

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**God of all power, you called from death our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep. Send us to rescue the lost, to heal the injured and to feed one another with knowledge and understanding; through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.**

### **FIRST READING: Acts 4:1-12**

<sup>4</sup>While Peter and John were speaking to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came to them, <sup>2</sup>much annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming that in Jesus there is the resurrection of the dead. <sup>3</sup>So 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 heard the word believed; and they numbered about five thousand. <sup>5</sup>The next day their 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.”

### **PSALM: Psalm 23**

<sup>1</sup> 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 right paths for his name’s sake.

<sup>4</sup> **Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I 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 my whole life long.**

### **SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24**

<sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that he 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.

### **GOSPEL: John 10:11-18**

<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.’

## THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

**Today: Sunday April 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

9:15-Adult SS  
9:30- Youth SS  
10:30-Worship  
5:00-6:30-Youth Group @BLC

**Tuesday: April 27<sup>th</sup>**

8:30-Prayer Group  
9:30-Morning Coffee @ BLC

**Thursday: April 29<sup>th</sup>**

2:00PM – Circle Group @ Bethany

**Sunday May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

9:15-Adult SS  
9:30- Youth SS  
10:30- Worship w/Communion  
SS Program, Honor Graduates

No Youth Group

**Prayer Concerns:** Bethany Lutheran Church members, nursing home residents, Iowa storm victims, those battling COVID-19, Scott Frye, Dorothy Sandvig, Hannah Brandt, Tom Steinkoenig, Pat Murray, Phyllis Anderson, Jennifer Edge, Pastor David Steffenson, Pastor James Puotyual, Carol Schmidt, Gloria Bell, Cenon Zarzoso, Helen Dodge, David White, Patricia Bentsen. Our youth, parents & teachers, our military & missionaries

**Lectors:** Rich Ehlers

**Ushers:** May 2<sup>nd</sup>-Myles Pedersen

May 16<sup>th</sup> -Dean Armstrong

**Acolytes:** Bethany Youth

**Weekly Budget Needs: \$2600.00**

Faith Promise \$705.00      Worship 43

Easter \$7.00      SS 12

**Birthdays:** 26-Diane Hawley, 29-Mark Raasch, Tyler Sandvig, 5-1-Franz Ekstam

**Anniversaries:** 30-Lars & Liz Hersom

**\*\*\*Please note that the blue CH (Celebration Hymnal) is located under the pew in front of you.**

**Altar Flowers:**

Offering Plate is located on the table in the rear of the sanctuary

*An asterisk (\*) indicates when to stand (as able)*

### **ORDER OF THE SERVICE**

PRELUDE/ RINGING OF THE BELL /  
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **WORSHIP OF PRAYER & MEDITATION**

\*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS P.56

\*HYMN “All the Power of Jesus’ Name ” LBW 328

\*GREETING P.57

\*KYRIE P.57

\*HYMN OF PRAISE P.59

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY *(bulletin-in unison)*

### **MEDITATION ON GOD’S WORD**

FIRST READING: Acts 4:1-12

PSALM: Psalm 23 *(bulletin – responsively)*

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24

\*ALLELUA VERSE P.62

\*THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

\*GOSPEL RESPONSES P.63

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

Pastor David Klappenbach

HYMN “The King of Love My Shepherd is” LBW 456

APOSTLES’ CREED P.65

### **OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD**

OFFERING “Doxology” CH 815

\*OFFERTORY P.75

\*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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Leader: ...Lord in your mercy

Response: Hear our prayer.

\*THE LORD’S PRAYER CH 631

### **OUR SENDING**

\*BENEDICTION P.76

\*HYMN “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” CH 688

\*DISMISSAL



**April 25, 2021**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**WORSHIP, LOVE, ACCEPT  
TOGETHER IN CHRIST’S NAME**

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To our visitors! Welcome to our Sunday Service. We are happy to have you sharing in our worship service and ask for the opportunity to meet you. We invite you to complete the visitor card in front of you and give to an usher. Please come again!

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*Congregationally-Focused*

*Church*