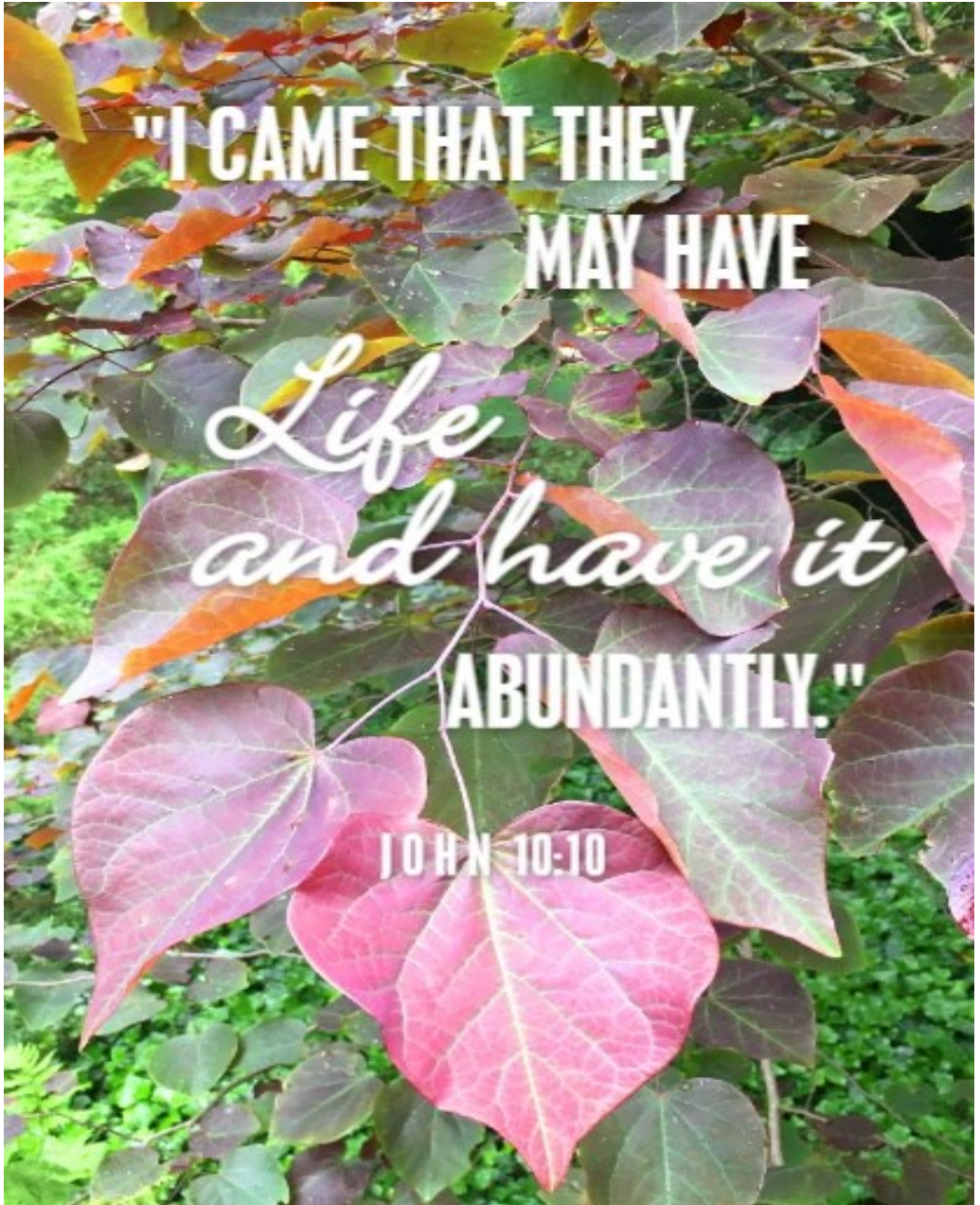


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6 p.m. Sat., April 20, & 8:15 a.m. Sun., April 21, 2024  
Sermon: "He Cares"



# St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School

- a Family to Whom You Belong -

Our Mission is to: **Make More & Better Disciples**

## THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

(6 p.m. Sat. April 20, & 8:15 a.m. Sun. April 21, 2024)

**Servants of God's House Today:**

**Pastor:** Rev. Kenny Hsu

**Organists:** 6 p.m. Sat. Ruthie Witte ; 8:15 a.m. Sun. Paulette Schmidt

**Ushers:** 6 p.m. Jack Smith / Doug Lehr ; 8:15 a.m. Sun John Haines

**Missionaries:** Rev. Tim & Lisa Beckendorf and the Siouxland Hispanic Ministry

**Elders:** 6 p.m. Sat. Randy Johnson, 8:15 a.m. Sun. Bob Greene

**Readers:** 6 p.m. Sat. Liz Sanders; 8:15 a.m. Sun. Bob Greene

**WELCOME!** We are glad that you are here worshipping God with us. We pray for God's blessings to you and invite you to come back again soon.

