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Rev. David H. Reber, Jr., Pastor

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9:00 AM

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

We welcome you to our worship service this morning.
St. Paul's has a service every Sunday morning at 9:00 AM.
Sunday School meets at 10:15 AM.

We request that members and visitors fill out an attendance card.
Please pass the card down to the center aisle after the offering.
You are welcomed in this house.

The Mission at *St. Paul's Lutheran Church* is:
Preach and Teach to ALL, Comfort and Support those in need!

ACOLYTE: Leah White

RECORDING: Chad Fox

ELDER OF THE DAY: Gene Breitenkamp

SCRIPTURE READER: Martha Gabriel

USHERS: Gene Breitenkamp, Mason Grittman, Richard Burdick & Jere Courter

CHILDREN'S SERMON:

NURSERY ATTENDANT: Veta Wheeler

ATTENDANCE: April 14, 2024: 96

NEEDED WEEKLY: \$15,729 **OFFERING:** \$7,901

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!

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING ONE – LSB pg. 151
Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation – “Blessed Jesus, at Your Word” – LSB #904

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at Your Word We are gath - ered
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est
3 Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light of Light, from
△ 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, Lord, Praise to You and
all to hear You. Let our hearts and souls be stirred
dark - ness shroud - ed Till Your Spir - it breaks our night
God pro - ceed - ing, O - pen now our heart and mind;
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we may trust Your Word,
Now to seek and love and fear You, By Your teach - ings,
With the beams of truth un - cloud - ed. You a - lone to
Help us by Your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry Your
Con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, While we here be -
sweet and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love You sole - ly.
God can win us; You must work all good with - in us.
Church now rais - es; Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.
low must wan - der, Till we sing Your prais - es yon - der.

Text (sts. 1–3): Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–84; (sts. 1–3): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.; (st. 4): Geistreiches Gesang-Büchlein, 1707, Merlin; (st. 4): tr. unknown, alt. Tune: Johann Rudolph Ahle, 1625–73, alt. Text and tune: Public domain

Stand

The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

Exhortation

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8-9

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Absolution

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.

[John 20:19-23]

C **Amen.**

Stand

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.**

Kyrie ~ Lord, Have Mercy

Mark 10:47

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **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.**

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.**

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

C **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

Gloria in Excelsis ~ Glory to God in the Highest

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

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.

C **Amen.**

Sit

First Reading – Acts 4:1–12

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.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want” – LSB #710



1 The Lord’s my shep - herd, I’ll not want; He makes me
 2 My soul He doth re - store a - gain And me to
 3 Yea, though I walk in death’s dark vale, Yet will I
 4 My ta - ble Thou hast fur - nish - ed In pres - ence
 5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life Shall sure - ly



down to lie In pas - tures green; He
 walk doth make With - in the paths of
 fear no ill; For Thou art with me,
 of my foes; My head Thou dost with
 fol - low me; And in God’s house for -



lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.
 righ - teous - ness, E’en for His own name’s sake.
 and Thy rod And staff me com - fort still.
 oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.
 ev - er - more My dwell - ing place shall be.

Text: The Psalms of David in Meeter, 1650, Edinburgh Tune: William Gardiner, 1770–1853 Text and tune: Public domain

Epistle – 1 John 3:16–24

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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Verse of the Day – Romans 6:9; John 10:14

All **Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel – John 10:11–18

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

Children's Sermon

Hymn of the Day – “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” – LSB #709



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant
love He sought me And on His shoul - der
Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.
com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever!

Sermon by Rev. David H. Reber, Jr.

