

Sunday, April 21, 2024 The Forth Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m.



"Not for Sale"

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

* (*indicates please stand*)

Prelude	"Christ is risen"	J.S. Bach		
Call to Worship	Worthy is the Lamb			
Announcements				
* Greeting & Passing of Peace				
Song	Now the Feast and Celebration	ELW 167		
Prayer of the Day				
Song	When I Look Into Your Hoines			
please be seated Lesson	Psalm 23	Pew Bible pg 490		
P: The Holy Gospel accordiC: Glory to you, O Lord.	ng to St. John			
Gospel	John 10:11-18	Pew Bible pg 978		
P: The Gospel of the Lord.C: Praise to you, O Christ.				
Children's Message		Pastor Steve Albertin		
Sermon	"Not For Sale"	Pastor Steve Albertin		
- In a world of danger, there are endless hired hands who offer to protect us for a price. Every- one is for sale. But the hired hands only care about their bottom line. When it costs them too much, they abandon us.				
- Jesus warns us about the hired hands who make promises they cannot or will no keep. When the wolves show up, they are gone.				

- BUT, there is The Good Shepherd who unlike any "hired hand" needs to make no deal. He has no bottom line to defend. He only cares about loving His sheep.
- He lays down his life for his sheep, even unto death on a cross. He is willing to stand up to the wolves and let himself be sacrificed all for the sake of his sheep.
- In world of disappointment and suspicion, where every hired hand seems fake, the Good Shepherd calls out our names, assuring us that we have nothing to fear. With no conditions

to be met or deals to be made, we are safe in His flock. We can count on Him who is NOT FOR SALE.

- No longer afraid or despairing, we are free . . . to love the world and give ourselves away just like the Good Shepherd who gave himself up for us.

* Hymn	The Lord's My Shepherd	ELW 778
please be seated The Offering		
* Offertory	We Are an Offering	ELW 692
* Nicene Creed		ELW pg 104

Prayers of the Church : (the congregation joins in speaking the first names of those for whom we pray.)

Members: Lee & Wes, Wayne & Ruth, Kay, Carole, Vickie, John

Family & Friends

Carlson Family, Carol, Ann, Mark, Bob, Jan, Carol, Chris, Susan, Gene & Sylvia, Tracy, Ken, Linda, David, Jeannie, Joyce, Jackie, Randall & Mary, Ross

Communion

We celebrate with Hannah Lichtenberger as she celebrates her 1st Communion!

The 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.
- P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen!

please be seated

Distribution

All baptized Christians who seek the blessings of Christ's true body and blood in the bread and wine of Holy Communion are welcome at his table. There, they receive him and the new life he offers. Those who eat and drink at his table commit themselves to the care and redemption of all that God has made. If you are not baptized, contact Pastor Albertin to learn how you can receive the great gift God has for you in baptism. Today, you are welcome to join us at Christ's table.

Distribution Music Benediction	"In green pastures"	Harold Darke
* Sending Song	Your People Sing Praises	
P: Go in Peace. Serve tC: Thanks be to God!	he Lord.	
Postlude	Allegro maestro in C Major	F. Mendelssohn Bartholdy

Please join us for a brief Congregational Meeting following worship today to affirm Susan Kraabel as Elder and Craig Ellis as Deacon of Resource Development.