needs: Lydia Landfair, Paul Chambers, Linda Gourley, Patty Steinke, Archie Huizenga, and Rebecca Huizenga.

The prayers conclude:

P ...through your son Jesus Christ, our Lord

C Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace we share is a sign of God's mission of reconciliation among us and the reconciliation we have with one another in Christ Jesus. Please offer a symbol of reconciliation to one another.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

THE OFFERING

We give thanks for what God has first given us. Our ministry to the people of East Dallas is supported by your offering. An offering plate is available in the narthex after worship. You may also use our online giving through Vanco, PayPal, or Givelify (available in the App Store) or continue to mail your offerings to our office.

MUSICAL OFFERING: On the Journey to Emmaus

Sung by the choir

On the journey to Emmaus with our hearts cold as stone-The one who would save us had left us alone. Then a stranger walks with us and, to our surprise, He opens our stories and he opens our eyes.

And our hearts burned within us as we talked on the way, How all that was promised was ours on that day. So we begged him, "Stay with us and grant us your word," We welcomed the stranger and we welcomed the Lord.

And that evening at the table as he blessed and broke bread, We saw it was Jesus aris'n from the dead; Though he vanished before us we knew he was near-The life in our dying and the hope in our fear.

On our journey to Emmaus, in our stories and feast, With Jesus we claim that the greatest is least; And his words burn within us- let none be ignored-Who welcomes the stranger shall welcome the Lord.

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray. Risen One,

C 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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts

C We lift them to the Lord.

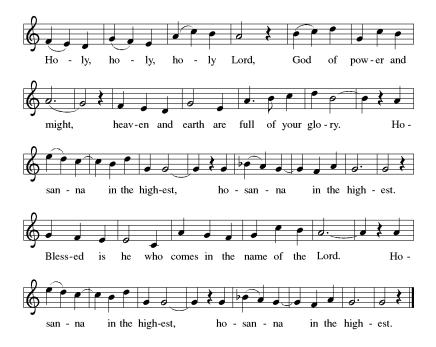
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P Blessed are you... With this bread and cup, we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

P O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

P Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

P With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

C Amen.

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 TO COMMUNION

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

C Thanks be to God

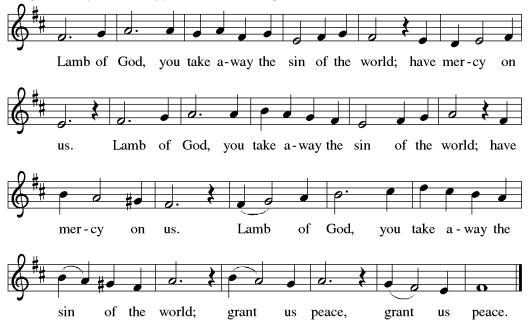
COMMUNION

As you come forward for the Sacrament, please sanitize your hands with the sanitizer found on the first pew. Communion will be distributed at the altar rail. You may kneel or stand. The host will be dipped in the chalice and placed in your hand. If you prefer to receive only the host, please tell the ministers. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, please fold your arms in front of your chest. At this time there is no consecrated grape juice. If you prefer, you can also bring the pre-packaged communion kit with you to the altar rail.

The body of Christ, given for you The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD

Follow the guidance of the ushers if you decide to walk up to the Altar to receive the Sacraments.



DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Meditative organ music is played as the congregation receives the Holy Communion.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray. Shepherding God,

C 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.

BLESSING

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN ELW 385

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!



- 1 Good Chris tian friends, re joice and sing! Now is the tri umph 2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might-y stone is
- 3 Praise we in songs of vic to ry that love, that life which
- 4 Your name we bless, O ris en Lord, and sing to day with





DISMISSAL

P Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

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Musical Meditation: Prelude on "Christ the Lord is Risen Again"

Music: J.S. Bach

Gathering Hymn: With High Delight Let Us Unite

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Music: MIT FREUDEN ZART, medieval European tune

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Hymn of the Day: The Lord's my Shepherd

Text: The Psalms of David in Meeter, Edinburg, 1650 Music: BROTHER JAMES' AIR, James L. Macbeth Bain

Musical Offering: *On the Journey to Emmaus* Text: Luke 24:13-35; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Tune: COLUMCILLE, Irregular; Gaelic, arr. By marty Haugen, b. 1950

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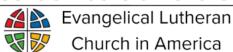
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visitors, we are glad to have you with us and invite you to come again!

Pr. Veronika's Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday 10 am - 2 pm; other days/times by appointment.

Serving in Worship Today: Usher: Jeff Lowry & Mary Glenn; Lector: Lydia Landfair

Ushers & Lectors needed: Please sign up on the bulletin board in the back of the sanctuary.

During the Easter Season we will collect items to create blessing bags with. Blessing bags are bags of food we can give to people in need that we meet in the wider community. We will assemble the bags after the worship service on **May 19.** We plan to collect 20 of each of the following items:

- small packages of cookies
- fruit cups
- small packages of crackers
- peanut butter crackers

- Vienna sausages
- water bottles
- juice boxes

Caring & Sharing: Next Sunday, on April 28 at 9:00 am we will meet to send cards to those with celebrations in May. There will be breakfast treats and coffee for everyone. See you there!

Scout Fundraiser: The scouts of Troop 861 will be selling plates of pancakes and a choice of bacon or sausage for \$10 in a drive-thru in front of the education building next Sunday evening, **April 28 from 5-7 pm.** Proceeds benefit the Scouts' trip to summer camp in West, TX.

New Horizons Summer Camp: During July 29- August 1, from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm, Central will host a New Horizons summer camp. The camp is open to any kids entering kindergarten through eighth grade and is completely free. During camp, kids will have support with reading and have fun with STEM activities.

For more information, visit the New Horizons website: www.newhorizonsofntx.org

Visitation: If you or someone you know is in need of visitation from Pastor Veronika or one of our visitation team, please contact the church office at central.lutheran.dallas@gmail.com or at 214-327-2222.



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Our Prayer List: Please submit your prayer requests to the church office via email (central.lutheran.dallas@gmail.com) or via phone (214-327-2222).

PRAYERS FOR HEALING & COMFORT

For healing Relationship

Friend of Pastor Veronika Irisz Gonda Archie and Rebecca Huizenga Friends of Janis Farrow Friend of Harold Knight Frank Seuberling Sister of Julie Atkins Linda Gourley Maribeth Kilday Friend of Myke Riley **Jarold Ouarles** Father of Lisa Barse Cousin of Anne Monson Lisa Yater Johnathon Prestenberg Friend of Jan Moody

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Don Smith Yuvonne Muirhead
Mario Montejo Paul Chambers
Nancy Nulisch Mary Swenson
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Suzanne Schwenn

New Members: Carmina and Jeff

Newly Baptized: Maverick and Maddie

Those Who Mourn: Friends and Family of Carolyn Johnson, former

organist of Bethany Lutheran Church