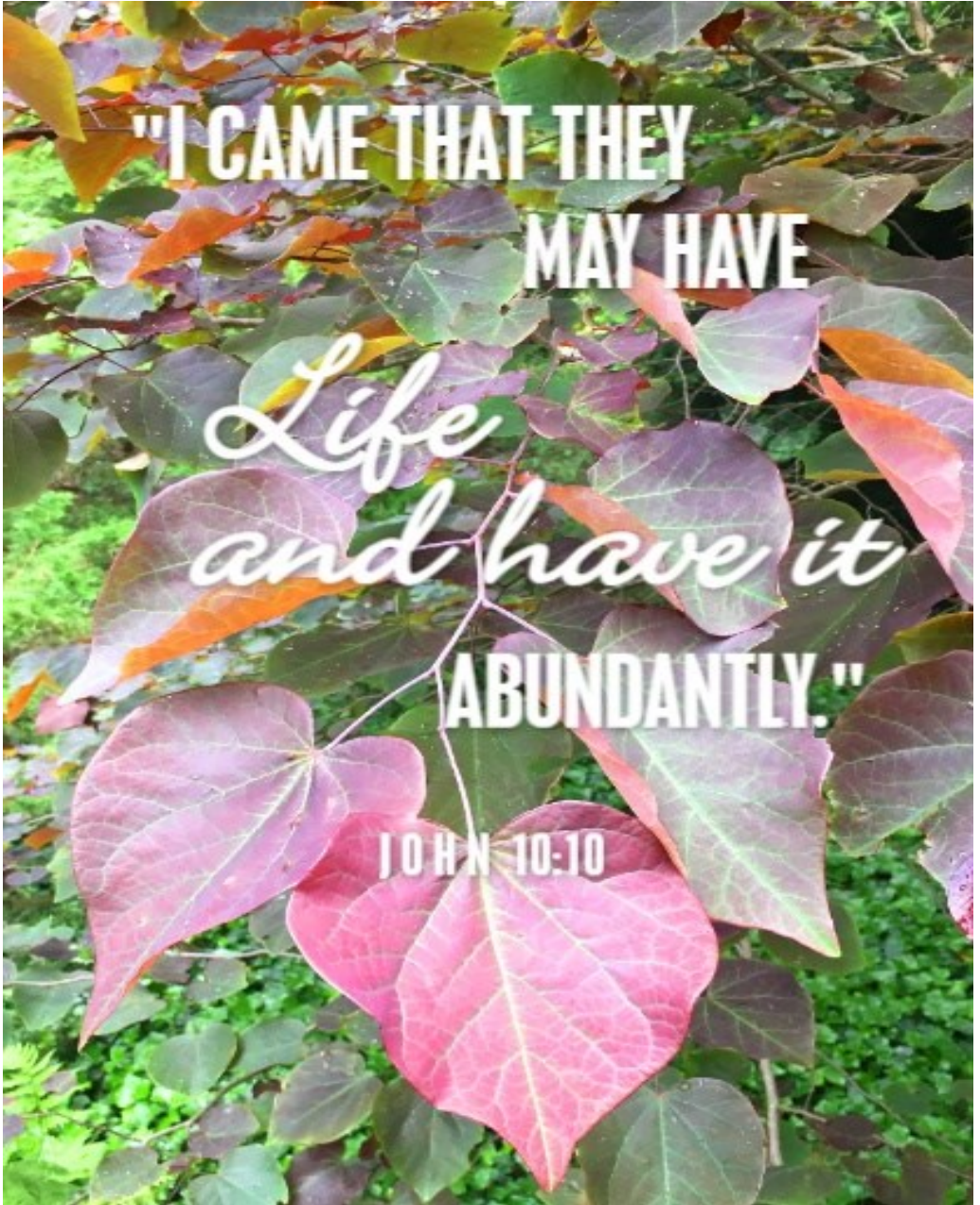


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Sunday, April 21, 2024
Praise Service
Sermon: "He Cares"



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

10:45 a.m. Sunday, April 21, 2024

Servants of God's House Today:

Pastor: Rev. Kenny Hsu

Elder: Frank Tenuta **Praise Team Leader:** Doris Hill

Usher: Dallas Schulz

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

Reader: Frank Tenuta

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.

Worship Service

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

The Ringing of the Bells

The Hand of Fellowship

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!

Opening Song "The Lord's Prayer"

Chorus

Father let Your Kingdom come
Father let Your will be done
On earth as in heaven
Right here in my heart

Father let Your Kingdom come
Father let Your will be done
On earth as in heaven
Right here in my heart

Verse 1

Give us this day our daily bread
Forgive us, forgive us
As we forgive the ones who sinned against us
Forgive them

And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from the evil one
Let Your kingdom come

Chorus

Father let Your Kingdom come (Holy, holy)
Father let Your will be done
On earth as in heaven (Let it be done)
Right here in my heart

Father let Your Kingdom come (Holy, holy)
Father let Your will be done
On earth as in heaven (Let it be done)
Right here in my heart

Verse 2

Give us this day our daily bread
Forgive us, forgive us
As we forgive the ones who sinned against us
Forgive them

And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from the evil one
Let Your kingdom come

Bridge

It's Yours it's Yours All Yours all Yours The kingdom the power the glory are Yours

It's Yours it's Yours All Yours all Yours Forever and ever the kingdom is Yours

It's Yours it's Yours All Yours all Yours The kingdom the power the glory are Yours

It's Yours it's Yours All Yours all Yours Forever and ever the kingdom is Yours

Chorus

Father let Your Kingdom come (Holy, holy)

Father let Your will be done

On earth as in heaven (Let it be done)

Right here in my heart (Here in my heart)

Father let Your Kingdom come (Holy, holy)

Father let Your will be done

On earth as in heaven (Let it be done)

Right here in my heart (Here in my heart)

On earth as in heaven Right here in my heart

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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.

