

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter April 21, 2024**  
**St. John Lutheran Church, Beaufort, Missouri**  
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**WELCOME AND SHARE THE PEACE**

**MORNING PRAYER:**

I thank you, my Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands, I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.”

***TLH 463 “For All the Saints Who from Their Labors Rest” vs. 1-4***

**INVOCATION (TLH p. 5)**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (TLH p. 5-6)**

**INTROIT Psalm 23**

**P:** I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

**MEN:** The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**WOMEN:** He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

**MEN:** He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.

**WOMEN:** 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.

**MEN:** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

P: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

**GLORIA PATRI (TLH p. 6 – SUNG)**

**THE KYRIE (TLH p. 7 - SUNG)**

**THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (TLH p. 7-9 - SUNG)**

**THE SALUTATION (TLH p. 9)**

**THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY (TLH p. 9)**

**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.. (SUNG) Amen**

**FIRST READING: Psalm 23**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. <sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. <sup>3</sup>He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. <sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

**Hymn: Psalm 23: “The King of Love” Printed on Insert**

**EPISTLE READING: 1 John 3:16–24**

<sup>16</sup> By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. <sup>17</sup> But 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? <sup>18</sup> Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. <sup>19</sup> By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; <sup>20</sup> for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup> Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; <sup>22</sup> and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup> And 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. <sup>24</sup> Whoever 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.

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **THE TRIPLE HALLELUJAH (TLH p. 10)**

### **THE GOSPEL READING (TLH p. 11)**

**P:** The Holy Gospel is written in the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter of St. John, beginning with the 11<sup>th</sup> verse:

**C:** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord! (TLH p. 11 - SUNG)**

### **GOSPEL: John 10:11–18**

<sup>11</sup> [Jesus said:] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> He 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. <sup>13</sup> He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing 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> And 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. <sup>17</sup> For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. <sup>18</sup> No 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: Here ends the Gospel.**

**C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ. (TLH p. 11 - SUNG)**

**THE APOSTLES CREED (TLH p. 12)**

***TLH 426 “The Lord My Shepherd Is”***

**MESSAGE: “Are you a shepherd?” (TLH p. 12)**

**THE OFFERTORY (TLH p. 12-13- SUNG)**

**PRAYERS (TLH p. 13-14)**

**LORD’S PRAYER (TLH p. 13-14)**

**BENEDICTION (TLH p. 14)**

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**Psalm 23: “The King of Love” RENEW 106**

CHOIR 1 The King of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never.

I nothing lack if I am his,  
and he is mine forever.

**ALL 2 Where streams of living water flow,  
my ransomed soul he leadeth;  
and where the verdant pastures grow,  
with food celestial feedeth.**

CHOIR 3 Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed,  
but yet in love he sought me;  
and on his shoulder gently laid,  
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

**ALL 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill,  
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
thy cross before to guide me.**

CHOIR 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
thy unction grace bestoweth;  
and oh, what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth!

**ALL 6 And so through all the length of days,  
thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house forever.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**“In the beginning...”** Genesis...9 AM Sundays...resumed today!

The **Confirmation Class** will meet in an extended class after church on April 28 to be ready for *Confirmation on Mother’s Day*.

Our **Community Wellness Fair** team meets Thursday April 25 at 7 pm in The Schoolhouse. Plan to be there!!

**VBS dates** are tentatively July 8-12<sup>th</sup> this summer. Volunteer opportunities and providing resources will follow.

**Monthly Circuit Youth Gathering** is tonight at Camp Trinity. Any and all youth (middle school-high school) are invited from **6-8 p.m. at Camp Trinity**. Games, food and fun with time in Scripture. Camp Trinity is located at 439 Camp Trinity Drive, New Haven.

**St. John Voter’s meeting** after church on April 28.

**The Spring Rally of the Washington Zone LWML** will be held on Sunday, **April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024**. The Rally will be held at **Bethlehem Lutheran Church** near New Haven. Registration will begin at 1:00 p m and Call to Order at 1:30 p m. The Theme is “Abide in Me and I in You” taken from John 15:4. The speaker will be John Schoenfeld from Concordia Seminaries. The ingathering will go to Washington Circuit Student Fund (Cash or Check to Bethlehem LWML)

**Volunteers are needed for this summer's VBS**. Please look at the sign-up sheets in the narthex and see what you can do. Your help is needed. Check your calendars and see if you are able to attend a **VBS meeting on April 23 at 6:30 pm**.