**AS WE GATHER** One of the small but interesting features of many cathedral and monastery churches in Europe and other places is presence of misericords. A misericord is a small wooden shelf attached to the underside of a folding seat in a church, often in the choir area. Misericords physically supported people at worship during long periods of standing during extended prayer and other services when sitting was not permitted. The term "misericord" means "pity of the heart." That word is part of the church phrase Misericordia Domini, a Latin term for describing the acts of mercy of God to His people. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, constantly and consistently shows acts of mercy to us as His people. His care comes straight from the heart!

**HOLY COMMUNION** The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod believes the Biblical teaching that in communion we receive not the symbolic but the true body and blood of Jesus Christ with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. If you are a baptized Christian who has been instructed in the same Biblical teaching, and if you agree with the announcement on our communion card and the confession of our faith, please join us to receive the gifts that Jesus Christ has prepared for us in communion. If you have any questions or uncertainties, please feel free to make an appointment to talk with the pastor during the week before communing with us.

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP** Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**DIVINE SERVICE FOUR**

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(The congregation is invited to respond in the words written in **bold**.)

## The Ringing of the Bells

## The Hand of Fellowship

### Hymn of Invocation

“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”  
(stand as you are able for the last verse)

LSB 904

(The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.)

### The Invocation

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

**C: Amen.**

### Opening Sentences *John 12:26; Ephesians 4:15; Psalm 25:1–3, 5, 10; 106:48*

P: Jesus said: “If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there will My servant be also. If anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.”

**C: Speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ.**

P: To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in You I trust.

**C: Indeed, none who wait for You shall be put to shame.**

P: Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation.

**C: All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.**

P: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting!

**C: And let all the people say, “Amen!” Praise the LORD!**

### *Confession and Absolution*

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C: who made heaven and earth.**

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P: Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## *Service of the Word*

**INTROIT**     *Psalm 23; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b*

P: I am the good shepherd.

**C: I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.**

P: The LORD is my shepherd;

**C: I shall not want.**

P: He makes me lie down in green pastures.

**C: He leads me beside still waters.**

P: He restores my soul.

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

P: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

**C: your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

P: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

**C: you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

P: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

**C: and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P: I am the good shepherd.

**C: I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.**

The Kyrie "Lord, Have Mercy" (*Sung*)

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P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

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

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

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

P: 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.

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

P: 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.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

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

The Gloria in Excelsis Glory to God in the Highest (*Sung*)

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**To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;**

**Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!**

**We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name we sing—  
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—**

**For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.**

The Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Risen and ascended Lord, You are the Good Shepherd. You lay down Your life for the sheep; they are Yours. Empower Your church to reach every sheep that belongs to You and to give witness until You have brought all Your sheep into one fold; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

My Faith Journey: Jeremiah Sparr (Sat. 6 p.m. Service)

The First Reading

Acts 4:1–12

(Peter and John are brought before the Jerusalem Council.)

<sup>1</sup>As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, <sup>2</sup>greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. <sup>3</sup>And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. <sup>4</sup>But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

<sup>5</sup>On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>And when they had set them in

the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?"

<sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let 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. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. <sup>12</sup>And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual We praise God together in the words of the Gradual.  
from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

**C: Christ has risen from the dead. [God the Father] has crowned Him with glory and honor. He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands; He has put all things under His feet.**

The Epistle Lesson 1 John 3:16–24

(Followers of Christ are called to love in deed and in truth.)

<p><sup>16</sup>By this we know love, that He laid down His life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. <sup>17</sup>But 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? <sup>18</sup>Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.</p> <p><sup>19</sup>By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; <sup>20</sup>for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and He knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our heart</p>	<p>does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; <sup>22</sup>and whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do what pleases Him. <sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as He has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>Whoever keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in them. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.</p>
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L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

(Stand as you are able)

The Alleluia and Verse (Sung)

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**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

(Please remain standing for the Gospel and the Creed)

The Holy Gospel John 10:11–18 (Jesus prays for and about His disciples.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to Thee, O Lord.** (Sung)

<p><sup>11</sup>[Jesus said:] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>He 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. <sup>13</sup>He flees because he is a hired hand and</p>	<p>cares nothing 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>And 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</p>
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shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No 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.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

### The First Article

P: As our Good Shepherd leads us, even so our heavenly Father hears the prayers of His people. Assured of His fatherly care, let us speak together the words of the Apostles' Creed regarding the First Person of the Holy Trinity.