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Apostles' Creed

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

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P Shepherd of Israel, in Your Son, Jesus Christ, You have sought out Your sheep and gathered us into Your flock. Keep us always in Your fold, and guard us from every wolf and snare. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, You alone gather us as Your sheep and send faithful shepherds to us. Call all who have wandered from Your flock, and bless the faithful shepherds who gather them through the voice of Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, Your Son has called us to love our brothers. Turn us in love toward the neighbors closest to us, especially within our own homes, that we may daily show our confidence in God by deed and truth, laying down our lives as Christ first did for us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Eternal Lord, through the Paschal Lamb You have wrought peace between man and God. By Your gift of good government, grant peace and good days also to our citizens and between the nations of the world, that we and all our neighbors may lead quiet lives in godly contentment. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, by the firstfruits of Christ's life from the dead, You secured forgiveness for our troubled consciences. Bless also with temporal health and well-being those who suffer among us. Grant them aid in this moment and, even more so, true, immortal health in the world to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord God, out of Your fatherly goodness You have remembered us poor, miserable sinners and given Your beloved Son to be our Shepherd — not only to nourish us by His Word, but also to defend us from sin, death and the devil. Grant us Your Holy Spirit, that even as this Shepherd knows us and helps in every affliction, we also may know Him, trust Him, seek help and comfort in Him, heartily obey His voice, and obtain eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Offering

Stand

Offertory

Psalms 116:12-13, 17-19

What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa-lem.

Lord's Prayer – Sung

Matthew 6: 9-13

Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and glory forever. Amen

Concluding Collect

P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

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.**

Hymn to Depart – “Jesus, Name above All Names” – LSB #970

Je - sus, name a - bove all names, Beau - ti - ful
Sav - ior, glo - ri - ous Lord. Em -
man - u - el, God is with us, Bless - ed Re -
deem - er, liv - ing Word.

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Dismissal

P Go in peace and serve the Lord!
C **Thanks be to God.**

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We pray your worship with us was a Blessing and God will grant you a rich and Blessed week.

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If you are a first time visitor please let one of the ushers in the back know – they have a gift from the LWML waiting for you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ENROLLMENT: School enrollment is now open to ALL GRADES! Please contact Rachel in the office if you have any questions, (580)234-6646.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES: We are looking for volunteers to usher, record sound, record the livestream, lead songs, read scripture, attend the nursery, or serve on various ministry teams. If you are looking for a way to serve, please contact the office. Maybe we can help you find the right fit!

LIVESTREAM: If you are unable to attend with us in person, all services are streamed live on our website www.stpaulsenid.com. Just select Livestream at the top of the page. You can also watch the recording after the service at the same link.

NEW WAYS TO GIVE: You may now give tithes and offerings online through our website. Just visit www.stpaulsenid.com and select online giving on the home page. You can also text **SPLC** (888) 444-8774. You can also scan:



SUNDAY SCHOOL: Join us during our Sunday School hour at 10:15 AM. We have a class for age 3 through grade 12 that meets in the all-purpose room. An adult class meets in the church basement and Pastor Reber's adult class meets in the library.

MITE MONTH: April is MITE month! LWML will collect the noisy offering for MITES. Mites are used to support LWML missions throughout the year. Thank you for your contributions.

DIAPER SHOWER: The LWML is hosting a diaper shower for Jenny and Mason Grittman during the month of April. **Baby wipes** are also needed. A collection box will be in the narthex for your donations. We appreciate your gifts for baby boy Grittman, who is due to arrive in May!

VOTERS' MEETING: There will be a Voters' Meeting on Sunday, April 21. Business will include election of officers, approval of budget and more! All communicant members are eligible voters and we would love to see you there.

YOUTH GROUP: Youth Group (Grades 6-12) will meet at the Eastside Community Center (1810 E. Broadway Ave.) from 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM on Sunday, April 21st. Please join us!

BRIDGE: Ever wanted to learn to play cards, especially the game Bridge? We have a Bridge group that meets here two afternoons a week and they are willing to teach anyone who wants to learn. It's a great time of fellowship and fun. They meet on **Mondays and Thursdays at 12:30 PM** at the Eastside Community Center (1810 E. Broadway Ave.). Come and join us. No experience necessary.

LWML GENERAL MEETING: The Lutheran Women's Missionary League will have their general meeting on Monday, April 22nd, at 6:00 PM at the Eastside Community Center (1810 E. Broadway Ave.). Please join us!

BALANCE & STRENGTH: This class will meet every **Tuesday & Thursday at 11:00 AM** at the Eastside Community Center (1810 E. Broadway Ave.). If you are interested or plan to exercise, call Linda Ragoss, 234-7343, or there may be no one to greet you. We would love for you to join us!

