

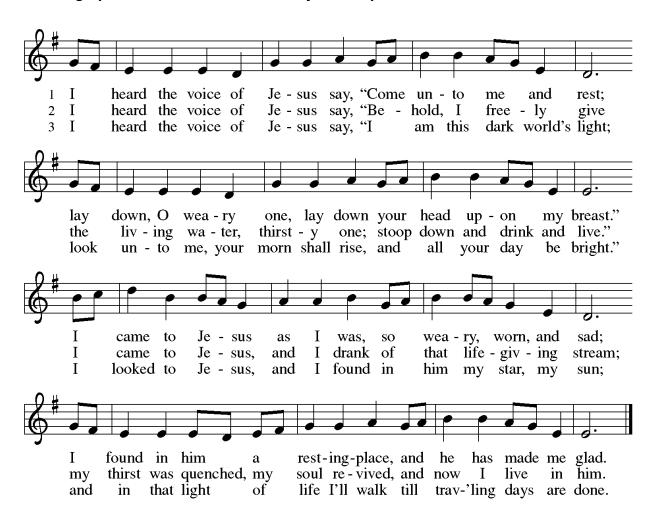
Fourth Sunday of Easter ~ April 21, 2024

Prelude Sheep May Safely Graze J. S. Bach

Welcome and a moment of silence

Gathering Hymn

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say - ELW 611



The Greeting

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

Congregation: And also with you.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

C: Amen.

P Look, here is water!

C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P 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.

P Look, here is water!

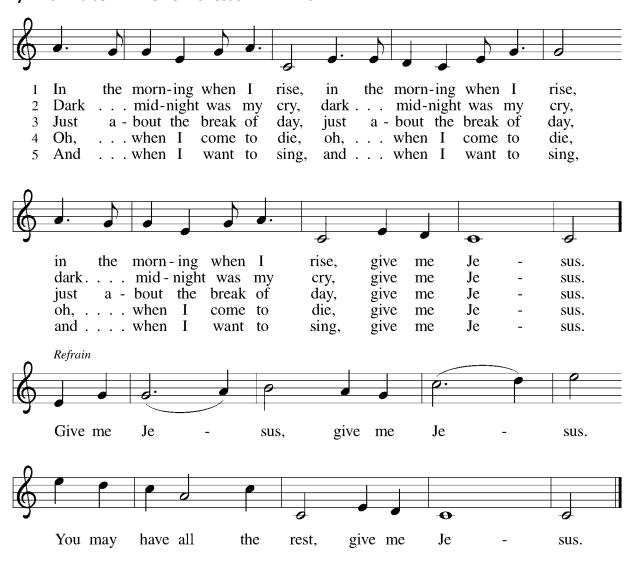
C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P 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. **C Amen.**

P Look, here is water!

C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Hymn of Praise Give Me Jesus – ELW 770



Prayer of The Day

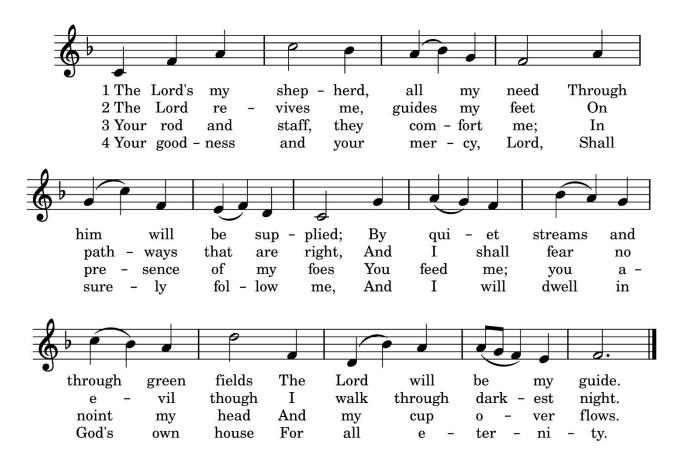
P The Lord be with you, **C and also with you.** P Let us pray.

