



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

April 21, 2024, Fourth Sunday of Easter
Pastor Erik Rundquist

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

"We are called by God to grow in faith together, sharing Christ's love with each other and our community"

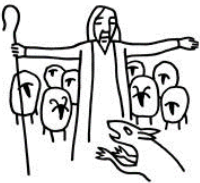
Welcome to Worship this morning!

To receive Holy Communion, you may come to the front and receive the bread and wine or grape juice, you may ask an usher to have the pastor bring the elements to you in the pew, or you may pick up the cup/wafer in the narthex before the service and commune yourself at your seat.

Reminder: We are videoing "live".

Please sign the pew pad and pass down the aisle. Thank You.

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The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.

For Worship today,

"Let Us Enter In" (yellow booklet)

Prelude

First Word

"Now the Green Blade Rises"

Red Worship Book #379

- 1 Now the green blade rises from the buried grain, wheat that in dark earth many days has lain; love lives again, that with the dead has been; love is come again like wheat arising green.
- 2 In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain, thinking that he would never wake again; laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen; love is come again like wheat arising green.
- 3 Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain, he that for three days in the grave had lain; raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen; love is come again like wheat arising green.
- 4 When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, your touch can call us back to life again, fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been; love is come again like wheat arising green.

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"Give Thanks" CCLI#20285

Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One; Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son. Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One; Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong," Let the poor say, "I am rich" Because of what the Lord has done for us. And now let the weak say, "I am Strong," Let the poor say, "I am rich" Because of what the Lord has done for us.

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"Great is the Lord" CCLI#1149

Great is the Lord He is holy and just By His power we trust In His love

Great is the Lord He is faithful and true By His mercy He proves He is love

Great is the Lord And worthy of glory Great is the Lord And worthy of praise

Great is the Lord Now lift up your voice Now lift up your voice Great is the Lord Great is the Lord

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just By His power we trust In His love

Great is the Lord He is faithful, and true By His mercy He proves He is love

Great is the Lord And worthy of glory Great is the Lord And worthy of praise

Great is the Lord Now lift up your voice Now lift up your voice Great is the Lord Great is the Lord

Great are you Lord And worthy of glory Great are you Lord And worthy of praise Great are you Lord
I lift up my voice I lift up my voice Great are you Lord Great are you Lord

"God Will Make a Way" CCLI#2430948

God will make a way Where there seems to be no way, He works in ways we can-not see, He will make a way for me. He will be my guide, Hold me close-ly to His side. With love and strength for each new day, He will make a way, He will make a way. **(Repeat all)**

"The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing"

Red Worship Book # 531

The trumpets sound, the angels sing The feast is ready to begin The gates of heav'n are open wide
And Jesus welcomes you inside

Refrain

Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight Come and revel in heaven's love and light Take your place at
the table of the King The feast is ready to begin The feast is ready to begin

Tables are laden with good things Oh, taste the peace and joy he brings He'll fill you up with love divine
He'll turn your water into wine

Refrain

The hungry heart he satisfies Offers the poor his paradise Now hear all heav'n and earth applaud The
amazing goodness of the Lord.

Refrain

"I Love You Lord" CCLI # 25266

I love You, Lord___, And I lift my voice_____ To wor-ship You, O my soul__ rejoice__! Take joy, my
King___, in what You hear: _May it be a sweet___, sweet sound__ in Your ear_____(repeat 2x) (sing 3 times
total).

Lighting of the Candles and Ringing of the Bells

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Rundquist

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together
through Jesus.

C: Amen.

P: Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy God,

C: we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.

P: Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through + Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

Invocation-in the name of God our maker (p 1, yellow book)

Opening song-come let us worship our God (p 1, yellow book)

Kyrie (p 2, yellow book)

Hymn of Praise-glory to God! (p 3, yellow book)

Salutation (p. 3, yellow book)

Prayer of the Day

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 Reading: Acts 4:5-12

Diane Ausmus

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."

Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

Diane Ausmus

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.

Gospel Acclamation “Alleluia.....”

(p. 4, yellow book)

Gospel: John 10:11-18

Pastor Erik Rundquist

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.”

Lord, Listen to Your Children

Sing while kids are coming up for children's chat and giving offerings in Garth the Giving Gator.

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Erik Rundquist

Sermon

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“You Gave” CCLI:5194243

Lord, I want to be pleasing to you In ev'ry-thing I do.

And I want to love you more, More than yesterday, More than words can say...

‘Cause you gave your life; You lived and died for me, For me.

You paid the price; You sacrificed for me, For me_.

And now the least that I can do_ Is live my life for you.....(Life my life for you.)

Lord, I want to be_ pleasing to you In ev'ry-thing I do.

And I want to love you more, More than yesterday, More than words can say...