S.A.M. MINISTRY POTLUCK: The Senior Adult Ministry is having their monthly potluck on Wednesday, April 24th, at the Eastside Community Center (1810 E. Broadway Ave.). Grab a dish and join us for food, fun and fellowship!

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE: The deadline for submissions for the May newsletter is Thursday, April 25, 2024. Please submit by email if possible! office@stpaulsenid.com

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Please join us for a Men's Bible Study at Boomerang (721 S. Oakwood Rd.). We will meet at **7:00 AM each Friday**.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: April 28, 500 pm, ECC will be the next family video which will feature the story of Noah as presented by Sight and Sound Theater in Branson, MO. This video will be about two hours long and, while live on stage, I am sure you will find this production to be one of the best you have ever seen. Free popcorn and water will be available, you may bring your own drink and/or snacks if you wish. Hope to see you there.

CAMP LUTHERHOMA: It's time to sign up for Camp Lutherhoma! Please visit our website www.stpaulsenid.com for more information. You can also obtain a camp St. Paul's scholarship application on our website. **The sign up deadline is May 1st!**

GARDENING: The Youth Group is looking for individuals who need a little assistance in their garden this year, particularly those who are having trouble getting around like they used to. If you would like some help, please contact Taylor Mansoor at (949) 441-9021.

PRAYERS

Hospitalized:

Recovering: Robert Jack, Trudy Clark, Dan Koonce & Patsy Herth

Cancer Patients: Becky Perring Aerns, Pat Becker, Brett Bersche, Tommy Deterding, Bud Durham, Jill Fischaber, Judy Helberg, Dan Koonce, Dominic Lichtenberg, Lisa Logan-Roussell, Ruth Lyons, Gene Mansker, Lois Maxwell, Arno Pautsch, Poma Rico, Richard Simpson, Kevin Usry and Sandy Williams

Medical Problems: Steve Allen, Hank Bland, David Braley, Gehl Caldwell, Cecil Durham, Elizabeth Ferguson, Matthew Hagans, Mike Helberg, Don Herth, Mike Krienke, Fran Kroll, Milburn Kroll, Ralph Kroll, Walter & Pat Lemke, Kathy McVey, Esther Mittelstet, Eddie Morris, Sharyn Mueller, Kim Mullen, Steve Nobis, Shirleen Otipoby, Rebecca Peters, Rev. Larry Reinhardt, Ramie Scheel, Valera Sheets, Steve Simpson, Kathy Snowden & Zion Sundoval

Hospice: Marj Chandler

Birthdays: April 21st – Ashley Machia; April 25th – Lisa Hartfiel; April 26th – Becky Eggers & Steven Nobis; April 27th – Tim Braley & Abigail Hinrichs

Anniversaries: April 22nd – Max & Crystal Heim; April 23rd – Brandon & Patricia Jung; April 25th – Chris & Courtney Campbell and Bud & Patricia Durham; April 27th – Robert & Brenda Sims

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUN. 04/21

Fourth Sunday of Easter
Voters' Meeting
9:00 AM Worship
4-5:00 PM Youth Group

MON. 04/22

12:30 PM Bridge
12:30 PM Finance Board
6:00 PM LWML General Meeting

TUE. 04/23

11:00 AM Balance & Strength

WED. 04/24

9:00 AM Chapel
11:30 AM S.A.M. Potluck

THU. 04/25

Newsletter Submission Deadline
11:00 AM Balance & Strength
12:30 PM Bridge

FRI. 04/26

7:00 AM Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

SAT. 04/27

SUN. 04/28

Fifth Sunday of Easter
Communion
9:00 AM Worship
10:15 AM Sunday School
5:00 PM Movie Night

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John 10:14 – "I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me." What does it mean to know the Lord? It starts with being known by the Lord: He claims us as His own and calls us by name. Then, once we are His, we learn to know Him, and in knowing Him, we learn to imitate Him. That is how the Christian life of good works and generosity grows from the Lord's grace.