

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**April 22, 2018**  
**8:30 A.M.**



## **WELCOME TO GRACE**

### **Prelude**

### **Word of Welcome**

*stand as you are able*

### **Gathering Hymn**

'Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!'

**369**

### **Greeting**

**P** Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**C** **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**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.**

*Please be seated*

### **Opening Sentences** (*Psalm 23*)

**A** The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want;

**C** **he leads me beside still waters;  
he restores my soul.**

**A** He leads me in paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.

**C** **Even though I walk through the valley  
of the shadow of death, I fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your  
staff, they comfort me.**

A You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**C Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

P Let us pray

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

<sup>5</sup>The next day [the] 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."

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God**

**Second Reading**

I John 3:16-24

<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.

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*Stand as you are able*

**Gospel Acclamation** ‘Be Not Afraid’ 388

**C Be not afraid, sing out for joy!**

**Christ is risen, alleluia!** (*repeat*)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10th chapter.

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

## Holy Gospel

John 10:11-18

[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 The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

**Sermon**

**Mark Balkman**

**Hymn of the Day** ‘Have No Fear, Little Flock’ **764**

*Stand as you are able*

**Nicene Creed**

p. 104

**Prayers of Intercession**

*Petitions end:*

A Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We entrust all our prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them by the power of the Holy Spirit and the love of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen**

## **Peace**

*The people greet one another saying: "Peace be with you".*

*Please be seated*

## **Offering**

*Stand as you are able*

**Offertory** 'This Joyful Eastertide' vs 1 **391**

## **Offering Prayer**

A Be known to us, O Lord,

**C in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. Amen**

**Great Thanksgiving** p. 144

**Lord's Prayer** p. 145

*Please be seated*

## **Distribution of Holy Communion**

*Come to the communion rail by the center aisle and return by the side aisle. You may kneel or stand. Wine is in the common cup and tray of individual cups. If you prefer grape juice, ask the server. Children are invited for a blessing. All are welcome who believe Christ is present in this meal for the forgiveness of sins.*

## Hymns at the Distribution

'Lamb of God'	p. 146
'Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us'	<b>789</b>
'The King of Love My Shepherd Is'	<b>502</b>

*Stand as you are able*

## Table Blessing

### Post Communion Prayer

A Life-giving God,

**C in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen**

### Blessing

P May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C Amen**

### Sending Hymn

'Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing' **544**

### Dismissal

A Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

A Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

### Prayer Huddle

**Worship Assistants: April 22**

**Greeters:** Mason –Mary Boldt  
East – Mary & Tom Jensen

**Assisting Minister:** Tom Jensen

**Lector:** Cheryl Muggenthaler

**Communion 8:30:** Marty Grow

**Communion 10:30:** Deb Werth & Ethan Kraft

**Ushers:** Bob Waldron, Ed Kerwell, Larry Baumbach

**Organist:** Diane Bailey

**Presiding Pastor:** Rev Jennifer Johnson Wrege

**Attendance 04/15/18:** Church cancelled

**H.S. Grilled Cheese Lunch: 4/12/18** 137

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***Welcome to Grace***

*Whether you are a member or visiting for the first time, may God's grace surround you today.*

*There is a guest book to sign in the gathering area.*

*If you are looking for a church home,  
you are welcome here.*

## ***In Prayer this Week***

***For members on the Care List*** especially Pastor Jim Seim and Rose Zinck.

***For Healing*** Tom Jensen; Mardie Paalman, Cookie Regal's sister; Winston Augustus Smith, Cheryl Muggenthaler's nephew; Mary Langdon, Cheryl Muggenthaler's sister-in-law; Rev. Jennie Johnson Wrege; Valerie Sieg; Marvin Wrege; Sharon Meier; Margaret Congdon; Jerry Wilharms; Mike VerKuilen; Rylene Houterman; Ken Johnson; Lloyd Learman; Judy Cross

***For those with cancer*** especially Ellie; Mark Catlin; Marian Breitenfeldt; Drew Gilbert; Kenny Verdegan.

**“Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.”** Romans 12:12



*If you have a Prayer Chain request, please contact Mary Hubers (731-1428) or Susan Pringnitz (733-7591). Call the church office with requests for prayer to be put in the bulletin and/or to ask for a prayer to be relayed to the Prayer Chain.*

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## **Announcements**

Please don't forget to **sign the cards** each week on the table in the Narthex that are mailed out to the homebound members.

