

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 18 & 21, 2024

The Risen Savior Provides Good Shepherding

Opening Hymn555, “The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”

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Prayer of the Day: O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father’s house forevermore; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

FIRST READING

Psalm of the Day (*On Insert*).....Psalm 23F vv. 1 & 2

SECOND READING

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Gospel Acclamation Verse: *I am the good shepherd; *I know my sheep and my sheep know me.*

GOSPEL

Hymn of the Day804, “I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”

SERMON..... “I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb” John 10:11-18

Offering Hymn 754 v. 2, “Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness”

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Closing Hymn 756 vv.1 & 4, “Shepherd of Tender Youth”

FIRST READING: Acts 20:28-32

The good shepherd asks his sub-shepherds to keep watch over the flock.

“Always keep watch over yourselves and over the whole flock in which the Holy Spirit has placed you as overseers, to shepherd the church of God, which he purchased with his own blood. I know that after my departure savage wolves, who will not spare the flock, will come in among you. Even from your own group men will rise up, twisting the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. Therefore be always on the alert! Remember that for three years, night and day, I never stopped warning each one of you with tears.

“And now I entrust you to God and to the word of his grace, which has power to build you up and to give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

SECOND READING: 1 John 4:1-6

St. John encourages us to test all those who claim to have a spiritual message. Not all such individuals have been sent by God.

Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see if they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit who confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit who does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard is coming and is already in the world. You are from God, dear children, and you have overcome the false prophets, because the one in you is greater than the one in the world. They are from the world. That is why they speak from a worldly perspective and the world listens to them. We are from God. The one who knows God listens to us, but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. That is how we can distinguish between the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

Jesus explains why he is the good shepherd.

“I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired man, who is not a shepherd, does not own the sheep. He sees the wolf coming, leaves the sheep, and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the sheep and scatters them. Because he works for money, he does not care about the sheep.

“I am the Good Shepherd. I know my sheep and my sheep know me (just as the Father knows me and I know the Father). And I lay down my life for the sheep. I also have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. Then there will be one flock and one shepherd. This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life so that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have the authority to lay it down, and I have the authority to take it up again. This is the commission I received from my Father.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNION: Because of the confessional nature of the Lord's Supper which is offered today, we invite forward those who are members of a WELS or ELS congregation. If you have questions about the Lord's Supper, please speak to the pastor.

HEAD USHERS THIS WEEK: Don Koch/Doug Schulz; next Sunday: Ross Schultz/Wayne Schultz

ORGANISTS: The **May** schedule is hanging on the **SCHOOL** bulletin board. Please look at your calendars in the near future and sign up for the date(s) you are willing to play for us. Thank you!

MRS. HORN RECEIVES CALL: Mrs. Sarah Horn has received a divine call to teach Gr. 4, full-time, at Mt. Calvary Lutheran School in Waukesha, Wisconsin. Please keep Mrs. Horn in your prayers as she deliberates this call as well as the call she currently holds at St. Matthew's. Mrs. Horn welcomes any thoughts and comments you may have for her during this time of deliberation.

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY: No one has signed up to host the fellowship hour which would take place immediately following the worship service on **Sunday, April 28**. If this is something you or a group of you would be willing to do, please sign up on the sheet hanging on the church bulletin board or speak with Pastor Mose today. Thank you!

QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING HIGHLIGHTS: The following are highlights from the Quarterly Voters' Meeting which was held on Wednesday, April 17: Membership action included: **Received (pending Profession of Faith):** Tim & Emily Tietz (Jase, Liam, Harper); **Removed:** Elizabeth Davis.

In other business, 1) A review of the proposed budget for 2024 - 2025 was done; however, approval of the budget was tabled to May pending a resolution of our current teaching vacancy; 2) The annual Altar Offering will be taken on **Thursday, May 16** -and- **Sunday, May 19, 2024**. The money received has been designated as follows: 100% to the budget; 3) It was reported that there will be an Area Ascension Service at **6:30 PM** at **St. Paul's, Brownsville, on Thursday, May 9, 2024**. Pastor Mose will be delivering the sermon at this service. Because of this service, there will be **no** Thursday evening worship service at St. Matthew's that night; and 4) It was reported that the church refurbishing project is scheduled to begin on **September 3, 2024**. No other formal business was conducted at the time.

FYSH GROUP: The next meeting of the FYSH group will be on **Sunday (TODAY), April 21, at 6:00 PM** at our church/school. There will be several activities to participate in! There will be building of birdhouses, some cooking/baking, and a sewing craft. All students ages 13 and up are invited to attend!

SERVICE GROUP MEETING: The next meeting of the Service Group will be held immediately following the fellowship hour on **Sunday, April 28**. All confirmed members are invited to join us!

WLA – HOT LUNCH: St. Matthew's has been assigned the dates of **April 29 – May 3, 2024**, to help serve hot lunch at WLA. The hours of service are from **9:30 AM – 1:30 PM**. If this is something you would be willing to do, please sign up on the sheet hanging on the church bulletin board. There is just one open date yet to fill. If you would like more information about helping, please contact **Wayne Schultz (920-948-1978)**. Thank you!

SPRING RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE: St. Matthew's PTL will be holding its second annual Rummage and Bake Sale on: **Saturday, May 4, from 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM**. We hope you have been setting aside items which you would like to donate to this sale. **You may bring your items anytime starting Sunday, April 28. All items need to be here by early Friday evening, May 3,** so we can get everything organized for the following day.

In addition, we are looking for donations of baked goods to sell. **The more baked goods we can get the better!** Last year we sold out of our baked goods in a very short period of time. If you would be willing to donate something, please sign up on the sheet located on the church bulletin board. We are looking for: bars, cookies, pies, and muffins/quick bread. These baked goods should be brought to the school on **Friday, May 3**, at any time during the school day or in the early evening. This event is being coordinated by **Mrs. Ruth Callies**, so if you have any questions about it, please feel free to speak to her!

WE THANK the students in the Jr. Choir for their beautiful song on Sunday!

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

Attendance: Thursday: 18; Sunday: 145

Offerings: \$7,561.50

(Budget Amount Needed Each Week: \$7,239.00)

Special Funds: Church Refurbishment: \$100.00

Memorials: In Memory of Marty Korroch: \$100.00 *(Church Refurbishment)*



We invite you to support this ministry through financial offerings out of thanksgiving for the Gospel you have received here. Offerings may be placed in the plates located on the tables at the back of church, or you may scan the QR code to give electronically.

OUR WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW'S

Sunday: Communion Worship Service9:00 AM
 Adult & Teen Bible Class/Sunday School 10:15 AM
 FYSH Group.....6:00 PM

Thursday: Worship Service7:00 PM
 Adult Choir.....8:00 PM
SCRIP ORDERS DUE

Sunday: Worship Service (**Fellowship Sunday**).....9:00 AM
Service Group Meeting – Immediately following fellowship hour

23F My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Psalm 23F sts. 1-2



1 My shep - herd will sup - ply my need, Je -
2 When I walk through the shades of death, his



ho - vah is his name; in pas - tures fresh he
pres - ence is my stay; one word of his sup -



makes me feed be - side the liv - ing stream.
port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.



He brings my wan - d'ring spir - it back when
His hand, in sight of all my foes, will



I for - sake his ways and leads me, for his
still my ta - ble spread; my cup with bless - ings



mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
o - ver - flows; his oil a - noints my head.

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