



**Macedonia Lutheran Church
49 Macedonia Church Road
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Established 1847, 174th Year of Ministry

**YOUR HEALTH AND SAFETY ARE OF
UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO US! WE MUST REMAIN IN
COMPLIANCE WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES;
THEREFORE, WE KINDLY REMIND YOU THAT
IT IS IMPERATIVE TO REMAIN IN YOUR VEHICLE FOR THE
LAKESHORE SERVICE. FOR THE SERVICE IN THE
SANCTUARY, PLEASE SIT IN THE MARKED PLACES.
UPON CONCLUSION OF EITHER SERVICE, PLEASE FOLLOW
THE DIRECTIONS OF OUR USHERS/PARKING LOT
ATTENDANTS FOR A SAFE AND TIMELY EXIT SO THAT WE
MAY ALL DO OUR PARTS TO
FLATTEN THE CURVE! GOD BLESS!**

**April 25, 2021
8:30 am – lakeshore
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Youth Sunday**

**Altar Flowers – To the glory of God
by Ray & Joan Slice**

Quiet Gathering, Silent Prayer and Prelude
The Battle of Jericho

– *Maya Williams*

Welcome and Announcements

– *Michael Lindler*

HYMN “10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”

Refrain

Bless the Lord, O my Soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

- 1 The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Refrain

- 2 You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Refrain

3 And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore
Refrain

Confession and Forgiveness

– *Noah Fulmer*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive 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.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

– *Coleman Cassady*

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. **Amen.**

First Reading: Acts 4:5-12

– Bethany Day

Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he can proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.

⁵The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their 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 questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' ¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalmody: Psalm 23

(Read in Unison, 8:30)

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps. 23:1)

¹The LORD | is my shepherd;

I shall not | be in want.

²The LORD makes me lie down | in green pastures

and leads me be- | side still waters.

³You restore my | soul, O LORD,

and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.

⁴Though 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. R

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever. R

Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

– Caroline Ayers

Jesus' death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God's commandments.

¹⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us.

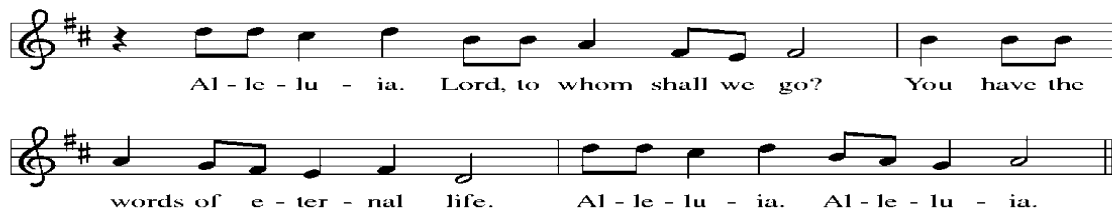
²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation)

Gospel Acclamation



Holy Gospel according to John 10:11-18

– *Jacob Lindler*

Glory to You, O Lord

In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.

[Jesus said:] ¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The 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. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care 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. ¹⁶I 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. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Sermon

– *Tripp Richardson*

Sermon

– *Emma Bundrick, Caroline Ayers, Jacob Lindler*

Nicene Creed

– *Kenslee Wessinger*

**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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**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,

**who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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 Intercession

– Emma Bundrick

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Sharing of the Peace, Offering and Offertory Anthem

Here I am Lord – Emma Bundrick & Bethany Day

Offering Prayer

– Blair Moore

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions.

Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love,
through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

– *Kenslee Wessinger*

**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

– *Larken Moore*

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace
and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

HYMN "For the Fruit of All Creation"

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- 1 For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For these gifts to ev'ry nation, thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.
- 2 In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

3 For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Dismissal

– *Larken Moore*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Thank you for your presence and participation in this worship service! Love offerings are gratefully accepted in the bucket at the exit gates.

Attendance last week	
8:30 Drive-in Service	178
9:30 Sunday School	57
10:30 Sanctuary Service	26
Offering	\$11,028

Today's Helpers

Ushers & Greeters: Cody Alewine, Coleman Cassady, Tanner Bundrick, Lyle Fulmer

Receiving Treasurer: Leon Fulmer Jr.

Lay Reader: Youth

Acolytes: Kenslee Wessinger, Deven Ruch

Organist: Pam Carroll, 803-944-2758, pscarroll131@gmail.com

Music Director: Julie Livingston, 803-295-1791, juliewillingham5@gmail.com

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Pastor: The Reverend Terry Hundley, 803-360-5294, pastorterry.mlc@gmail.com

Special welcome to this Lakeshore Service! You are invited to dress casually and appropriately for outdoor worship. If you would like to become a member, be baptized or receive Holy Communion, please contact any Church Council member or the Pastor. Please ask an usher if you need assistance, and thanks so much for being with us today! Come again soon!

March/April Memorials to date

In honor/memory of:

In honor of Doris Morris, Nancy Richardson, Judy Moore and Fran Hentz and in memory of Winnie Stockman, for their dedication and donation of their time and talents in leading worship services for many years

In honor of Noah Fulmer on his confirmation....

In honor of Pat Longshore.....
In memory of Craig Hipp.....
In memory of Craig Hipp.....
In memory of Craig Hipp to FLC.....
In memory of Jake & Rachel Wise.....
In memory of James Clyde Hawkins to LMM.....

Given by:

Anonymous donor to the sound equipment fund

Leon & Brenda Fulmer

The Lee Werts Family
Andy & Jennifer Moore
Mickey & Angela Bowers
Ann Bedenbaugh
Brian & Johnette Shaffer
Edith Hawkins

- **While present at our drive-in service**, please tune to 90.1 FM to listen via our FM transmitter.
- **A sincere thank you** from the family of Craig Hipp for the phone calls, texts, sympathy cards & most of all for the prayers during this time.
- **Youth Group** will meet TODAY at 5 pm at Sonic in Chapin to enjoy icees, ice cream, Sonic Blasts, etc.
- **An Audit Committee Meeting** will be held on Monday, April 26, 6 pm in the fellowship hall.
- **The Lutheran Men will meet** on Tuesday, April 27 at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. This will be a joint meeting with the WELCA Fellowship Circle; however, all are invited. The program for this meeting will be a "Meet and Greet" with Pastor Terry, similar to a town hall type of meeting. This will allow Pastor Terry to share some of his ministry objectives and philosophies while meeting those who have been behind the masks of COVID. Our meal will be spaghetti, salad, garlic toast, and a dessert. **All are welcome to join us.** Please contact Pat Longshore at 803-944-2856 if you plan to attend so that the food can be planned properly. Come and see. Peace and blessings to all.

Abundant Care

One of the things that drew people to Jesus was that he was a master communicator. Drawing from examples of daily life, like shepherding, fishing, and growing grapes, he helped people see the connections between their story and God's story. He drew from very ordinary and familiar elements like bread, water, and light to describe how God is at work in our lives and the world.

If Jesus were using imagery from our world today, it's interesting to ponder what illustrations he might use to remind us of God's presence and grace. However, even though much has changed from the ancient world, the "I am" sayings of Jesus, like those found in today's gospel, are still amazingly relevant and tell us a great deal about how God moves among us.

When Jesus says, "I am the good shepherd" (John 10:11), and describes how this shepherd cares for his sheep, he is naming God's abundant care for each and every one of us. Perhaps you don't always feel the immediacy of God's care. There are moments in each of our lives when our outlook is bleak, when God's provision doesn't seem obvious, and when we wonder where God is in the midst of a trying situation.

But as the good shepherd, Jesus does not wait for us to be able to name our needs and pain before he comes to heal it. Jesus knows each one of his sheep in all their particular uniqueness: "I know my own" (John 10:14). God the good shepherd anticipates our needs and gives generously so we may have life in Jesus' name. This is a promise we can depend on yesterday, today, and tomorrow.