I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me John 10:14



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Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024



UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES

Apr. 28 – 5th Sunday of Easter

May 5 – 6th Sunday of Easter

WORSHIP LEADERS

	Apr. 21	Apr. 28		
Assit. Min./ Comm. Assit.	Kim Wittel	Ivan Wittel		
Lector	Kim Wittel	Ivan Wittel		
Ushers	Ken & Joan Hollinger	Jack McCarthy/ Bob Thomas		
Musician	Joanne Thomas/ Rose Keller	Dcn. Arica Demme		
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Sound Tech.	Chaz Stroup	Terry Miller		
Offering Counters	Lee Mills/Fred Lepley	John Null / Ken Hollinger		
Livestream	Clarence Clark/ Lee & Judy Mills	Mason Tippett/ Sandy Tippett		
Communion Prayers	Beth Birchall/ Diana Hebda	Lee & Judy Mills		
Nursery/Class Ages 4-5	Marianne Burkholder/ Susie Kramer	Rachel Kline/ Susie Kramer		

Apr. 14, 2024 ATTENDANCE - 56

TODAY'S COMMEMORATION Anselm of Canterbury



Born in Italy in 1033, Anselm is most closely associated with England, where he served as Archbishop of Canterbury for many years. A brilliant scholar and writer, Anselm used his political skills with the British kings on behalf of the established Christian church, affirming that it is the leadership of the church and not the state which has the responsibility of establishing structure and maintaining order among the clergy. Anselm is especially remembered for his classic book, Why God Became Man, which

taught that the reason for the incarnation was that Jesus, the Son of God, would suffer and die in place of sinners.

"CRY ROOM AVAILABILITY"

For parents with children younger than one year, there is a "Cry Room" near the front entrance if you would need to use that during the worship service.

Please maintain silence for meditation as soon as the candles are lit until the beginning of the service.

RESURRECTION GREETING

P: He is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

The assembly stands (if able)

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

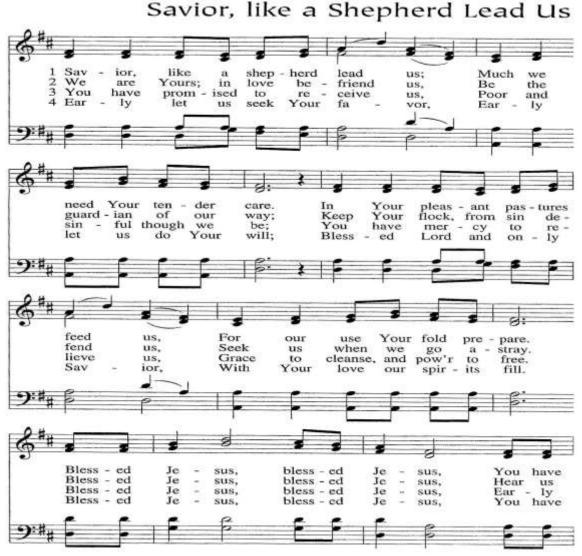
Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

- P: Most merciful God,
- C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in

your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

- P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority. I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the & Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN





APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: Christ is Risen C: He 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.**



For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray | to the Lord. A

C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

- A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray | to the Lord.
- Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy. С
- A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray | to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.
- A Help, save, comfort, and defend us | gracious Lord.
- С Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

HYMN OF PRAISE



SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you show those in error the light of your truth, that they may return into the way of righteousness. Grant to all that are admitted into fellowship with Christ the power to avoid all things that are contrary to the faith and to follow you according to the will of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen** The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Word

The First Reading is from the 4th chapter of Acts

First Reading: Acts 4:1-12

¹As {Peter and John} were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ²greatly annoved 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."

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Brief silence for reflection.

The Psalm is read responsively.

Psalm 23

- ¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- ² He makes me lie down in green pastures.He leads me beside still waters.
- ³He restores my soul.

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

- ⁴ Even 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.
- ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwall in the house of the LOPD forever

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Brief silence for reflection.

