



## ***First Communion***

**April 21, 2024**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**9:00 AM**

### **ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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*Members of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, in response to Christ's love,  
Reach out in service to each other, the community, and the world.*



*Welcome to Worship!*  
**Kids**, don't forget your Praise Packs!  
*Children's Bulletins are available in the Praise Packs!*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS



### PRELUDE

"Jesus, Shepherd, Be Thou Near Me"  
*Mark Peterson, Trumpet*

J.S. Bach



### OPENING HYMN

"O the Joy"  
*Musicians; Lindsay Banman & Heather May*

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## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*P: Brothers and Sisters in Christ, let us make honest confession of our sins to Almighty God, that we may know completely the grace of His forgiveness.*

**C: Loving God, You know the height and depth of our sins far better than we do. You know our weaknesses, our offenses, and all our stumbling steps.**

*P: You know our rebellion – our willful disobedience to Your commandments. Loving God...*

**C: We confess these sins before You.**

*P: You know our selfishness – as we serve ourselves and our own desires before serving others. Loving God...*

**C: We confess these sins before You.**

*P: You know our arrogance – our failure to acknowledge You as Lord of our lives. Loving God...*

**C: We confess these sins before You.**

*P: Brothers and Sisters in Christ, God knows our every sin, and yet reaches out to us with forgiveness and healing. Receive then the free gift of God's mercy – and in turn reach out to those around you with the same loving grace that you have received from God. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**C: Amen.**

 **PEACE**

**P:** *God's Peace be with you.*

**C:** **And with you, too.**

*Please greet one another with the words, "Peace be with you."*

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**HYMN OF PRAISE**

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 **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** 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

**C:** **Amen.**

 **READING**

Psalm 23

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not <sup>1</sup>be in want. <sup>2</sup>The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me be-side still waters. <sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over. <sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

*R: This is the Word of the Lord*

**C: Thanks be to God**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Pastor Monte

 **HOLY GOSPEL**

John 10:11-18

[Jesus said:] <sup>11</sup>"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care 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>I have other sheep that do not belong to 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 in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

*P: This is the Gospel of our Lord*

**C: Praise to you, O Christ**

 **SERMON**

Pastor Monte

 **PRAYER SONG**

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 **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

*P: Lord in your mercy,*

**C: Hear our prayer.**

 **OFFERING**

*Pew Pads are located at the far end of each pew.  
Please fill them out and pass them, noting those seated around you.*

 **OFFERTORY ANTHEM**      “Savior, like a Shepherd, Lead Us”      Dale Wood  
*Voices of St. Luke’s*

*Children are invited to gather at the back during the anthem and help bring forward the offering.*

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

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**LITANY FOR FIRST COMMUNION**

**HEATHER:** *I call up \_\_\_\_\_ and their families*

*Parents, Sponsor (if present) and Youth come forward.*

**PASTOR:** *At your child’s baptism you were entrusted with responsibilities to: live with them among God’s faithful people, bring them to the word of God and the holy supper, teach them the Lord’s Prayer, the Creed and the Ten Commandments, place in their hands the holy scriptures, and nurture them in faith and prayer, so that your children may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.*

*Today as you bring your child to receive their First Communion you are fulfilling one of these holy responsibilities: bringing your child to the holy supper.*

*Parents, please lay hands on your children as you read this blessing:*

**PARENTS:** *My child, I give thanks to God for the gift you are in my life.*

*May you experience the unconditional love of God for you in the bread and wine in this holy meal.*

**CONGREGATION:**      **We rejoice with you this day as you join us in this holy meal. We rejoice that we will all come forward to receive Christ’s body and blood at the altar. Thanks be to God.**

**YOUTH:** *This congregation has taught us we are beloved children of God and today we rejoice that we will experience Jesus' love for us in the bread and the wine.*

**HEATHER:** *To mark this special occasion the youth have made the bread and will drink from cups they have decorated. Once the first communion families have communed the rest of the congregation will come forward to receive this holy meal at the rail.*

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*P: The Lord be with you.*

**C: And also with you.**

*P: Lift up your hearts.*

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

*P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

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

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**



#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

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**DISTRIBUTION -** The first communion families will be invited up first to receive communion together. The rest of the congregation will then be invited to the communion rail, where you can either stand or kneel. *If you wish to have the Pastor bring communion to your pew, please notify an Usher. All are Welcome!*



#### **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

"Shepherd me O God"  
"Jesus Loves Me!"

