

**Fourth Sunday of Easter  
9am Worship & Live Stream  
Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024**



**HEAR IT, FEEL IT, LIVE IT, SHARE IT – GOD’S LOVE**

**OUR SAVIOR’S LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)**

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**In-Person Worship: 9:00am**

**Livestream: 9:00am**

**Welcome Visitors!** Please fill out the welcome card found on the pew and drop it in the offering plate. Thank you for joining us today!" \*Indicates that those who are able please stand. We use the cranberry colored hymnals that are located in the pews. The page numbers for the liturgy are in the front of the book. The # sign in the bulletin refers to the hymn number in the back of the book. The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday and is open to all. We believe that Jesus is present in the bread and the wine. Communion is offered with wafer or bread and small cup of wine or grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available. Children are welcome to commune or receive a blessing whichever they do in their home Church.

## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Preparation / Prelude

Announcements

### **THE GATHERING**

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM:

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy. **Amen.**

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Gathering Hymn: ELW # 531 The Trumpets Sound, The Angels Sing

**The trumpets sound, the angels sing,**

**the feast is ready to begin.**

**The gates of heaven are open wide,**

**and Jesus welcomes you inside.**

#### *Refrain*

**Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight.**

**Come and revel in heaven's love and light.**

**Take your place at the table of the King.**

**The feast is ready to begin;**

**the feast is ready to begin.**

**Tables are laden with good things;**

**oh, taste the peace and joy he brings.**

**He'll fill you up with love divine;**

**he'll turn your water into wine. Refrain**

**The hungry heart he satisfies,**

**offers the poor his paradise.**

**Now hear all heaven and earth applaud  
the amazing goodness of the Lord. Refrain**

\*Greeting

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.**

\*Kyrie: ELW # 155

- 1 Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.**
- 2 Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.**
- 3 Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.**

Hymn of Praise: pg. 187 This is the feast of victory...

*Refrain*

**This is the feast of vict'ry for our God,  
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.**

**1 Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.  
Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. *Refrain***

**2 Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. *Refrain***

Prayer of the day:

Let us pray, Holy and righteous God, **you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **THE WORD**

Children's Time

First Reading: Acts 4:5-12

<sup>5</sup>The next day the rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their 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 questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let 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. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is ‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.’ <sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.” This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: 23

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name’s sake.

<sup>4</sup>**Though 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.**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

<sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

<sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that Jesus Christ laid down his life for us and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>How 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? <sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup>And 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. <sup>24</sup>All 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.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

\*Gospel Acclamation: pg. 188

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.**

\*Gospel: John 10:11-18

The holy gospel according to St. John the 10<sup>th</sup> Chapter **Glory to you, O Lord!**

Jesus said:<sup>11</sup>“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The 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. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care 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>I 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. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No 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.” This is the gospel of the Lord, **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: ELW # 778 The Lord is My Shepherd

- 1      The Lord's my shepherd; I'll not want.  
         he makes me down to lie  
         in pastures green; he leadeth me  
         the quiet waters by.  
         He leadeth me, he leadeth me  
         the quiet waters by.**
- 2      My soul he doth restore again,  
         and me to walk doth make  
         within the paths of righteousness,  
         e'en for his own name's sake;  
         within the paths of righteousness,  
         e'en for his own name's sake.**
- 3      Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
         yet will I fear no ill;  
         for thou art with me, and thy rod  
         and staff me comfort still;  
         for thou art with me, and thy rod  
         and staff me comfort still.**
- 4      My table thou hast richly spread  
         in presence of my foes;  
         my head thou dost with oil anoint,  
         and my cup overflows.  
         My head thou dost with oil anoint,  
         and my cup overflows.**
- 5      Goodness and mercy all my life  
         shall surely follow me,  
         and in God's house forevermore  
         my dwelling-place shall be;**

**and in God's house forevermore  
my dwelling-place shall be.**

Nicene Creed: **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:

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

*A brief silence.*

Shepherding God, gather your church whenever we wander from you and one another.