The Second Reading is from the 3rd chapter of 1 John

Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

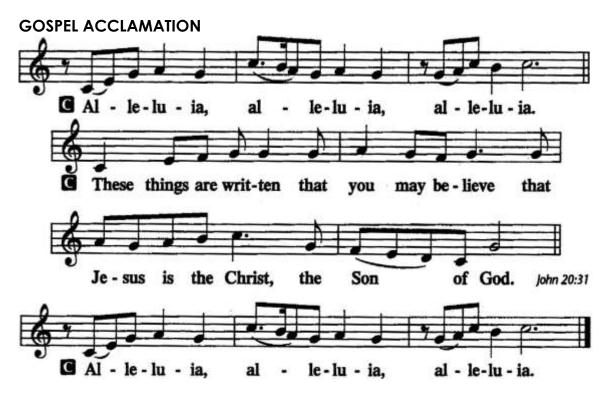
¹⁶By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lav down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. ¹⁹By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰ for 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 because we keep whatever we ask we receive from him. his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And this his is 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 God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Brief silence for reflection.

Brief silence for reflection.

The assembly stands (if able) to welcome the Gospel.



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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Gospel: John 10:11-18

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."

This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to You, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

The assembly stands (if able).

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Am Jesus' Little Lamb



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Paalm 23; Iz. 40:11; 49:10; John 21:15

NICENE CREED

C: 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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence.

Each portion of the prayers ends with these or similar words:

P: Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. C: Amen

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: And also with you.

The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

The assembly is seated.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

OFFERTORY Now Thank We All Our God • 0 With hearts and hands and 1 Now thank we all our God . *** Ð 0 9 whom his world re es, Who won-drous things has done, In voic -0 ... Ø, \sim Who, from our moth-ers' arms, joic Has blest us on our . es; 6 0 .b 1 is ours to - day. With count-less gifts of love, And still way 1.14 ---

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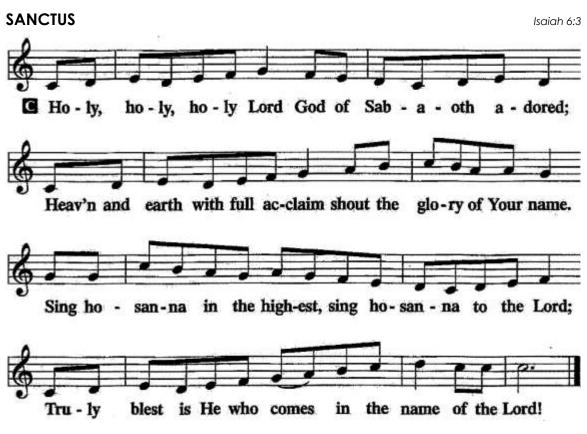
OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A: Let us pray. Blessed are you,
- C: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.	C: And also with you.	2 Timothy 4:22
P: Lift up your hearts.	C: We lift them to the Lord.	[Colossians 3:1]

- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.
- P: It is truly right and salutary we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



[Psalm 136]

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.
 - In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.
 - We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. **C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

- P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My & body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
 - In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

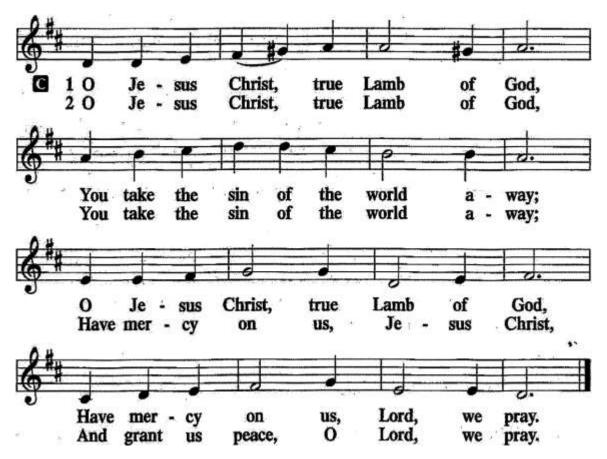
LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

- P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.
- C: 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.

The assembly is seated.

AGNUS DEI



INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND TO PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

We invite you to pray silently for someone in the congregation while sitting in the pew before or after receiving Communion or while in line waiting to receive. Two people will be at the back of the sanctuary praying for everyone at this time.

