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Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21, 2024

Divine Service, Setting Three (p. 184)

The Preservice Music, the Call to Worship, and Welcome

Hymn of Invocation: 465 “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

Invocation

LSB 184

Exhortation, Confession of Sins & Absolution

LSB 184-185

Hymn: 633 “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”

Salutation and Collect of the Day

The First Reading

Acts 4:1-12

¹As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ²greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand. ⁵On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead – by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹²And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading

1 John 3:16-24

¹⁶By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. ¹⁹By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²²and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴Whoever keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia Verse

LSB 190

The Gospel Reading

John 10:11-18

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹¹[Jesus said:] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

Hymn of the Day: 709 “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

Sermon

Offering (Bell Choir: “Take Everything to God in Prayer”)

Prayer of the Church & The Lord's Prayer

A Hymn: “This is Love” (Sung by St. James’ Worship Team. You are welcome to sing with them.)

Verse 1 (Worship team)

All the lost, and ashamed
He is calling us by name
All the broken, come and see
There’s healing at the feet of Jesus

Chorus (All)

*This is love, His body on the cross
This is love, His blood poured out for us
See the bruises on His hands and knees
The blood beneath His feet
Where sin and Savior meet
This is love*

Verse 2 (Worship team)

All the tired and oppressed
He has brought us here to rest
Where the chains are released
In the freedom at the feet of Jesus

Chorus (All)

*This is love, His body on the cross
This is love, His blood poured out for us
See the bruises on His hands and knees
The blood beneath His feet
Where sin and Savior meet
This is love*

Bridge (Worship team)

At the cross we're on our knees
See Him dying on that tree
Hear Him breathe His final breath
It is finished

[Repeat Bridge]

Chorus (All)

*This is love, His body on the cross
This is love, His blood poured out for us
See the bruises on His hands and knees
The blood beneath His feet
Where sin and Savior meet*

Tag (All)

Where sin and Savior meet
Where my sin and my Savior meet
This is love.

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Announcements and Dismissal

Preface	<i>LSB 194</i>
Proper Preface (Full)	
Sanctus	<i>LSB 195</i>
The Words of Our Lord	<i>LSB 197</i>
Pax Domini	<i>LSB 197</i>
Agnus Dei	<i>LSB 198</i>
Distribution (Continuous flow)	
Choir Anthem: "Go in Love"	
Benediction	

Hymn to Depart: Living Hope (Phil Wickham)

Verse 1

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

Verse 2

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

Chorus

*Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope (2 Xs)*

Verse 3

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me (*REPEAT*)
Jesus Yours is the victory (*Chorus 2 Xs*)

Ending

Jesus Christ my living hope
Oh God You are my living hope

This Week at St. James

Today (4/21) Gizmo on FB – 8:00 AM
Communion Service - 9:30 AM
 Bible Study – 11:00 AM
 Knit & Crochet – 10:45 AM

Monday (4/22) Pastor on his Mission Trip - 8:00 AM

Wednesday (4/24) Darrell Bible Study – 10:00 AM

Thursday (4/25) Adult Bells – 6:00 PM
 Adult Choir – 7:15 PM

Sunday (4/28)..... Gizmo on FB – 8:00 AM
Worship Service - 9:30 AM
 Bible Study – 11:00 AM
 Knit & Crochet – 10:45 AM

Looking Ahead

Serving Today (4/21)

Officiant Pastor Glenn Schaeffer

Lector Pastor

Organist Beth McKay

Deacon(s) Bryan Ensing / Craig Popma

Ushers Walt & Karen Kryzanowski / Ferris Family

Video/Sound/Recording Nathan Urbanski/John & Marjie Weiss

KidzTime Sandra Schaeffer

April Altar Guild..... Kim Urbanski / Carol Bifulco

Serving Next Sunday (4/28)

Lector Nancy Spears
Organist Beth McKay
Deacon(s) Craig Popma/Dave Hood
Ushers Jim McKay / Cindy McAuliffe
Video/Sound/Recording Nathan Urbanski/John & Marjie Weiss
KidzTime Carol Bifulco
April Altar Guild..... Kim Urbanski/Carol Bifulco

Financial Discipleship: April 14 & 15, 2024

General Fund	\$3,540.00
<i>Needed each week for budget \$5,769.00 (-\$2,229.00)</i>	
Youth	\$15.50
Memorials	\$30.00
<u>Pastor's Mission Trip</u>	<u>\$2,300.00</u>
TOTAL Contributions	\$5,885.50

Announcements

Mission Trip Rwanda 2024 – Pastor Schaeffer will be heading to Rwanda this afternoon for a two-week mission trip during which he will lead a three-day seminar on The Lord's Prayer. He will also lead several daylong sessions on other topics and will preach in several churches in various regions of Rwanda. Please pray for his safe travels and to bless his teaching and preaching.

