The Fourth Sunday of Easter April 30, 2023

Real World? Real Savior!

As We Gather -We remember that we are living in a difficult world, and sometimes we feel lost and helpless. We can remember that Jesus is our Good Shepherd. He leads us through the difficulties of the world. He even entered into those difficulties Himself—suffering, dying, and rising for us and our salvation. So while we live in a difficult world, it is no match for Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

Offering and Registry of Worship Cards: Please fill out a Registry of Worship Card found in the pew racks. We ask that you print the names of every person in your family, indicating if they take communion. One side of the card is for members and the other side for guests. As the offering is collected, pass the cards to the center aisle so our ushers can gather them.

Saturday Worship: Offerings and Worship Cards will be received in the offering plates at the rear of the church either upon entering or when leaving. Thank you for your gift to the work of the Lord.

About Protecting the Healthy: To protect yourself and others from COVID-19 and other infectious respiratory diseases, individuals may choose to mask at any time. Appropriate hand washing by everyone is encouraged. People with symptoms of an infectious illness are highly encouraged to stay home. Symptoms include fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea. Thank you for helping to keep everyone healthy as we receive God's gifts in worship.

GENERALLY, BE MINDFUL, NOT FEARFUL.

Prelude and Meditation: Before worship we talk to God (see prayers on page 308 in the hymnal); during worship God talks to us; after worship we talk to one another.

Prelude:

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS The Greeting and Sharing of Peace (stand)

PREPARATION





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Stand

Invocation

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Opening Sentences

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- G He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- **P** The Lord is our Good Shepherd;
- **G** He leads us and restores our souls.
- P He walks beside us through the darkness
- **G** and never abandons us, even in death.
- P He goes before us and prepares a table for us,
- **G** and we will dwell in His house forever.

Confession and Absolution

Though our Lord goes before us, beside us, and behind us, we still find a way to run away from His good pasture. We devote ourselves to all sorts of destruction. Still, our Good Shepherd seeks us out and brings us back to safety. He invites us to confess our sins before His heavenly Father.

Silence for reflection.



We have strayed from You. We have wounded You with our sin. We have wounded others with our sin. We have wounded ourselves with our sin. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us back to Your good pasture, on account of Jesus, our Good Shepherd. Amen.

- P Though we have strayed, Jesus always keeps searching for us. Though we have been lost in our priorities, Jesus is always and ever devoted to us. We see this most clearly as almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die and rise for you, and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Holy Spirit.
- **G** Amen. We are forgiven. Our souls are restored in Christ.

WORD

Introit

I am the good shepherd.

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the LORD is a great God,

and a great King above all gods.

Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.





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Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

First Reading

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 (KJV)

- 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 forever.
 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Epistle

1 Peter 2:19-25

¹⁹This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel

John 10:1–10

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ²But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all С things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen. Sit

The King of Love My Shepherd Is Hymn of the Day: LSB 709 King 1 The of love my shep - herd is. Whose good - ness 2 Where streams of liv ing wa ter flow, My ran - somed -3 Per _ verse and fool - ish oft Ι strayed. But vet in 4 In death's dark vale Ι fear no ill With Thee, dear fail eth Ι if _ noth lack nev er: _ ing He soul lead eth And, where the ver dant _ -He shoul der love sought me And His on side Lord. be _ Thy rod and staff me, my He His Ι And is mine for - ev am er. feed pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial _ eth. gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me. com - fort still, Thy be - fore guide cross to me. Verses 5 & 6 on the next page

- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth; And, oh, what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never;
 Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever!

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Sermon:

"Taking in Strays" Psalm 23

Stand



Gathering of Our Tithes and Offerings (Sunday Only)

Registry of Worship Cards (Sunday Only) – Please pass your completed cards to the

center aisle.

Prayer of the Church

Incorporating LSB 709:6

- Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Good Shepherd, may we sing Thy praise
- **G** within Thy house forever.
- Lord Jesus Christ, we have filled our lives with so much busyness and chaos. Help us to remove those things from our lives which are not beneficial, so that we may lead lives that are devoted to Your Word and Sacraments, to prayer and fellowship. Good Shepherd, may we sing Thy praise
- **G** within Thy house forever.
- Lord Jesus Christ, we pray for all pastors, missionaries, musicians, educators, and all who serve within Your one holy Christian and apostolic Church. Embolden them to teach Your Word that restores the souls of Your people. Good Shepherd, may we sing Thy praise
- **G** within Thy house forever.
- Lord Jesus Christ, You have borne our griefs and shared in our sorrows. Bring Your comfort to all those who are suffering in grief, [*especially*...]. Point them to the hope of the resurrection to eternal life with Jesus, where You will prepare a table before us, and we shall dwell in Your house forever. Good Shepherd, may we sing Thy praise
- **G** within Thy house forever.
- Lord Jesus Christ, we ask Your blessing upon all who labor in the agriculture industry, for farmers, ranchers, shepherds, and all who tend animals and grow food. Give them seasonable weather and joy in their labors. Good Shepherd, may we sing Thy praise
- **G** within Thy house forever.
- Lord Jesus Christ, we pray that You would open a door for Your Word that we might proclaim Your excellencies to those who have not yet believed in Your name, that they might be sheep of Your pasture and sing Your praises with us. Good Shepherd, may we sing Thy praise
- **G** within Thy house forever.

