



**Our Redeemer Lutheran Church**  
**Jackson, Minnesota**  
***“Bringing Jesus to Jackson”***  
**The Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**April 21, 2024**

**Alleluia! Christ is risen!**  
**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**Welcome** to this Divine Service. We gather in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Please sign the attendance card in pew and place in offering plate.

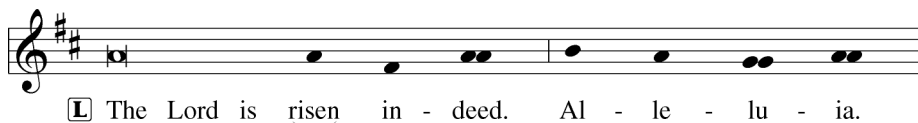


**Prelude and Ringing of the Bell**

**Hymn** “He’s Risen, He’s Risen” **480**

**Opening Verses, Venite** **219-221**

*Sung before and after the Venite:*



**Psalmody** **Psalm 23; antiphon: v. 6**

- P** Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
**C** and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.  
**P** The LORD is my shepherd;  
**C** I shall not want.  
**P** He makes me lie down in green pastures.  
**C** He leads me beside still waters.  
**P** He restores my soul.  
**C** He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.  
**P** Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me;  
**C** your rod and your staff, they comfort me.  
**P** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
**C** you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**P** Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
**C** and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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

**Hymn** “The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done” **464**

**First Reading** **Acts 4:1–12 ESV**

<sup>1</sup> And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, <sup>2</sup> greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. <sup>3</sup> And 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 had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

<sup>5</sup> On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup> with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup> And when they had set them in the 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 being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup> let 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. <sup>11</sup> This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. <sup>12</sup> And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us. **C** Thanks be to God.

**Epistle** **1 John 3:16–24 ESV**

<sup>16</sup> By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. <sup>17</sup> But 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? <sup>18</sup> Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

<sup>19</sup> By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart

before him; <sup>20</sup> for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup> Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; <sup>22</sup> and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup> And 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. <sup>24</sup> Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.                      **C** Thanks be to God.

**Holy Gospel** **St. John 10:11–18 ESV**

<sup>11</sup> [Jesus said:] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> He 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. <sup>13</sup> He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing 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> And 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. <sup>17</sup> For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. <sup>18</sup> No 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** O Lord, have mercy on us.                      **C** Thanks be to God.

**Easter Responsory** **222**

**Hymn**                      “The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want” **710**

**Sermon**                      “By Our Good Shepherd” **1 John 3:16–24**

**Canticle**                      “Te Deum” **223-225**

**Offering**

**Kyrie, Lord’s Prayer, Salutation** **227**

**Prayer of the Church**

*Pam Kemp, Richard Polz, Megan Janzen (Pastor Nathan Janzen’s wife),  
Teresa Schuetz (Pastor’s niece), Ron Sinn, Gail Lanning, Brent Baumann  
(Steve Milbrath’s brother-in-law and Lori Milbrath’s cousin), Gen Rehnelt,  
Kristi Ledin, Carol Kolander, Kathy Miller (Neil’s, Susan’s, and Patti’s*

sister-in-law), Ken Temple, Karen Temple, Ron Kloos, Barney Olson, Travis Mekosch. We remember in our prayers the family of Madden Hein, son of Alex and Kathryn Hein, who recently passed away. We remember in our prayers Jake Staton, who has been deployed overseas in our nation's armed forces.

*Petitions conclude:*

**P** . . . Lord, in Your mercy,                      **C** hear our prayer.

*Final petition:*

**P** Lord God, out of Your fatherly goodness You have remembered us poor, miserable sinners and given Your beloved Son to be our Shepherd — not only to nourish us by His Word, but also to defend us from sin, death and the devil. Grant us Your Holy Spirit, that even as this Shepherd knows us and helps in every affliction, we also may know Him, trust Him, seek help and comfort in Him, heartily obey His voice, and obtain eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**Collect for Grace, Benedicamus, Benediction** **228**

**Hymn**                      “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing” **924**

**Postlude**



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