

# St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213

April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024

8:30 & 11:00 am Services

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

**Introduction for the Day:** 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.

## Gathering

Prelude

*Meditation on "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"* arr. Robert Hebble [1934-2020]

Welcome and Announcements    Pastor Kevin Kretzmann Farrar

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

When we were baptized, we died and were buried with Christ.

**We were baptized so that we might have a new life, as Christ was raised to life by the glory of God our Creator.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*(Silence for meditation and self-examination)*

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do.**

But Christ is risen.

**Risen indeed!**

Since we have been united with him in a death like his,

**we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. For his sake, forgive our sins, so that we may receive and share, the precious peace our Lord has promised. Let us be raised with Christ.**

Christ is our Good Shepherd, and it is written, that the Messiah had to suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins must be proclaimed in his name. That Word is now proclaimed to you. Your sins are forgiven.

**We have seen the Lord! Alleluia!**

Gathering Song **#377 Alleluia! Jesus is Risen**

Opening Litany for the Fourth Sunday of Easter & Apostolic Greeting

The Lord is Risen!

**He is risen indeed!**

O Lord, our Shepherd, you are good,

**for you know us well and bring us close to you.**

You protect us from all danger and listen to our cries.

**You lay down your life for us and prepared a place of goodness for us.**

The grace of our risen Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise **page 149; Worthy is Christ**

Prayer of the Day

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.**

*Please be seated.*

Word

First 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 is able to proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

**Psalm 23, Read Responsively**

*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps. 23:1)*

Let us read responsively from Psalm 23.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

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

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running 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.**

## Second 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.*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

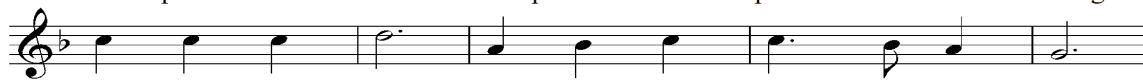
## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia! Christ Is Risen!**

1. Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ri - sen! The earth has been sha - ken!  
2. Christ is a - ris - en! Our shep-herd is faith - ful - ly lead - ing



Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ri - sen! The tomb is for - sak - en!  
To qui - et wa - ters and pas - tures of pro - vi - dent feed - ing.



Death's reign is done, life ev - er - last - ing be - gun!  
Death's reign is done, life ev - er - last - ing be - gun,



We from our graves shall a - wak - en!  
Fol - low, your shep - herd's voice heed - ing!

## Gospel

John 10:11-18

*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.*

The Lord is risen!

**He is risen indeed!**

The holy gospel according to John, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O risen Lord!**

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Sermon

Pastor Kevin Kretzmann Farrar

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Hymn of the Day

**#782 My Shepherd, You Supply My Need**

*Prayer Cards, which can be found in the pew racks, will be collected during the Hymn of the Day*

*(8:30 Service)*

## Profession of Faith

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,  
Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the  
Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
 who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
 who has spoken through the prophets.  
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

*(8:30 Service, please turn to page 7.)*

*(11:00 Service Continues Here.)*

### *Service of Holy Baptism for Elliott Gluth*

*Please follow along in your Hymnals on Page 227.*

*Please be seated.*

#### Presentation

*Please stand as you are able.*

#### Profession of Faith

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? If so answer, I renounce them.

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

*Please be seated.*

## Thanksgiving at the Font

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Baptism

### Baptismal Response

### #212 You Belong to Christ

*You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

You be - long to Christ, in whom you have been bap - tized.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu ia.

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## Welcome

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

*(Both Services Continue Here)*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Prayer of Intercession

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

...God of grace,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

**Amen.**

## Sharing the Peace of Christ

Jesus said: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled." The peace of the risen Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

## Meal

Musical Offering	8:30	<i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i> arr. Bill Ingram – The EmbELLishments
	11:00	<i>The King of Love</i> by James Sclater – Senior Choir

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Offertory Response

## Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Let the vine-yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of bless - ing.

Ga - ther a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Ga - ther the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer now.

Grace our ta - ble with your pre - sence, Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

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## Offertory Prayer

Our cup overflows, a cup poured by your own hand, Good Shepherd. Use our gifts, we pray. Let them spill out as signs of our praise. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving

### Dialogue and Preface

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

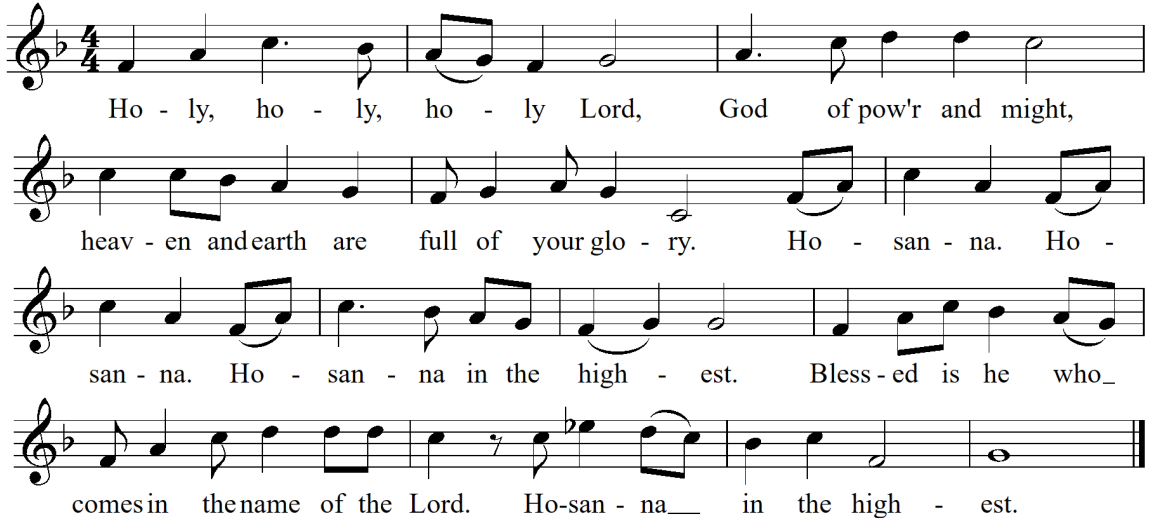
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to 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 angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
 san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who\_  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na\_ in the high - est.

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## Words of Institution

### Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
 your kingdom come, your will be done,  
 on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,**

**and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

(11:00 Service)

## First Communion

We celebrate with **Cameron Sieg** his First Communion today.

Today this community of faith rejoices because Sunday is the day Christ arose from the dead. Once again Jesus calls us to join him for a meal. We celebrate with those who today, join in sharing of the Lord's Meal—Holy Communion.

**We welcome you to the Table for the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We pray that you will find joy and strength in this meal. Come among us, O God, as we gather to worship you.**

## Communion Healing Liturgy

*Healing was central to the ministry of Jesus. It was a sign of God's kingdom, bringing renewal and wholeness of life to those who turned to God in their need. Jesus sent out his disciples with the commission to 'proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal' (Luke 9:2).*

### Call to Healing

Great God our healer, by your power, the Lord Jesus healed the sick and gave hope to the hopeless. As we gather in his name,

**look upon us with mercy and bless us with your healing Spirit.**

Bring us comfort in the midst of pain, strength to transform our weakness,  
**and light to illuminate our darkness.**

Assure us of your power to heal us and restore us.

**Amen.**

### Blessing of Oil and Ministers of Healing

*If you wish a healing blessing, you may come forward to the healing station, kneel as you are able, and receive a blessing.*

### Invitation to Communion

O Shepherd, you offer so much more than green pastures, so much more than still waters.

**In this meal we are offered a taste of that which awaits us; "in the house of the Lord forever."**

The risen Christ invites us to this table. Come, eat, and be satisfied.

## Call to Communion

**We Come Now to Your Table**

We come now to your ta - ble, Lord, you are the Liv - ing Bread.

We come now to your ta - ble, Lord, let ev - 'ry soul be fed:\_\_\_

You are the Liv - ing Bread, let ev - 'ry soul be fed:\_\_\_

and now may ev - 'ry soul be fed\_\_\_ with Liv - ing Bread.

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## Communion Hymn

**#483 Here Is Bread**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Communion Response

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his light and grace.

**Amen.**

## Prayer after Communion

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.

**Amen.**

Sending

## Blessing

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.

**Amen.**

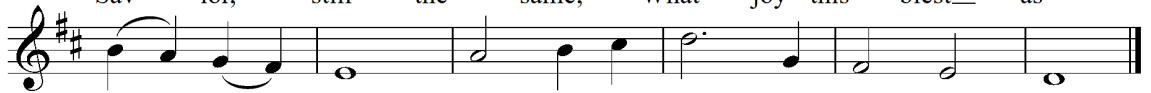
## Sending Song

**I Know that My Redeemer Lives!**

1. I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort  
 2. He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He live e -  
 8. He lives, all glo - ry to his name! He lives, my



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he live, who  
 ter - nal - ly to save; He lives ex - alt - ed,  
 Sav - ior, still the same; What joy this blest as -



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!  
 throned a - bove; He lives to rule his Church in love.  
 -sur - ance gives: I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-1799, alt. Music: John Hatton, d. 1793. Tune: Duke Street, LM.

## Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## Postlude