‘Cause you gave your life; You lived and died for me, For me_ **(Repeat)**

You paid the price; You sacrificed for me, For me_.

And now the least that I can do_ Is live my life for you.

Affirmation of Faith

(p. 5, yellow book)

Prayers of Intercession

P: God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

Passing of the Peace

Offering of tithes and gifts

(p. 6, yellow book)

Offering Song

(p. 6, yellow book)

Offering Prayer

(p. 6, yellow book)

The Great Thanksgiving

(p. 7, yellow book)

Holy, Holy, Holy

(p. 7, yellow book)

Invitation and Words of Institution

(p. 8, yellow book)

P: Come, o people, come, let us celebrate together the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Song “We come to the hungry feast”

(p. 8, yellow book)

The Prayer of Christ (Lord’s Prayer)

(p. 8, yellow book)

Distribution of Holy Communion

In this meal you are most welcomed to receive. This is the gift of God for all people without exception of faith tradition or age. We provide gluten free bread and grape juice at your request.

Communion Hymn “Come to the Table” (sing 2x)

Red Worship Book #481

Communion Hymn “Lamb of God ”

(p.10, yellow book)

Communion Hymn “ Lamb of God” (Your Only Son)

Red Worship Book #336

Communion Hymn “ Cares Chorus” CCLI#25974 (sing 1 x)

I cast all my cares upon You I lay all of my burdens down at Your feet And any time that I don’t know what to do I will cast all my cares upon You. I will cast all my cares upon You. (Last time, repeat last line)

Communion Blessing

(p. 10 yellow book)

Post-Communion Canticle

(p 10, yellow book)

Closing Prayer

(p.11 yellow book)

Blessing

(p/ 11 yellow book)

Sending Music “They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

Verse 1: We are one in the Spirit We are one in the Lord We are one in the Spirit We are one in the Lord And we pray that all unity May one day be restored

Chorus

And they’ll know we are Christians By our love by our love Yes, they’ll know we are Christians By our love

Chorus

Verse 2: We will walk with each other We will walk hand in hand We will walk with each other We will walk hand in hand And together we’ll spread the news That God is in our land

Chorus

Verse 3: We will work with each other We will work side by side We will work with each other We will work side by side And we’ll guard each man’s dignity And save each man’s pride

Chorus

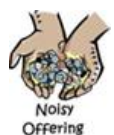
Verse 4: All praise to the Father From whom all things come And all praise to Christ Jesus His only Son

And all praise to the Spirit Who makes us one

Chorus

Announcements for April 21st

****The Noisy offering for the month of April is for the Altar Guild, there will be a bowl as you exit the church.**





Prayer Concerns and Sympathy ~ ~ Craig Moline (son of Sharol Huggett), David Shober, Larry Edin, Jerry Shober, Bradley Fairbanks, Lana Jensen, Judy Smith, and Marsha Skoog (friend of Patty Sweeney).

**For Health Care Workers, Firefighters, EMT's, those who serve to protect
Policemen and women and military.**

For world peace. For our companion synods.

For our missionaries: Jacqueline and Patrick Bencke

These amounts are for the General Fund ONLY. This is a total of Simply Giving, Thrivent and regular giving.

The total for March's giving is: \$23,842.68.

The amount of \$ 10,000.00 included in the above amount was money on the buyback of property.

So, our total really is \$ 13,842.68, which is about our "average" giving of \$ 12,000.00.

Thank You... Kathy Thompson/Financial Secretary.



Announcements/Calendar

Sun. 8:30 am Coffee Fellowship; 9:30 am Sunday First Worship/HC; Church Council after Worship; Twins game after Worship.

Mon. NEWSLETTER DEADLINE!

Tues. 9:30 am Women's Bible Study.

Wed. 4:30 pm FiA Choir; 5-6:30 pm FiA; 5:30-6 pm Confirmation Dinner; 6 pm Large Group Confirmation; 6:30 pm Worship Service/HC; 7:30 pm Youth Group.

Thurs.; 7 am Men's Coffee; 7:30 am Men's Text Study.

Fri. Pastor out of office.

Sat. 8 pm AA mtg.

Sun. 8:30 am Coffee Fellowship; 9:30 am Worship Service/HC/Installation of Pastor Erik Rundquist/Deacon Susan Williams; Congregational Potluck Fellowship Meal.

Congregational Meal

April 28th



You are invited to join us for a Congregation Meal served immediately following worship in honor of Pastor Erik's installation. Everyone is welcome and asked to bring a dish to share.



"Favorite Familiar Hymns"

Summer's coming!!

It is time when our choirs take a vacation, too, and the congregation is once again invited to pick their favorite hymns to be sung during worship. Jot down your **favorite hymn, page number, and which book it's from, and drop this into the offering plate.**

We'll try to use as many of the hymns you select as possible. Please return ASAP.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____