**Sunday 10% Giveback Program**-Go to Texas Roadhouse in Appleton on any Sunday with your church's bulletin or newsletter and they will donate 10% of your food purchases back to the church.

Don't forget your items for **Faith in Action** the first Sunday of any given month. It is very much appreciated.

**HONEY DO LIST** Larry Baumbach has placed a sign up on the table in the narthex for things that you see around the church that need attention. Please help keep up the church with your suggestions.

Please continue to save your items for the **Rummage Sale** coming at the end of May. We ask that you keep your donations at home until at least May 1<sup>st</sup>. See the newsletter for more information.

**LID's for KID's:** There will be a collection box in coat rack area for you to drop off plastic lids/caps. Only plastic nothing with metal on it. The money will be used to purchase wheelchairs for disabled children in our community. Some common examples are: milk jug caps, soda bottle caps, water bottle lids, peanut butter lids, detergent caps, ice cream pail lids, cool whip, cream cheese or cottage cheese lids. We will make sure they get to the right place.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter **Devotional Books** are available in the narthex.

**Ruby's Pantry** is a faith based organization that is for everyone who eats. It is not government funded. You can receive one portion (this equals 2 laundry baskets full of food) for every \$20.00 spent and you can get more than one portion, just bring extra baskets for your food. You normally get pizza, frozen food, canned goods, meats, bread and other assorted items (could be toilet paper or napkins, etc). In the Appleton area Ruby's is located at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church at N1615 Meadowview Drive in Greenville WI 54942. They distribute food the first Saturday of the month. There is some information available on the **table in the narthex**. Even if you don't need everything they offer, it can be shared with people who can use it like our Faith In Action bags.

**Taize Service** to be held Friday, April 27 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 200 North Commercial Street, Neenah.

**IN WHITE AMERICA** An onstage reading presented by students from Milwaukee Rufus King High School April 25, 2018 at 6:00 pm at River View Middle School Auditorium in Kaukauna. The public is welcome to join for this free event. Note: Content may not be appropriate for younger audiences.

### **CANCELATIONS**

The church has it set up to have notification for any future cancelations on WBAY TV Channel 2. We will try to also send out an Email as was done last week. The safety of the congregation is the most important reason decisions are made.

We are waiting for the final tallies of your givings to **God's Global Barnyard** to let you know what we contributed. More to come!

## **CAN YOU HELP? PLEASE CONSIDER**

We are looking for volunteers to be Assisting Ministers, Lectors and Ushers. The lists are shortened as people adjust their lifestyles. All of the positions are done on a rotational basis. The more we have the less often the same person needs to be responsible. Assisting Ministers and Lectors rotate weekly and the Ushers rotate monthly. Please prayerfully consider this as your mission. Guidance will be given. If you can help, please let Pastor Dan or any council member know. Thank you for your consideration.

## **COMMUNICATION**

Without having a chairman for the Board of Property and with the **HONEY DO LIST** being used, people are helping to keep things up around the church. We are asking if you are doing a project, that you let Pastor Dan and/or the office know what you are working on. Pastor Dan will keep a running list for now and as future ideas come up. This way as people come up with ideas, he can connect people together. It is very much appreciated for everything that everyone is doing. If we all work together, more hands makes lighter work to get it done.



**GRACE FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday, April 22**..... 8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:25 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship

**Monday, Apr 23**..... 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

**Tuesday, Apr 24** ..... 8:30 a.m. Quilting  
6:30 p.m. FV Chorus

**Wednesday, Apr 25**..... 9:00 a.m. Bible Study  
6:30 p.m. Worship  
6:45 p.m. AA Meeting

**Thursday, Apr 26**..... 10 a.m. Grilled Cheese

**Friday, Apr 27**..... 9:00 a.m. Bible Study

**Saturday, Apr 28**..... 9:00 a.m. Hmong Service

**Sunday, Apr 29** ..... 8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:25 a.m. Sunday School  
9:40 a.m. Adult Forum  
10:30 a.m. Worship

No MATTER  
how long the winter,  
SPRING  
is sure to FOLLOW.  