My Faith Journey—Grant Haller

First Lesson Acts 4:1–12 (Peter and John are brought before the Jerusalem Council.)

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

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

the 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 being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰let 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. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹²And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

The Epistle

1 John 3:16–24

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

¹⁶By this we know love, that He laid down His life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷But 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? ¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

¹⁹By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and He knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our heart

does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²²and whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do what pleases Him. ²³And 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. ²⁴Whoever 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.

(Please stand, as you are able, for the Gospel)

Holy Gospel John 10:11–18

(Jesus prays for and about His disciples.)

¹¹[Jesus said:] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He 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. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and

cares nothing 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. ¹⁶And 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 shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸No 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.”

Children's Message

The Song of Instruction “Jesus Loves Me”

I was lost, I was in chains The world had ahold of me
My heart was a stone I was covered in shame
When He came for me

I couldn't run Couldn't run from His presence
I couldn't run Couldn't run from His arms

Jesus He loves me He loves me, He is for me
Jesus how can it be He loves me, His is for me

It was a fire, deep in my soul I'll never be the same
I stepped out of the dark And into the light
When He called my name

I couldn't run Couldn't run from His presence
I couldn't run Couldn't run from His arms

Jesus He loves me He loves me, He is for me
Jesus how can it be He loves me, He is for me

He holds the stars and He holds my heart With healing hands that bear the scars
The rugged cross where He died for me My only hope, my ev'rything

Jesus He loves me He loves me, Oh Jesus how can it be
He loves me, He is for me

He loves me He is for me My God, it's amazing, Lord
Jesus loves me

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The Word “He Cares”

WE WORSHIP GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING

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 “Lamb of God”

1. Your only Son no sin to hide, But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk up on this guilty sod And to become the Lamb of God.
2. Your gift of love they crucified, They laughed and scorned Him as He died,
The humble King they named a fraud And sacrificed the Lamb of God.

Chorus: O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God.
O wash me in His precious blood, My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

3. I was so lost I should have died, But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod, And to be called a lamb of God. (Chorus)
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The Prayer of the Church

Invitation with Confession and Absolution

P: Let us confess our sins to God, our Father.

C: O Lord God Almighty, we confess that we are sinful human beings by nature and by deed. We have not put You first at all times. We have not followed in the ways You have set forth for us. We have not always been thoughtful caretakers of Your creation and have not shared its bounty on all occasions. We have not kept our thoughts, words, and deeds fully pure and honorable. We have sinned in ways we know and in ways we do not even recognize. We have not honored those in authority and have not without reservation encouraged them. We have not completely put the best construction on all things and on all people. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Forgive us all our sins, and finally by Your grace, bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

P: The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

INVITATIONAL SONG (“Praise Team):

**He said come to the table
Come join the sinners who have been redeemed
Take your place beside the Savior now
Sit down and be set free
Come to the table**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

READING OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT CARD FOR HOLY COMMUNION

(Praise Team will be served communion at this time.)

DISTRIBUTION “How Deep The Father's Love For Us”

- 1) How deep the Father's love for us, How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss, The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One, Bring many sons to glory
- 2) Behold the Man upon a cross, My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice, Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life I know that it is finished
- 3) I will not boast in anything No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart His wounds have paid my ransom

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“In Christ Alone”

- 1) In Christ alone my hope is found He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace When fears are stilled, when strivings
cease
My Comforter, my All in All Here in the love of Christ I stand
- 2) In Christ alone, who took on flesh Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Till on that cross as Jesus died The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid Here in the death of Christ I live

(Interlude)

- 3) There in the ground His body lay Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory Sin's curse has lost it's grip on me
For I am His and He is mine Brought with the precious blood of Christ

(Interlude)

- 4) No guilt in life, no fear in death This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from His hand
'Till He returns or calls me home Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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“Seek Ye First”

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God And His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you- Allelu, alleluia!
2. Ask and it shall be given unto you, Seek and ye shall find
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you- Allelu, alleluia!
3. Man does not live by bread alone, But by ev'ry word
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord, Allelu, alleluia!

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The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

The Going Out Song “Days of Elijah”

These are the days of Elijah, declaring the Word of the Lord.
And these are the days of your servant, Moses, righteousness being restored
And though these are days of great trials, of famine and darkness and sword
Still we are the voice in the desert crying, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord."

Chorus: Behold, He comes, riding on the clouds, shining like the sun at the trumpet call
Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee, and out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

These are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh
And these are the days of your servant, David, rebuilding a temple of praise
And these are the days of the harvest, the fields are as white in Your world
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard, declaring the Word of the ord." (chorus)

There's no god like Jehovah, There's no god like Jehovah,
There's no god like Jehovah, There's no god like Jehovah (repeat 3 times)

(Chorus 2 times)

Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee, and out of Zion's hill salvation comes.
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