#780 Refrain: All, Verses: Choir  
#595, all verses



#### **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER**

*P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.*

**C: Amen.**

*P: Gracious God,*

**C: in you we live and move and have our being. With your word, and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. Amen.**



#### **BENEDICTION**



#### **SENDING HYMN**

"Have no Fear Little Flock"

#764, all verses

 **DISMISSAL**

*P: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.*

**C: Thanks be to God!**

 **POSTLUDE**

“Praise the Lord, the King of Heaven”

John Behnke

**Congratulations to the following children, who received their First Communion**



Hans Banman  
Emma Bartoszewicz  
Genevieve Binder  
Everett Clark

Elaine Dembroski  
Autumn Johnson  
Emmah Mendelson  
Elliot Wellen

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**+ THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ASSISTED DURING WORSHIP TODAY! +**

**CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given by **Nate and Liz Keller**. Happy blessed Birthday to Katie (4/9) and Natalie (4/28).

Candles for the **ETERNAL LIGHT** in the second half of April are given by **Ken and Janet Orlikowski**, in memory of Jacob and Lauren Schoba.

You can now **GIVE ONLINE**, by scanning the QR code:



***Thank you for all the ways you contribute to the life and ministry of the church!***

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**OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

<b>Monday, April 22</b>	9:00 am	Quilters
<b>Wednesday, April 23</b>	1:00 pm	Worship
	6:00 pm	Confirmation (L)
	7:15 pm	Synergy
	7:30 pm	Choir
	8:30 pm	Bible on Tap (@On the Edge)
<b>Friday, April 25</b>	<b>Church Office Closed</b>	
<b>Saturday, April 26</b>	2:00 pm	Bassoon Duo Recital
	5:30 pm	Violin Recital
<b>Sunday, April 27</b>	9:00 am	Worship
	10:00 am	Fellowship
	10:15 am	Education Hour
	10:30 am	VBS Meeting

# Church ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TODAY: “Baptized We Live”** – 4 sessions during Education Hour on what it means to be Lutheran Christians. Pick up a book at the Welcome Center (\$5) and join us!

## **Support Exploit No More**

**April 28:** NOISY (and not-so-noisy!) OFFERING, Suntan lotion, Sandals, sliders and flip flops women’s sizes 5-10

**SISTER ACT:** St. Luke’s Ladies—get ready for “Nun-stop” laughter! We’re watching Sister Act— and there may even be some singing and dancing involved. Liz Keller’s home, Sunday, April 21. 1:00 pm. Bring snacks to share! Get the address from Liz or Pastor and join us!

## **MARLENE TOMSEVICS – Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Visitation: 10:30 am

Service: 12:00 pm

## **FUNDRAISER: April 14 – 28**

The youth attending the National Youth Gathering will be selling **Emil’s pizzas!** Look for them at church.

**MILWAUKEE MILKMAN GAME – BATTER UP!!!** Join us for a fun church outing to cheer on the Milwaukee Milkmen as they take on the Kane County Cougars. Saturday, May 11 6PM Gametime. \$17 per ticket. We will meet at Franklin Field, but if you need a ride, please let us know! Sign up at the church welcome center, or online at [www.slchurch.org/sign-ups](http://www.slchurch.org/sign-ups). If you have any questions, please contact Heather at [heather@slchurch.org](mailto:heather@slchurch.org).

## **SAVE THE DATE:**

- June 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> – Music Camp
- June 23<sup>rd</sup> – Golf Outing @ Brookfield Hills
- July 29<sup>th</sup> – August 1<sup>st</sup> - Vacation Bible School











Let the little children come to me ...  
it is to such as these that the  
kingdom of God belongs.

Mark 10:14, NRSV



## **\*\* EASTER PRAISE PACKS \*\***

-  • Light your candle when the candles are lit at the front of the church and hold it up high. At the end of the service turn your candle off.
-  • Take out the smooth stone and hold it tight during times of prayer. This stone symbolizes the tomb Jesus was put into on Good Friday.
-  • Wave the Palm leaf to move to the music.
-  • Look at the booklet in your bag. Look at the pictures for today to follow along with the readings.
-  • While listening to Pastor’s Sermon, take a look at your children’s bulletin. Can you make any connections between what is on there to the sermon?
-  • Fill out a prayer slip or two (attached on your clipboard) and place them in the offering plate. Help our Lenten prayer chain grow!
-  • Greet those around you with a handshake, wave, fist bump, peace sign, or say hello
-  • Place the sticker on your shirt to remember that you are a child of God and He loves you!