Empower our church in ministries around the world to worship and serve alongside global companions as equal partners and coworkers in the gospel. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Nurturing God, preserve the health of biomes and ecosystems. Inspire scientists, researchers, conservation organizations, and all people entrusted with the task of caring for creation, that we may be better stewards of the world around us. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, lead nations and communities to share resources, cooperate in solving conflicts, and listen to the wisdom of Indigenous peoples. Help all those with power to share it and to use such power for good. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Loving God, protect the very young and the very old, those living without housing, victims of domestic abuse, and all who live with chronic illness or compromised immune systems. We pray especially for **Dave, Elaine, Dean, Fred, John, Eldon, Mary Jo, Kristen**, and all those we name now before you, whether out loud or in our hearts... Guide communities to actively care for people who are vulnerable. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, help this and all communities of faith to listen for your voice. Call us away from things that distract us from following you. Invite us to more deeply love and serve people who are lonely, isolated, and on the margins. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Living God, we give thanks for our ancestors in faith. Strengthen us to share the good news in our own day. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**

## **THE MEAL**

Peace and exchange:

The peace of the risen Christ be with you all. And also with you.

Let us share the peace with one another.

Offering:

The ministry of Our Savior's continues and thanks to your generosity, and God's work continues through all of us! Offering can be received either by mailing it to the church at N6450 530<sup>th</sup> St. Beldenville, WI 54003, dropping it off, online at [oursaviorschurch.info](http://oursaviorschurch.info) under the "give" tab, or simply text your donation amount to 833-506-0632 and follow the instructions on your phone to complete your donation.



\*Offertory Hymn: ELW # 184 Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer.**

**Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

Offering prayer: Let us pray, Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **Amen.**

Communion Liturgy:

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and

with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

\*Sanctus: pg. 190 (Holy, Holy, Holy)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord! Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!**

Thanksgiving at the Table: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe! Blessed are you for the creation, for life in which you took delight. Blessed are you for the promise given to Abraham and Sarah. Blessed are you for rescuing your people Israel from slavery in Egypt. Blessed are you for the words of your prophets that proclaim the hope of our salvation. Blessed are you for your mercies on your people of every time and every place. For you came to dwell among us in Jesus, who preached healing to the sick, wholeness to the broken, and good news to the poor. He gave himself up to death on a cross for us, and he burst the bonds of death to free us forever from its terrors. On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And again after supper he took the cup, he gave thanks and he gave it for all to drink saying "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me."

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen. **Amen!**

Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. **Amen!**

Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. **Amen.**

O God, you are breath: send your Spirit on this meal. O God, you are bread: feed us with yourself. O God, you are wine: warm our hearts and make us one. O God, you are fire: transform us with hope. O God most majestic, O God most motherly, O God our strength and our song, you show us a vision of a tree of life with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations. Bless us with such life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior, life in you, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer: pg. 191

(Our Father who art in Heaven....)

Invitation to Communion: Gifts of God, for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Lamb of God: pg. 191

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace, lamb of God.**

Communion hymns: #'s (461, 479, 487)

Prayer after Communion:

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray, Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**



## **THE SENDING**

\*Blessing/Benediction:

May the peace of Christ go with you, wherever he may send you.

May he guide you through the wilderness and protect you through the storm.

May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you.

May he bring you home rejoicing once again into God's doors,

In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Sending hymn: ELW # 536 God Be with You Till We Meet Again

**1 God be with you till we meet again;  
by good counsels guide, uphold you,  
with a shepherd's care enfold you;  
God be with you till we meet again.**

### *Refrain*

**Till we meet, (till we meet,  
till we meet, (till we meet again,  
till we meet at Jesus' feet; (till we meet,  
till we meet, (till we meet,  
till we meet, (till we meet again.)  
God be with you till we meet again.**

**2 God be with you till we meet again;  
holy wings securely hide you,  
daily manna still provide you;  
God be with you till we meet again. *Refrain***

**3 God be with you till we meet again;  
when life's perils thick confound you,  
put unfailing arms around you;  
God be with you till we meet again. *Refrain***

Dismissal:

Go in peace. Share the good news! **Thanks be to God!**

**“OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED, NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS”**

**Please continue to pray for the following people:**

Dave Gerrish, Elaine Hines, Dean Mewes, Fred Hoyer, John Paape, Eldon Schellfeffer, Mary Jo Bjork, and Kristen Anderson.

If you know of anyone that should be on our prayer list please contact the office.

The names will be on the prayer list for two weeks unless specified.

**Announcements:**

**Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup> 9am** Worship Service (Pastor Sarah), **10am** Men in Mission Pancake Breakfast.

