
4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 25, 2021

HYMN: “O Sons and Daughters of the King” (LSB #470)

**O sons and daughters of the King,
Whom heav’nly host in glory sing,
Today the grave has lost its sting!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**That Easter morn, at break of day,
The faithful women went their way
To seek the tomb where Jesus lay.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**An angel clad in white they see,
Who sits and speaks unto the three.
“Your Lord will go to Galilee.”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**That night the apostles met in fear;
Among them came their master dear
And said, “My peace be with you here.”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**On this most holy day of days
Be laud and jubilee and praise:
To God your hearts and voices raise.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
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INVOCATION:

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Christ has risen!

People: He has risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: O Lord, open my lips,

People: And my mouth will declare Your praise.

Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

People: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

ACCLAMATION: (Sung together, LSB p. 235)

Alleluia, alleluia!



CONFESSION OF SIN:

Pastor: Since we are assembled this day,

People: To hear God's Word and to call upon Him in prayer,

Pastor: Let us think of our unworthiness,

People: And confess before God that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.

Pastor: Let us also realize that by our own strength,

People: We cannot free ourselves from our sinful nature.

Pastor: May Almighty God have mercy on us,

People: Forgive us our sins, and lead us to life everlasting. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE:

Pastor: Christ declared, "I am the good shepherd."

People: "I know my sheep and my sheep know me."

Pastor: "Just as the Father knows me and I know the Father,"

People: "And I lay down my life for the sheep."

Pastor: "I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish, no one can snatch them out of my hand."

People: Christ Jesus, You truly are our good shepherd! Amen.

PSALM READING: (Psalm 23, spoken together)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures: he leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul: he leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will 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 my enemies: you anoint my head with oil; my cup runneth 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.

HYMN: "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" (LSB #711)

**Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
Much we need Your tender care.
In Your pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use Your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
You have bought us; we are Yours
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
You have bought us; we are Yours**

**We are Yours; in love befriend us,
Be the guardian of our way;
Keep Your flock, from sin defend us,
Seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Hear us children when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Hear us children when we pray.**

**You have promised to receive us,
Poor and sinful though we be;
You have mercy to relieve us,
Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Early let us turn to You.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Early let us turn to You.**

**Early let us seek Your favor,
Early let us do Your will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior,
With Your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
You have loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
You have loved us, love us still.**

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EPISTLE READING: 1 John 3:1-2

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

GOSPEL READING: John 10:11-18

¹¹ “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³ The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴ “I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. ¹⁷ The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”

CONFESSION OF FAITH: *(The Apostle's Creed, spoken together)*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN: “With High Delight Let Us Unite” (LSB #483)

With high delight Let us unite
In songs of great jubilation.
Ye pure in heart, All bear your part,
Sing Jesus Christ, our salvation.
To set us free Forever, He
Is ris’n and sends to all earth’s ends
Good news to save ev’ry nation.

True God, He first From death has burst
Forth into life, all subduing.
His enemy doth vanquished lie;
His death has been death’s undoing.
“And yours shall be Like victory
O’er death and grave,” Saith He, who gave
His life for us, life renewing.

Let praises ring; Give thanks, and bring
To Christ our Lord adoration.
His honor speed By word and deed
To ev’ry land, ev’ry nation.
So shall His love Give us above,
From misery And death set free,
All joy and full consolation.

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PRAYER:

Pastor: O Lord, almighty and everlasting God,

People: You have brought us in safety to this new day.

Pastor: Preserve us with your mighty power,

People: That we may not fall into sin nor be overcome in adversity.

Pastor: In all we do,

People: Direct us to the fulfilling of Your purpose through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SERMON: Acts 4:23-33 “In the Shepherd’s Care”

OFFERING

PRAYERS

THE LORD’S PRAYER

People: 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.

BLESSING:

Pastor: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,

People: That undeserved love He demonstrated for us on the cross, as He died to pay for all our sins.

Pastor: The love of God the Father,

People: Which moved Him to send Jesus as our Savior.

Pastor: And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,

People: The one at work in our hearts through the word and sacraments to stir faith, sustain faith, and bring us the forgiveness and salvation found only in Christ.

Pastor: May the fellowship of the Triune God be with you all.

People: Amen.

HYMN: "The Lord's My Shepherd" (LSB #710)

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness
E'en for His own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forevermore
My dwelling place shall be.

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BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday Morning at 10:45 in the Sanctuary

LOOKING AHEAD IN OUR SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS: "The End and Revelation!"

To access via Zoom.

Topic: Holy Emmanuel - Sunday Bible Study

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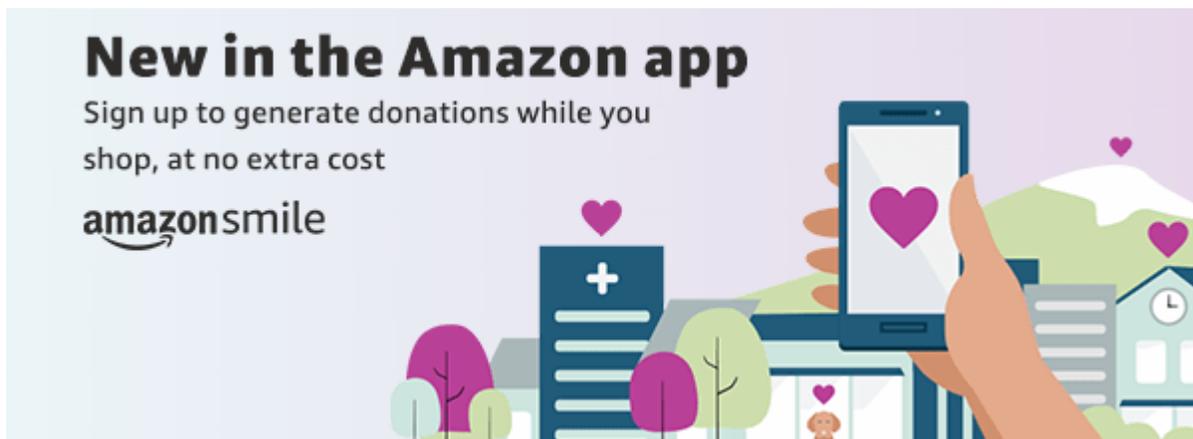
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Missional Living Learning Group:

Wednesday check the bulletin for dates at 6:00PM

Our goal will be to continue the discovery process as to what missional living means; or, how do we become more Christ like in our own zip code. In the meantime, if you have any questions please let me know. Blessings, Chuck Squires (612-799-5315 Cell) or squir008@msn.com



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²³ On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them. ²⁴ When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. "Sovereign Lord," they said, "you made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. ²⁵ You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David: "Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? ²⁶ The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the Lord and against his Anointed One. ' ²⁷ Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. ²⁸ They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. ²⁹ Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. ³⁰ Stretch out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus." ³¹ After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly. ³² All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had. ³³ With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all.

1. Why is Jesus the good shepherd?
2. How were Peter and John in the valley of the shadow of death?
3. Why doesn't the Holy Spirit let us go on our own as Christians?
4. What is the church meant to be for every believer in Christ?
5. What was the Sabbath day meant to be?
6. How is Christian fellowship good for us?
7. Why is it dangerous for us to believe we don't need the fellowship of fellow Christians?
8. Why do we call out to Jesus in prayer?
9. Why did Jesus shake the building the apostles were in?
10. When does Jesus shake us up today?
11. What enables us to stand in confident peace?