Pastoral Care While Pastor Schaeffer is in Rwanda: If an emergency should arise and you require Pastoral care while Pastor Schaeffer is on his mission trip to Rwanda, please contact one of the deacons (Jerry Talen, David Hood, Craig Popma, or Bryan Ensing). You might also try calling the office (616-363-7718). Ashley is in the office on Mondays and Thursdays (9:00 a.m. to 2:20 p.m.). The deacons will contact one of the pastors at Immanuel Lutheran Church who will provide pastoral care. They will also let Pastor Schaeffer know what is happening. Pastor Schaeffer will return on the evening of Monday, May 6th.

DROP-OFF DAYS for 2nd Best Sale: Saturday, April 27. Bring your 2nd Best Sale items to the church from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We cannot accept mattresses, box springs, analog (tube-type TVs), nursery furniture, medical items, or any items

that are not usable or saleable. Donated clothing should be clean and gently used. Members of Friends in Faith will be present to unload your car and take everything into church for you! If items need to be brought to the church before the two Drop off dates, please contact Walt at 616-970-7407 or Dale Rosema at 616-262-1390. Volunteers are needed on Sunday, April 28 for set up and for sorting the items. Volunteers are also needed on Monday and Tuesday for sorting and pricing and on Thursday through Saturday to assist customers. Donate an hour or two of your time or enjoy the 9-4 days with everyone. A volunteer sign-up sheet will be by the office.

ISJ Golf Outing Is Filling Up This year's ISJ Golf Outing Fundraiser will take place on June 1st at Arrowhead Golf Course in Lowell. This will be an 18-hole shotgun start scramble format like in years past. The cost for a foursome cost is \$400. If you are not able to golf but interested in supporting the event you are able to do so through the same link/QR code. Proceeds from this event support the school by providing additional resources, technology devices, and supplies for the classroom. If you have questions, please reach out to the school office at isjoffice@mychristianschool.com or a school board member from the congregation.

Having A Heart for Africa - Calling all those who love to bake! The LWML would once again like to have a bake table at this Spring's Second Best Sale. If you would like to help raise funds for Rwandan mothers and babies, by baking, you can donate wrapped baked items. The dates for the sale are May 2-4, 2024.



The LWML Grand Rapids Zone Spring Rally, "Look and See" will take place on May 4th, 2024 at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Kentwood. Registration and breakfast begin at 8:45 am and the rally runs until Noon. Registration fee - \$10.00. Presenter - Danielle Bult Executive Director of "Love INC". Danielle will speak to us on poverty, homelessness, people in need in our area and how we can help. **Ingathering:** Personal Care Items to be given to The Image - deodorant toothpaste, toothbrushes feminine care products, diapers, shampoo.



Rachel Palmer has a new contact number. Her new number is 616-485-7120.

Newsletter Information: If you or your group would like to place anything in the newsletter for May please send it to Ashley in the office.

A Statement on Holy Communion

We rejoice in the celebration of the LORD'S Supper as the Lord Jesus comes to us in a very personal manner, giving to us His true Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and wine in this sacred meal. St. Paul writes, *"A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself."* (1 Corinthians 11:28-29) It is out of love and care for every individual who comes to the Lord's Supper that we ask those who are not instructed in the faith and/or doubt the presence of the Body and Blood of Jesus in this Sacrament to refrain from attending the Lord's Supper.

Members of Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregations (and sister confessional Lutheran Church bodies), who:

- Repent of their sin;
- Believe in Jesus as their Savior;
- Trust that they are receiving, not only bread and wine but also the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ in the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of their sins; and
- Intend, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to live as forgiven sinners resisting the devil, saying no to sinful desires, and walking in the newness of life;

are invited to partake of this Holy Meal with us. We request that ALL guests who desire to commune, kindly speak to the Pastor before the service.

If you prefer to come forward for a blessing at the time of Holy Communion, please do so. We ask that you cross your arms over your chest so that the Pastor knows you want to receive a blessing.

NOTE: We provide gluten-free communion host and non-alcoholic grape juice. Just let the Pastor and/or the assistants know when you come for Holy Communion.