**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

P: What does this mean?

**C: I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.**

**He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.**

**He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.**

**This is most certainly true.**

(Please be seated)

### Children's Message

#### Hymn of the Day

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

LSB 709

#### Sermon

“He Cares”

### The Prayer of the Church

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord, beseeching Him for the needs of ourselves and others.

Trusting in God's loving response, we pray for the church and all who are called to lives of service to God's people, asking that the Lord will bless His under shepherds and all who care for His flock. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: We pray for ourselves, that the Holy Spirit guide us into gracious ways and instill in us a holy confidence in the goodness of our God, aiding us in our prayers. With thanks for the faithful examples set by those whose earthly journeys are complete and whose witness to Christ yet inspires us, Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: We pray for the blessing of God upon our nation and its leaders that we may lead peaceable lives, and we pray for the needs of ourselves and others for healing and restoration, for solace and comfort, *especially Marlene Anderson, Mark Durio and Michael Montagne and also be with those dealing with ongoing sicknesses: Joanne Will, Deb Wolfe, Don Lantis, Judy Seaman, Bernie Attema, Vickie Johnson, Ron Will, Carolyn Stuhr, and Kim and Sharon Sparr.* Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: For those celebrating their baptismal anniversaries that they remain faithful to your Word including; Theresa Hammond, Ryan Dean, Zoey Ford, Alex Hinrichsen, Jaxston Rotruck-berg, Nickolas Reekers, Andria Worden, Thomas Worden, Rodney Lantis, and Pam Schulz. Lord in Your mercy.

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: These things and all else that we should have asked grant us according to Your gracious will, O Lord, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

### Offering of God's People to their Beloved Savior

We honor God with the gifts He has given to us.

**St. Paul's members** have pledged to support our ministry in their tithes and offerings.

Please place your offerings in the box upfront.

**To our guest:** Thank you for joining us today and please do not feel that you are obligated to participate. We invite you to come back again.

Please pass your **Welcome Card** to an usher or acolyte.

*Luke 12:15—And He said to them, "Take care, and be on our guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."*

### Offertory Hymn

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

LSB 686

(Stand as you are able)

*Service of the Sacrament*

### Preface

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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 Him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good, right, and proper that we should give thanks to You, heavenly Father, for in Jesus Christ You have shown Your saving power and Your great compassion. In amazing love, He sacrificed Himself and shed His blood for the forgiveness of our sins. His unending love leads Him to intercede for us as, aided by the Holy Spirit, He brings our cares to Your throne of grace. Grant that we may



live in humility, honoring our Savior in all that we do and rejoicing that we are granted a foretaste of the heavenly banquet. Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us that we may rejoice in the gifts before us and praise You with thankful hearts.

**C: Amen.**

Sanctus Holy, Holy, Holy (*Sung*)

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Blessed are You, O Lord eternal, and blessed be Your name. In Your great love, You sent Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be the promised Savior, whose power was shown in humble care and whose life of service fulfilled Your will and completed the work of our salvation. With thankfulness we receive the blessings He has obtained for us. Gather into one, we pray You, all Your people who now join at Your Holy Table. Bless and nourish us, so that all we who partake of Christ's holy body and blood may be strengthened to serve You and our neighbor, as You would have us do. To You, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in Your holy church, forever and ever.

**C: Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Words of our Lord

Pax Domini

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

**C: Amen.**

Agnus Dei Lamb of God (*Sung*)

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**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

Reading of the Communion Announcement Card

(Please be seated)

The Distribution Hymns

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"	LSB 809
"The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"	LSB 710
"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"	LSB 643

(Stand as you are able)

Nunc Dimittis (Sung)

LSB 211

**C: O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace, For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace: A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill, The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel. All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son, All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One; For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be, God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.**

The Post Communion Collect

P: Let us pray.

Gracious and eternal God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Lord Jesus. Grant that the bread of life and blood of Christ that has been shared and received in this blessed Meal be for us that life-giving food that sustains us on our earthly journeys as we serve You all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**C: Amen.**

Benedicamus & Benediction

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P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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.

**C: Amen.**

The Closing Hymn

"Beautiful Savior"

LSB 537

Silent Prayer

Postlude

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