- Lord Jesus Christ, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [especially . . .]. Have mercy upon them, and restore them to health according to Your wisdom. Good Shepherd, may we sing Thy praise
- **G** within Thy house forever.
- Lord Jesus Christ, we commend all of these people and situations into Your hands, for You have promised to hear our prayers and tend us as our Good Shepherd. Good Shepherd, may we sing Thy praise
- **G** within Thy house forever. Amen.



SACRAMENT

Proper Preface

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



Lord's Prayer

LSB 179

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

The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



Distribution:

Sit





Post-Communion Thanksgiving

(Saturday)

P Let us pray together.

☑ I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

(Sunday)

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have led us to the green pastures and still waters of this Meal, and we pray that You would continue to lead us on the paths of righteousness, devoted wholly to You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.





Postlude:

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LEADING AND ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Pastor	Pastor Christopher Hazzard
Organist	Marvin Dalton

Saturday

Elder	Lee Crapo
Lector	
Audio	Lee Crapo/Robin Fox

Carlos Orellana
Jon Lindstrom
Robert and Cheryl Langanke
Kyle Welch
Video TD: Kris Welch
GFX/ Stream: Robin Fox
Charlene Rosane and Cheryl Erwin

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LEADING AND ASSISTING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

Pastor	Pastor Christopher Hazzard
Organist	
Elder	Steve Rosane
Lector	George Czanko
Greeter	Joann Shepker
Audio	Maria Hazzard
Video	Video TD: Kris Welch
	GFX: / Stream: Robin Fox
Altar Guild	Debbie and Rick Smith

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS FROM LAST WEEK

Saturday Worship Attendance	32
Sunday Worship Attendance	
Envelope and Loose Plate Offerings	
Simply Giving/Vanco	
Paypal Offerings	
Website (ShareFaith)	
Total of Offerings Received	
Misc. Income, Memorials and Special Gifts	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH Easter IV – The earliest Church found great delight in not giving themselves over to radical autonomy. Instead they invested in fellowship and community that accompany each other rather than abandoning in time of need (Acts 2:44). May we likewise proclaim and put into practice our Lord's promise that the abundant life is the one that is shared especially in adversity (John 10:10). **FLOWER SPONSOR**– No Flower Sponsor this week.

BULLETIN SPONSOR – No Bulletin Sponsor this week.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR (SUNDAY) – Team 5 is serving today; team 6 will serve next week. Everyone is invited. There is no charge and a freewill offering is voluntary.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY – The Church Office will be closed Monday.

OUTREACH MEETING – The Outreach Committee will meet this Tuesday, May 2, at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

MARY MARTHA MEETING – The Mary Marthas' will meet this Wednesday, May 3, at 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall. All Ladies of the congregations are invited to attend.

ELDERS MEETING – The Elders will meet next Sunday, May 7th, after service.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – There will be a Congregational Meeting May 21st after service in the Fellowship Hall.

LOOKING FOR PHOTOS – Anyone who has photographs they can share of the Spaghetti Dinner, the Fashion Show, or the Rummage sale, please send them to Charlotte Mantz at <u>Clmantz@aol.com</u>. We would like to submit articles to both the LWML Evangel, their quarterly newsletter and also to the FL/GA District "Lutheran Life" magazine. The deadline is May 5th to submit articles. We are doing a lot here at CLC to spread the love of God! Maybe we can inspire others!

DREAM CENTER VOLUNTEERS – Volunteers are needed to help check- in and sort items here at Christ Lutheran for the Dream Center. Please see or contact Robin Fox at 863-513-4774 to schedule a day and time to volunteer.

RECIPES WANTED - Mary Martha is collecting favorite recipes for the Church Cookbook. If you have a favorite recipe and would be willing to share it, please write it legibly, sign your name on it and put it in the box located in the Narthex. There is no limit to number of recipes you can submit.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP – If you are a seasonal visitor and would be interested in an Associate Membership with Christ Lutheran, please see an Elder.

CHURCH DIRECTORY – For those that are not aware, our church member directory is now available online. Please see the flyer sheets in the narthex for more information or email Kim Kaniecki at stewardship@clclakeland.org.

GREETERS NEEDED – Volunteers are needed to be Greeters in the Narthex to welcome guest and members as they enter for service. If you are interested, please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the Bulletin Board.

TRUSTEE VOLUNTEER DAY – If you are interested in volunteering to help with maintenance around the church, please contact Sandy Spanier at 863-665-5572.

NAMETAGS – We would like to encourage all our members to please wear their nametags to church. If you can't find your nametag or don't have one, please sign-up for one on the bulletin board in the Narthex of the church.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER- 1 Peter 2:21 – "For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps." Our heavenly Father wants us to grow into the image of His Son and to follow in His steps. Jesus suffered for us not only to redeem us, but also to show us what love looks like and to leave us an example of self-giving, sacrificial generosity. "Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow His example pure."

THANK YOU – The Mary Marthas would like to thank you for the yarn donations. We appreciate all your support.

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Monday	Church Office Closed
Tuesday	Trustee Workday @ 9 am
	Quilters @ 10 am
	Outreach Meeting @ 5:30 pm
Wednesday	Dream Center @ Christ Lutheran
	Mary Martha Meeting @ 9 am
	Bible Study @ Noon
	Private Communion 1:30 – 2:30 pm
	Youth @ 6:30 pm
	Choir @ 7 pm
Friday	
Saturday	Worship @ 5:30 pm
Sunday	Bible Study @ 8:30 am
	Worship Service @ 10 am
	Bible Study @ 11:15 am
	Elders Meeting