

Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:00 AM Service

April 25, 2021

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Ringling of the Bell

(Please Stand)

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of +Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Let us pray:

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

First Reading

Acts 4: 5--12

Pg. 1696

R: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 23

Pg. 963

PS 23:1 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

PS 23:2 **He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,**

PS 23:3 he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

PS 23:4 **Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

PS 23:5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

PS 23:6 **Surely goodness and love will 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

Pg. 1901

R: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Instrumental Offering

(Please rise for the Gospel.)



After the Gospel is announced:

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

John 10: 11--18

Pg. 1666

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Sermon

(Please Stand)

Hymn # 619

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives!" st. 1,5

1. I know that my Redeemer lives! What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead; he lives, my ever living head!
2. He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to plead for me above;
he lives my hungry soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.

L: Together with the whole church, we confess our faith:

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.***

I believe in Jesus Christ,

God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

He is seated at the right hand of the Father,

And he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen

The Prayers

L: . . . Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Offering

Thanksgiving for the Word

Praise to you, O God, for your Word of life: creating a wondrous universe, proclaiming freedom from captivity, becoming the song of your people.

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude