

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

10:00 a.m. – Holy Communion

First Lutheran Church

Pastor Bryan Anderson



Welcome

Choir Anthem

*Call to Worship

P O Lord, open my lips.

C And my mouth shall declare your praise. †

*Opening Hymn #352 (vs. 1-4) – I Know that My Redeemer Lives!

*Prayer of the Day

*Confession of Sin

5203

1 Have mer-cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol-emn prayer.
2 Have mer-cy on us, Christ, and wash a-way our sin.
3 Have mer-cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de-part.

We come to hear your liv-ing word; it saves us from de-spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be-gin.
Re-new us with your sav-ing pow'r; cre-ate in us new hearts!

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains three lines of lyrics, and the second staff contains three lines of lyrics. The music is simple, using quarter and eighth notes.

P Let us examine ourselves before the Lord.

(Self-examination)

C Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. Therefore, we flee for refuge to your mercy, seeking your grace for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Promise of Grace

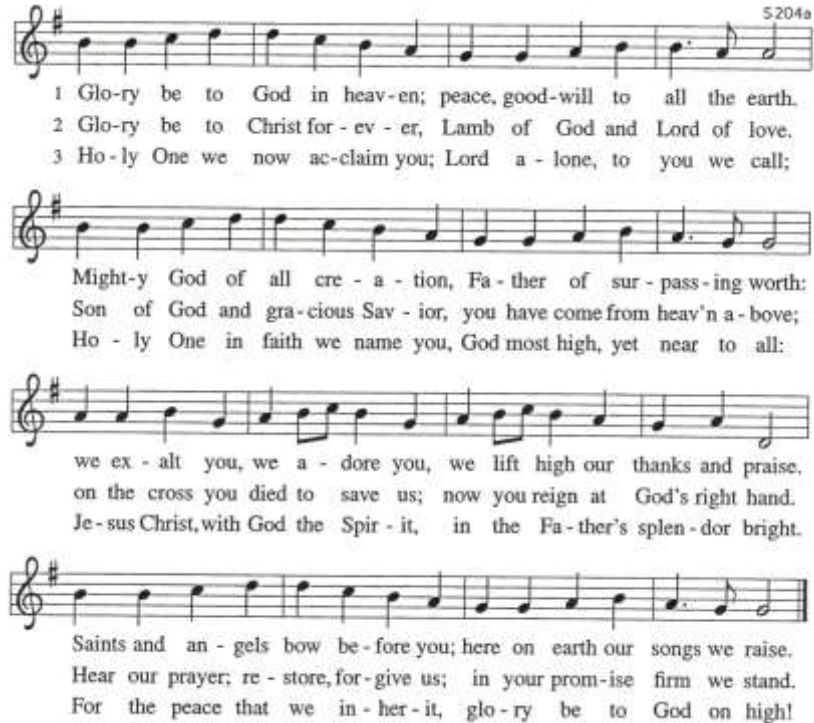
Scripture Reading: Acts 4:1-12

Peter and John were still speaking to the people when some priests, the officer in charge of the Temple guards, and some Sadducees arrived. **2** They were annoyed because the two apostles were teaching the people that Jesus had risen from death, which proved that the dead will rise to life. **3** So they arrested them and put them in jail until the next day, since it was already late. **4** But many who heard the message believed; and the number grew to about five thousand. **5** The next day the Jewish leaders, the elders, and the teachers of the Law gathered in Jerusalem. **6** They met with the High Priest Annas and with Caiaphas, John, Alexander, and the others who belonged to the High Priest's family. **7** They made the apostles stand before them and asked them, "How did you do this? What power do you have or whose name did you use?" **8** Peter, full of the Holy Spirit, answered them, "Leaders of the people and elders: **9** if we are being questioned today about the good deed done to the lame man and how he was healed, **10** then you should all know, and all the people of Israel should know, that this man stands here before you completely well through the power of the

name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth - whom you crucified and whom God raised from death. **11** Jesus is the one of whom the scripture says, "The stone that you the builders despised turned out to be the most important of all." **12** Salvation is to be found through him alone; in all the world there is no one else whom God has given who can save us."

Children's Message

Hymn of Praise



5204a

1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;

Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:

we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.

Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

*Gospel Reading: John 10:11-18

"I am the good shepherd, who is willing to die for the sheep. **12** When the hired man, who is not a shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees a wolf coming, he leaves the sheep and runs away; so the wolf snatches the sheep and scatters them. **13** The hired man runs away because he is only a hired man and does not care about the sheep. **14-15** I am the good shepherd. As the Father knows me and I know the Father, in the same way I know my sheep and they know me. And I am willing to die for them. **16** There are other sheep which belong to me that are not in this sheep pen. I must bring them, too; they will listen to my voice, and they will become one flock with one shepherd. **17** "The Father loves me because I am willing to give up my life, in order that I may receive it back again. **18** No one takes my life away from me. I give it up of my own free will. I have the right to give it up, and I have the right to take it back. This is what my Father has commanded me to do."

Sermon

Hymn of the Day #456 – The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Council Installation

*Lord's Prayer

*Words of Institution

Distribution (O Lamb of God)

S 208



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Announcements

Blessing

Dismissal

P Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



You are invited to use our QR code for online giving.
Offering is also received in the plates at the entrance to the sanctuary.

Organist: Brian Wick
Reader: Lily Anderson
Greeter: Liz Johnson
Communion Asst: Aaron Buhr
Counters: Aaron Buhr & **TBD**
Altar Guild: Brad & Jo Nilssen
Ushers: Isaac & Lily Anderson
Fellowship Servers: Roy & Nancy McQuinn
April 14th Worship Attendance: 8:30 AM – 21; 10:00 AM – 121; Total: 142

FINANCES

Total offering for March \$27,604.62 (\$20,728.09 needed monthly)

March year to date offering \$60,546.03 (\$62,184.70 YTD Budget)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to all who join in worship today, especially any visitors. Guests are invited to fill out the visitor slip so we can become better acquainted. Fellowship will follow worship in the hall.

Prayer List: We keep the following in our prayers and acts of love: Dennis Luehman, Levi Ramsey, Cyndy Witthoft (sister of Deann Wagner), Maddi Wilson (daughter of Paul & Heidi Colbeth), Mike Stener (brother of Dixie Croes), and Arlie Anderson at the loss of his sister, Kay Anderson. *If you want to be included on the public prayer list, please notify the church office.*

My Devotions family devotionals are available to pick up in the entry.

Little Dresses for Africa Get-together. We are asking for donations of pillowcases, bias tape (any color) and 3/8" elastic for the pillowcase dresses. Also, we will be having a get together at church this Wednesday, April 24th from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM for instructions on how to sew together dresses that are already cut and ready to go! You can also take some home to sew. Everyone is welcome!



COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held at United Covenant Church June 17th-20th from 6:00-8:00 PM. Register online TODAY for this fun, FREE & faith-filled event! Scan this code, OR go to www.firstluthclearlake.com and click on VBS Registration. On the sign up table are opportunities to serve and donations are being accepted in the beach pail bucket.

Lawn mowing volunteers are needed by the week throughout the spring and summer. A sign-up sheet is on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

Fishermen Wanted! We seek to know Jesus and make him known. Your Council is excited to get the word out by dropping off welcome material to new movers to our area. Volunteers are needed to make this outreach possible. We hope to do this once a month, probably on a weekend. More information is available in the brochure attached to the sign-up sheet. Please sign up if you can help us “fish for People”.

THIS WEEK

Today	11:00 AM-Fellowship 7:00 PM-Choir Practice
Tuesday	9:00 AM-Quilting
Wednesday	7:00 AM-First Brew & You 9:00 AM-Prayer Shawl Group 5:30 PM-7:30 PM-Little Dresses for Africa Get-together 5:30 PM-8:30 PM-Supper with Open Youth Room 6:15 PM-7 th & 8 th Grade Confirmation 7:30 PM-9 th Grade Confirmation
Saturday	7:00 AM-Women’s Book Study
Next Sunday	8:30 AM-Contemporary Worship 9:30 AM-Fellowship 9:40 AM-Sunday School 10:00 AM-Traditional Worship 11:00 AM-Fellowship 7:00 PM-Choir Practice