



# CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

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**Saturday Evening Worship - 5:30 p.m.**  
**Sunday Morning Worship - 10:00 a.m.**  
**April 20 & 21, 2024**

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

**A Warm Welcome** to all as we gather as God's people to worship our Lord. We pray our worship together would strengthen your faith and desire to know and serve the One who loves us with an everlasting love as made known to us in Jesus Christ.

*(In preparation for our worship together, you are invited to take a moment of silence to offer your own prayers of worship and praise.)*

**KEY:** ELW and any page number = Worship hymnal (cranberry),  
OSB = Other Song Book (red), W&P = Worship & Praise (purple).

\* Indicates please stand if able. Congregational responses are printed in **BOLD** type.

**Prayer Before Worship:** God of surprising revelations, we thank you that when you come to your people, you speak peace and invite faith in you. Give us ears to hear your will for us, hearts that are open to your word, and eyes to see your presence in the world; in Jesus' name. Amen.

**Prelude Music (Sun)**

**“Let All Things Now Living”  
“Lead me, Guide me”**

**ELW #881  
W&P #84**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**‡WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS‡**

**Welcome Song:**

**“Blessing, Honor, and Glory”**

**ELW #433**

**Blessing, honor, glory to the Lamb.  
Holy, righteous, worthy is the Lamb.  
Death could not hold him down,  
for he is risen!  
Seated upon the throne,  
he is the Lamb of God!  
Blessing, honor, glory to the Lamb.  
Holy, righteous, worthy is the Lamb.  
Death could not hold him down,  
for he is risen!  
Seated upon the throne,  
he is the Lamb of God!  
Blessing, honor, glory to the Lamb.  
Holy, righteous, worthy is the Lamb of God.**

### **\*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!**

**Song of Praise:**

**"I Love You, Lord"**

**W&P #67**

**I love You Lord  
And I lift my voice  
To worship You  
O my soul rejoice**

**Take joy my King  
In what You hear  
May it be a sweet sweet sound  
In Your ear  
(Repeat all)**

**\*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.**

**\*Prayer of the Day**

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.**

**‡GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US‡**

**First Reading: Acts 4:5-12**

<sup>5</sup>The next day their 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."

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 he 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.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gospel Acclamation: "Halle, halle, hallelujah"**

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**Halle, halle, hallelujah.  
Halle, halle, hallelujah.  
Halle, halle, hallelujah.  
Hallelujah. Hallelujah.**

**\*Gospel: John 10:11-18**

*Response after the announcement of the gospel:*  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<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."

*Response after the gospel reading:*  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Kids Sermon (Sun):**

**Angie Hinze**

**Sermon:**

**PMA Bill Huelle**

*(Silence for reflection and meditation)*

**‡WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD‡**

**\*Song of the Day:**

**"Have No Fear Little Flock"**

**ELW #764**

**1. Have no fear, little flock;  
have no fear, little flock,  
for the Father has chosen  
to give you the kingdom;  
have no fear, little flock!**

**2. Have good cheer, little flock;  
have good cheer, little flock,  
for the Father will keep you  
in his love forever;  
have good cheer, little flock!**

**3. Praise the Lord high above;  
praise the Lord high above,  
for he stoops down to heal you,  
uplift and restore you;  
praise the Lord high above!**

**4. Thankful hearts raise to God;  
thankful hearts raise to God,  
for he stays close beside you,  
in all things works with you;  
thankful hearts raise to God!**

**\*Profession of Faith: The Apostles Creed**

**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.**

**\*Prayers of the Church (Sat):**

*Each petition ends with:*

God of grace....**hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude with:*

... 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.**

**\*Prayers of the Church (Sun):**

**ELW #178**

*(Sung Prayer Response)*

**Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:  
peace to all people, hope for each soul.  
God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.**

**\*Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of the risen Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*(You are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another)*

**“The Prayer” with “Lead Us, Lord” (Sun)**

**Choir**

**\*Offertory Prayer**

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.**

**\*Thanksgiving for the Word**

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Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,  
**we give you thanks and praise.**



By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,  
**we give you thanks and praise.**

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,  
**we give you thanks and praise.**

Send your spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.  
**Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who 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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever, and ever. Amen.**

**‡WE DEPART TO SERVE‡**

### **\*Benediction**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope  
‡ bless you now and always. **Amen.**

### **\*Sending Song:**

**“Majesty”**

**W&P #94**

**Majesty, worship His majesty:  
unto Jesus be all glory,  
honor, and praise.**

**Majesty, kingdom authority  
flows from His throne  
unto His own; His anthem raise.  
So exalt, lift up on high  
the name of Jesus.  
Magnify, come glorify  
Christ Jesus, the King.  
Majesty, worship His majesty:  
Jesus who died, now glorified,  
King of all kings.  
Jesus who died, now glorified,  
King of all kings.  
(Repeat)**

**\*Dismissal**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**Postlude**

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Pastor Kathy, 4/22; Ron Wegelin, 4/22; Barry Bassett, 4/28; Trinita Burgner, 4/28

If we have missed your birthday, please let the office know. Thanks.

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers†

Prayers for healing: **Lynne** (cancer & heart arrhythmia—Laurie & JP Ruzicka’s friend), **Kurt Nikont** (recovering from foot surgery), **Sheila Miller** (health issues), **Catherine Rahrs** (major medical issues—Val Rahrs’ mother), **Larry Loeks** (improved health), **Jack Day** (stroke—Lynn Margheim’s brother), **Jeremy** (test results—Deb Brown’s son), **Bert Bessey**, **Shelia Colson** (hospital recovery), **Sherrill Miller** (cancer treatment—Travis Miller family) **Butch Feil** (recovering from surgery—Guerrero family), **Leah Nikont** (recovering from surgery), **Drew Selck** (Cancer), **Joni** (stage 4 cancer), **Kathy Johnson** (health issues), **William Gibbs** (Cancer— Larry Gibbs’ brother), **Vicki Schmidt** (cancer treatment), **Patty** (cancer—Jim Dorn’s sister-in-law).

Prayers for comfort and safety: **Zeke Chilcott** (deployed—friend of Marissa Wright), **Jeffery Christeleit** (deployed—Brian & Jodi Christeleit’s son and Jim & Sheila Miller’s grandson).



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### Coffee and Fellowship

We would like to invite people to stay after worship for a time of fellowship. The coffee pot will be on, but if you would like to provide treats, please sign up on the sheet outside the office.



### APRIL FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

**FOOD PANTRY:** Pancake Mix

**BACKPACKS:** Mac ‘n Cheese Bowls

Containers are located outside Fellowship Hall.

Thanks for your generosity.





## CLCW APRIL MISSION PROJECT: CALVARY KITCHEN SHOWER

A box will be placed in the Reception Area on the table under the CLCW bulletin board next to the narthex door to receive items needed for the kitchen. The kitchen could use the following:

**Paper plates, paper towels, napkins, Styrofoam & plastic cups.**

Cash donations are also welcome; be sure to clearly mark them 'Kitchen Shower'.

Be sure to designate CLCW on the envelope.



The Young at Heart Fellowship Group will meet **TODAY**, following fellowship. We will enjoy fun Earth Day activities. The group is open to all, with fellowship activities planned to be aimed at young families and "young" adults. If you are "young at heart," we would love to have you join us. Contact Maunette Loeks or Val Rahrs for details about how you can be involved. You can also submit your ideas and details on our survey: [tinyurl.com/youngadultfellows](https://tinyurl.com/youngadultfellows)



# Grab & Go Lunch



The Outreach Committee is now offering a ministry called Grab & Go Lunch for our community. It will be providing sustainable lunches for consumption either immediately or later in the day. It will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month from 12-2 pm. The organizers will plan & prepare lunches (main item, fruit/veggie & drink) and cleanup of meal prep. The distributors will oversee final packaging, handing out of the meals the day of and final cleanup. If you or your group are interested in being the organizers, the distributors or both please sign up by scanning the QR code above or on the sign-up sheet by the office. More information is available by the church office or by scanning the QR code.

**This month's Grab & Go Lunch will be ham & cheese sandwiches, chips, fruit & water.**

**Come by & grab your FREE lunch on Thursday April 25<sup>th</sup>!!**

## WORSHIP LEADERS

**Pastor Kathy**

**This Sunday – April 21**

**USHERS:** Deb Brown & Vicki Howell

**LAY READER:** Mary Jo Huelle

**POWERPOINT:** Shawna Payne

**ACOLYTES:** Brynlee Payne & Ayden  
Tompkins

**MEDIA:** Jeff Van Patten

**AUDIO:** Maunette Loeks-Van Patten

**ALTAR GUILD:** Abby Newsom, Maunette  
Loeks-Van Patten, Barb Jensen, Nannie  
Walsh

**PIANIST:** Tahnee Hutchinson

**COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP:** Brynlee &  
Maddie Payne

**Next Sunday – April 28**

**USHERS:** Kent & Dawn Holub

**LAY READER:** Bill Huelle

**HEAD COMMUNION ASST:** Bill Huelle

**COMMUNION ASSTS:** Abby Newsom &  
Marissa Wright

**POWERPOINT:** Andi Dorn

**ACOLYTES:** Rhyan Buckley & Ben  
Moravec

**MEDIA:** Chris Jensen

**AUDIO:** Jim Dorn

**ALTAR GUILD:** Deb Brown, Vicki Howell,  
Tracy Steele, Shari Copsey

**ORGANIST:** Tahnee Hutchinson

**COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP** *Please sign up!*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Sunday, April 21**

10 a.m. – Worship

11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship

**Monday, April 22**

5 p.m. – Parish Ed

6 p.m. – Stewards

**Tuesday, April 23**

1 p.m. – Quilting

**Wednesday, April 24**

5:30 p.m. – JAM

**NO** Confirmation

7p.m. – Choir Practice

**Thursday, April 25**

12-2 p.m. – Grab & Go Lunch

**Saturday, April 27**

5:30 p.m. – Worship

**Sunday, April 28**

10 a.m. – Worship

11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship

11:30 a.m. – Council Workshop @  
Runza

Pastor Kathy on vacation

April 16 -24

APRIL 21, 2024  
FOURTH SUNDAY  
OF EASTER



*The Good Shepherd comes with power to love.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 10:11-18	The Good Shepherd
Monday	Acts 4:5-12	Peter and John before the council
Tuesday	1 John 3:16-24	Love one another
Wednesday	Luke 15:1-7	Parable of the lost sheep
Thursday	Ezekiel 34:11-16	God, the true shepherd
Friday	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	The resurrection of Christ
Saturday	Psalms 23	The Lord is my shepherd
Sunday	John 15:1-8	Jesus the true vine

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. Psalm 23:4 (NRSV)*

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### A Prayer for the Week:

Shepherding God, we thank you that your care for us is never ending and filled with your abundant goodness and mercy through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Mealtime Prayer:

Dear Jesus, just as you are with us and protect us each day like a good shepherd, we thank you for feeding us with this food, a sign of your abundant love. Amen.

#### A Blessing to Give:

May the love of God in Jesus, the Good Shepherd, give you comfort and peace.



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APRIL 21, 2024  
HYMN OF THE WEEK  
*Shepherd Me, O God*



**WEEKLY MILESTONES:** Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

### CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Talk or think about a time you experienced fear or anxiety.
- How does Jesus, the Good Shepherd, comfort and protect you during fearful times?

### DEVOTIONS

*Read:* John 10:11-18.

The focus in John 10 on being the good shepherd is directly related to Jesus healing the man born blind in John 9. The man born blind was cast out of the synagogue, out of the religious community, out of a protective sheepfold. Jesus as the good shepherd knows us and loves us enough to lay down his life for us. Jesus does not abandon us or cast us out. Unlike the disinterest of a hired hand who runs away when our needs are the greatest, Jesus cares for us as those who need the protection of a shepherd. This is the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. He has power and he uses that power to care for us and to give us the abundant life, the life overflowing with goodness (John 10:10). All of this power to love, to give us life overflowing with goodness and abundance, comes not from the abusive power of Pharisees, synagogues, or any disinterested individuals or institutions, but from the divine. This is the command that Jesus has received from God and passes on to us, the command to love sacrificially.

*Discuss:* When has your life been blessed by the sacrificial love of another?  
*Pray:* Loving God, help us to know that we are not abandoned in our time of need, but blessed with overflowing love through the power and grace of Jesus, the Good Shepherd. Amen.

### SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you give sacrificially to someone in need?

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The fourth Sunday of Easter is known as Good Shepherd Sunday. Both readings from John 10 and Psalm 23 follow the theme of shepherd. Draw the shape of a sheep on a sheet of paper. Write Jesus in the center of the shape and then words you would use to describe a good shepherd. Think or talk about what the words you wrote mean to you. Finish with prayer using the words from Psalm 23:6 as a reminder of God's comfort: "You, LORD, are my shepherd. I will never be in need. Your kindness and love will always be with me each day of my life, and I will live forever in your house, LORD. Amen. (CEV)"



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