

# St. Luke Lutheran Church

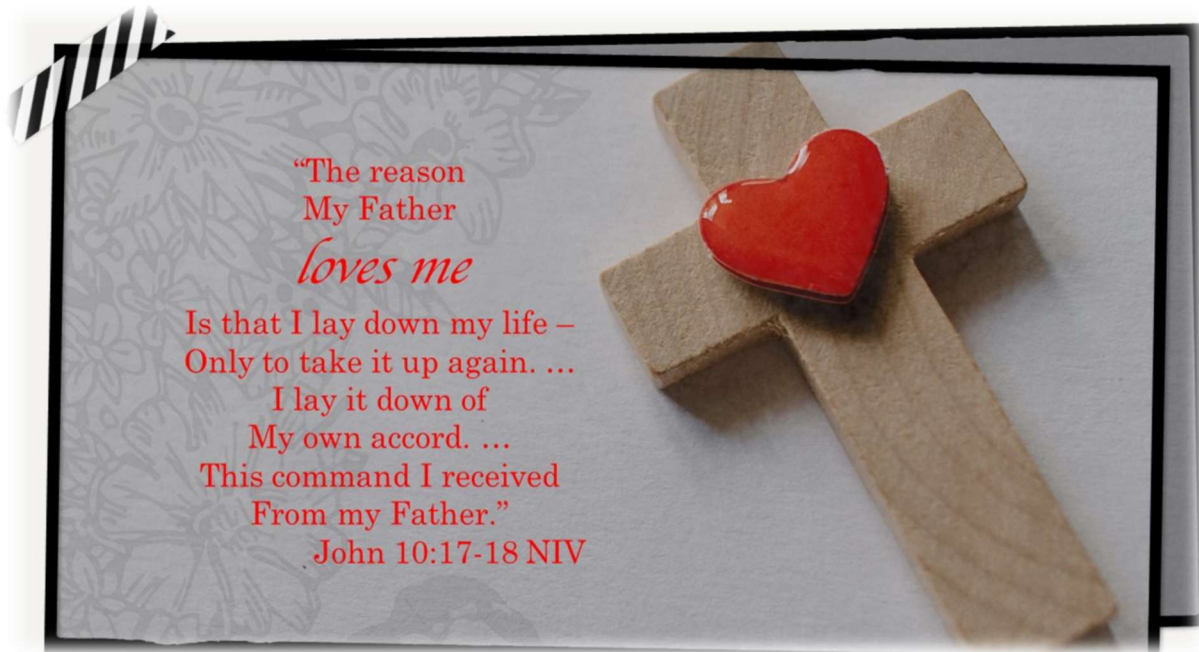
**"Energized by God's Love"**

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The Rev. Daniel Tisdell

**Evangelical Lutheran Worship**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**Setting IV**  
**April 21, 2024**



**Dear Members & Guests - Welcome to Worship!**  
God has greatly blessed us with your presence today.  
Thank you for responding to his invitation.

If you have a prayer request, please send it by email or voicemail to Letty in the church office.

# SERVING US THIS MORNING

**Ministers: All of the Members of this Congregation!**

**Pastor:** The Rev. Daniel Tisdel

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**Children's Message:** Pastor Dan Tisdel

**Eucharist Assistant(s):** Lisa Pierce & Sue Hutchins

**Altar Guild:** Roy & Theresa Tuason, Shirley Loo & Denise Tsang

**Greeters:** Doug & Doriann Shreve (Front Door), Don & Loretta Merry (Side Door)

**Worship Team:** Andy Wadsworth, Beth Stauter, Wil & Deb Mandac

**Background Worship:** Beth Stauter

**Organist:** Beth Stauter

**Choir Director:** Chris Frye

**Bell Choir Director:** Wil Mandac

**Tech Team:** Andy Wadsworth, Alan Martinez, Ethan ElAmir, Justine Skov, Madeleine Gan, Ryan Peters, Tim and Denise Tsang

**Prayer Chain Coordinator:** Marlene Custer

Hearing Assistance devices are available in the Library/AV Room.

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## **ORDER OF *WORSHIP***

**PRELUDE**

***"AT THE LAMB'S HIGH FEAST WE SING"***

**Beth Stauter**

(Arr. By Jan Bender)

**WELCOME**

**Pastor Dan Tisdel**

**GATHERING SONG *"AT THE LAMB'S HIGH FEAST WE SING"***

**ELW #362**

## INVOCATION

(music found on page 147)

[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.**

## KYRIE

[A] *In peace, let us pray to the Lord.*

**[C] Lord, have mercy.**

[A] *For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.*

**[C] Lord, have mercy.**

[A] *For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.*

**[C] Lord, have mercy.**

[A] *For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.*

**[C] Lord, have mercy.**

[A] *Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*

**[C] Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE “The Feast of Victory”

(music found on page 149)

[A] *This is the feast of victory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.*

**[C] Worthy 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.***

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

[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!**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

[A] Let us pray...

**[C] 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. Amen.**

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE WITH PASTOR DAN TISDEL – BLESSINGS OVER GRACE, DAVID & POET ALEXANDROU**

## **GOD ENCOUNTERS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Acts 4:5-12**

*Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he can proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.*

The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, 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, 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. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

**CHOIR ANTHEM**      **“MY SHEPHERD WILL SUPPLY MY NEED”**      **St. Luke Choir**  
(By Mack Wilberg)      with Kathleen Peters on Harp,  
Sandra Moore on Oboe &  
Margaret Steen on Flute

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – 1 John 3:16-24**

*Jesus’ death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God’s commandments.*

<sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] 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 ACCLAMATION**

*(music found on page 151)*

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

[P] This is the Holy Gospel according to John ...

[C] **Glory to you, O Lord.** (spoken)

**Gospel – John 10:11-18**

**Read by Rev. Eric Shafer, Global Refuge**

*In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.*

[Jesus said:] <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.”

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

[C] **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**MESSAGE**

**“WHAT WILL YOU TELL  
YOUR GRANDCHILDREN?”**

**Rev. Eric Shafer,  
Global Refuge**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**“SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US”**

**ELW #789**

**GATHERING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Prayer requests collected in the offering plates will be brought forward for the Prayers of the People.

**PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS**

[A] Let us pray...

[C] **Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.**

**APOSTLES' CREED**

[C] **I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

(\*universal)

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

[P & A] God of grace,

[C] **Hear our prayer.**

## PEACE OF CHRIST

### TRANSITIONAL PRAYER

[A] Let us pray...

[C] **Oh God, Each time I worship and take communion, I want to recommit my life, my heart, my thoughts, my everything to You. Fill me today with Your powerful Spirit and help me grow closer to you and to my neighbor. Amen.**

### MEAL

#### 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.**

[P] It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and places give thanks and praise; for you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with the angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND BLESSING

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

[C] **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.**

### **"LAMB OF GOD"**

*(music found on page 154)*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

**COMMUNION SONG**

***“COME TO THE ALTAR”***  
(By Elevation Worship)

**Grace Alexandrou**

**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION - THE EUCHARIST** (be seated)

Our Lord Jesus is the host of his table. He invites all to come to him. Everyone is welcome to commune with communion fellowship cups in the basket or bread and your choice of wine or grape juice by intinction. If you are not communing, please receive a blessing of the day.

**POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

[P] Shepherding God, 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.

[C] Amen.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS****SENDING HYMN**

***“HE LEADETH ME”***

**LBW #501**  
(Green Book)

**BENEDICTION**

[P] Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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

[C] Amen.

**THE DISMISSAL**

[A] Our worship continues; our service is just begun. Go in peace to love and serve  
The Lord.

[C] **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

**POSTLUDE**

***“GLORY TO OUR RISEN LORD”***  
(By George Blake)

**Beth Stauter**