**Wednesday April 24<sup>th</sup> 8:30am** Quilting, **5:30pm** Wellness Wednesday

**Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup> 9am** Worship Service (Baptism), **10am** Fellowship Hour (Sunshine Crew)

**Coffee and Conversation:** Please join us on Monday, **April 29<sup>th</sup>** 2024, at 10:00am.

All are welcome!

**Happy Birthday!** **April (24<sup>th</sup>)** Brad Johnson **(27<sup>th</sup>)** Jerry Johnson

**March Budget Report:** Average weekly offering & donations: \$1,422.80.

Average weekly expenses: \$3,144.87.



**TODAY!** The Men In Mission Annual Pancake breakfast.

Right after church! Pancakes with Real Maple Syrup and sausage links.

Scrambled Eggs with Ham, Juice, Milk and Coffee

ALL expenses paid by Thrivent. SO, 100% OF YOUR GENEROUS DONATION GOES TO THE PIERCE COUNTY FOOD PANTRY.

**Flower Requests:** Flower bouquets enhance the altar for our worship experience. The Altar Guild would encourage members to bring flowers for the altar to honor a special day, person, or event. The altar is to have only cut flowers, not plants. We have two brass flower vases for you to use to put on each side of the cross or use your own. If just one bouquet, it should not tower above the cross in the center or it could be put to one side of the cross. If you would like the Altar Guild to purchase bouquets for you, we could take orders. Please tell the office who gave the flowers and what occasion so it can be put in the bulletin or announced in church. There will be a flower chart in the entry to sign up when you would like to bring flowers for worship service. To order flowers, call Audrey Severson 715-273-5019.



**The Evangelism Committee:** **Thank you** for the winter coat and boot donations that have come in so far. We will be collecting for one more week. If you wish to make a monetary donation, you may

put it in the offering plate marked " Basics for Local Kids", or give to one of us on the Evangelism committee. Thank you, Kathy Young, Darlene Halverson, and Pauline Laughnan




**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:** The Pierce County Food Pantry continues to need certain items. For the month of **April** we will be collecting **Baked Beans, Oatmeal, and Canned Fruit.**

Please put the items in the grocery cart in the back of the church. Thank you for showing your concern. Money donations accepted as well. Did you know that every dollar donated can purchase \$7 worth of food? Online donations @hungerpreventioncouncil.net, call 715-273-2070 or to arrange a food drive sponsored by your family or organization. Let's help end hunger in Pierce County.

**Please spread the word!** Volunteers needed at the Pierce County Food Pantry in Ellsworth every Monday 4-6pm for shopping and for stocking shelves every Tuesday and Thursday 9am - noon. Please message or call 715-821-7763 if you or someone you know may be interested.

DINNER - 5:30PM PLEASE JOIN US OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH YOGA - 6:30PM

WELLNESS WEDNESDAY



APRIL 24  
6:30PM

SPIRITUAL YOGA LED BY ERIN NELSON  
(PLEASE BRING A YOGA MAT OR TOWEL)

RSVP by phone: 715-273-4570 or email: office.osbeldenville@gmail.com

## Youth News!



**Sunday School Hour!** THANK YOU to Lindsay Christopherson and all those that helped in any way so the kids at Our Savior's could enjoy Sunday School hour. You all made Sunday School a huge success!

**Thank You to Leah's Limo** for the fun limo ride to Hudson on Wednesday April 3<sup>rd</sup> so the 2024 Confirmands could enjoy some delicious Cold Stone ice cream/Crumbl Cookie and spending time together.

**The 2024 Confirmation Banquet** What a great group of Confirmation youth and parents! Thank You All for your help preparing, serving and cleaning up to make the banquet a huge success for are Confirmands and their families.

**Please keep the 2024 Confirmands in your prayers are they affirmed their faith journey this past Sunday.** Ada Erlandson, Karli Foley-Nelson, Matther Lundstrom, Aubrey Minder, and Breken Young.

**2024 Mission Trip Meeting:** Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup> after Worship.

**Please join us as we Honor the 2024 High School Graduates:** on Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. Rylan Girdeen, Dayah Halverson, Luke Knight, Morgan Kolodzienski, Leo Parmeter, Madison Peterson, Taylor Peterson and Brett Unser. Everyone is invited to the reception in the fellowship hall following service.