All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine.

HOW WE COMMUNE: When you come forward the pastor will first give you bread to eat. Then, take a cup from the tray. The assistant will pour in wine to drink. Afterward, you will place the empty cup in the water in the plastic container at the side aisle, and return to your seat. If you are unable to consume wine, you may commune with only the bread. Unbaptized and those who have yet to receive first communion may come forward to receive a blessing. Signify by holding your hands to your chest instead of reaching out for the bread and wine.

Gluten free wafers are available for those that are gluten intolerant. Please notify the pastor as you come forward to receive Communion that you require a gluten free wafer.

The assembly stands (if able) when everyone has received the sacrament.

BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. C: Amen

NUNC DIMITTIS



POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

God of mercy and grace, we thank you for feeding us with the sacrament of Christ's body and blood – that which strengthens us in faith and assures us of new life now and in eternity. As we wait and watch for the return of the Messiah in these last days, continue to feed us with the life-giving bread and the cup of salvation.

C: Amen

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

P: Let us bless the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

[Psalm 103:1]

- P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and \$\$ give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26
- C: Amen

SENDING HYMN



- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thine unction grace bestoweth; and, oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never. Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

In your daily prayers please remember those listed below:

<u>Homebound</u> Debbie Binder Donna Hiltebeitel Elizabeth Larsen Sonya LaGamba Earl and Janet Harry Additional prayers

Tom Scherer - ALS Meghan Mills – adjusting to life with colitis Family of Patricia Stroup - mourning her death **Candy Whitney** – recovering from shingles Rose Keller – chemo Denise Force – colon cancer **Rob Zwally** – migraine headaches Mike Haas - prostate cancer Walt Hebda – recovering from surgery **Deb Stockhausen** – recovering from surgery **Barb Wisler** – recovering from shoulder surgery Cheri Wallace – recovering from stroke Ed Zook – recovering from surgery **Dorothy Steele** – falling Judi Reeder – recovering from surgery Linda Anderson – therapy & rehab for leg Family of Paula Yohman - mourning her death Pr. Sandy Towberman - recovering from open heart surgery Family of Jacki Roderick - mourning death of Thomas Smith **Barb Wood** – chemotherapy **Carissa Stadler Garcia** – recovering from surgery

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES (conti.)

- To request a prayer during today's worship for a person not on the list above, "print" the name on the prayer request form on the table in the back of the nave before worship.
- Names on the additional prayers list will be printed for one month. Contact Rose Keller (717) 333-1448 or (rose.a.keller@gmail.com) or Pr. Mark at (pastor@reformation-nalc.org) to keep a name listed for another month, to add a new name, or to remove a name.
- Prayer Chain participants are emailed prayer updates. Contact Judy Mills (pabluebird1242@icloud.com) to be included in the updates, or request removal from the chain.

STEWARDSHIP



Offering plates are not passed during the service. They are on a table in the back of the nave. You may also mail checks to Sandy Tippett (3377 Horizon Drive, Lancaster PA 17603) or make a donation online at https://www.reformation-nalc.org/giving/.

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Christ-Centered

We confess the apostolic faith in Jesus Christ according to the Holy Scriptures. We affirm the authority of the Scriptures as the authoritative source and norm, "according to which all doctrines should and must be judged" (Formula of Concord). We accept the ecumenical creeds and the Lutheran Confessions as true witnesses to the Word of God.

Mission-Driven

We believe that the mission of the Church is to preach the Gospel and to make disciples for Christ. We believe that making disciples — in our congregations, in our communities and nations, and around the world must be a priority of the Church in the present age.

Traditionally-Grounded

We affirm the ecumenical creeds and the faithful witness of the Church across time and space. We endorse the form and practices of the universal Church that are consistent with Scripture, particularly the office of the ministry and the tradition of worship under Word and Sacrament. We seek dialogue and fellowship with other Lutheran churches and with faithful Christians of other confessions.

Congregationally-Focused

We strive to be a church body that is organized to facilitate the ministries of local congregations in a posture of servanthood and a spirit of partnership, through the provision of resources, connections and information.



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