Lesson: Acts 4:5-12

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life Congregation: Thanks be to God

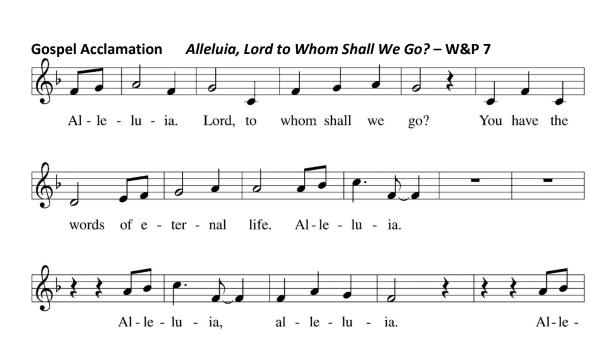
Psalm

Psalm 23 (ELW 239)



Lesson: 1 John 3:16-24

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life Congregation: Thanks be to God





Gospel: John 10:11-18

Response after the announcement: Glory to you, O Lord

Response after the conclusion of the reading: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Pastor Cyndi Jones

Hymn of the Day

The King of Love My Shepherd Is – ELW 502



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gent - ly laid, and home, com - fort still; thy cross 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thine unction grace bestoweth;

and, oh, what transport of delight

from thy pure chalice floweth!

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

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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 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

P Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

P God of Grace. C Hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P 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. **C Amen.**

Offering Invitation

Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift. Matthew 5: 23-24

The Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always. **C** And also with you. We invite you to share a sign of God's peace with those around you. Please remain in your pews

Anthem Appalachian Psalm Tom Lough, arr. Jon Paige Sanctuary Choir Heidi Courmousis: violin, Giselle Mendoza: guitar, Dan Sankey: banjo

Offering prayer

The Great Thanksgiving

- P The Lord be with you!
- C And also with you!
- P Lift up your hearts!
- C We lift them up to the Lord!
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God!
- C It is right to give our thanks and praise!

Eucharistic Prayer & Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Distribution of Communion we ask you to come to communion using the center aisle and return to your seat using the side aisle.

Communion Hymn I am the Bread of Life – ELW 485



Prayer after Communion

P Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

C Amen.

Announcements

Blessing

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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P The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope

→ bless you now and always.

C Amen.

Sending Hymn Have No Fear, Little Flock – ELW 764



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God!

works with you;

Dismissal

- P Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
- C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude Trumpet Tune Henry Purcell

Serving Us Today

Pastor: Cyndi Jones
Choir Director: Katy Lundeen
Organist: Charles F von Gunten,
Heidi Courmousis: Violin
Giselle Mendoza: Guitar
Dan Sankey: Banjo
Reader: Susan Gjerset

Communion Assistants: Rita Leatherman, Lewis TenHulzen, Gary Lange Welcome Team: Holly Boyle, Karen Creusere, Rita Leatherman Offering Couriers: Ruth Andersen, Emilie Lauchmen AV: Lewis John TenHulzen, Mitchell Little Slides Creator: Lorri Carlsen

All are Welcome! As a community of faith the members of Clairemont Lutheran Church/ Iglesia Luterana Clairemont are called to include all people seeking a relationship with Jesus, regardless of age, economic status, ethnic background, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation, immigration status or marital status. We gather as one congregation, worshiping in two languages, celebrating many cultures. We affirm that in Christ "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female" (Galatians 3:28)

FIRST TIME HERE? Welcome to Clairemont Lutheran Church. For those who are here for the first time we have a welcome gift for you on the table in the Narthex. Please see one of the greeters in the Narthex to receive your gift. Thank you for being with us today.

FOR THOSE IN NEED If you are facing challenges in life, we have cards with prayers for you, located on the table in the narthex on the following subjects. 1. Anxiety 2. Coping with the death of a loved one. 3. Dealing with discouragement and despair. 4. Hope. 5. Loneliness. 6. Need for forgiveness and 6. Patience.

Remember in Prayer: Sandy McCauley, Barb Coolong, Jack Volkmann, Mark Nickel, Barb Kanneman, Sue Brennecke, Adrienne Lenhoff, Paul Brown, Ken Hanson, LaRae Rabe, Renee Shepard, Clara, Our Pastors and CLC, and the Pince family, and all the homebound members.. Prayer requests will remain on the prayer list for 1 month. Please let us know if you would like us to continue to pray for this person. You can request a blue slip in the pews, or email or call the office.

We will be having a bilingual service on April 28th at 10:00am followed by a celebration for Pastor

Cyndi. We will provide breakfast for all following the service. We hope you can come and help celebrate all the wonderful things Pastor Cyndi has done for our Church. If you would like to show your appreciation for her dedicated service to our church in a combined gift, please make a check out to Clairemont Lutheran and write Pastor Cyndi Jones in the memo.

Next Week's Lessons: Acts 8:26-40, Psalm 22:25-31, 1 John 4:7-21, and the Gospel of John 15:1-8.

Gospel readings study Mondays at 4:00pm on Zoom.

(contact Bill Fredericks for more info William.h.fredericks@gmail.com)

Africa Empowering children: Thank you so much to the members of the Clairemont Lutheran for your continuous support. Your support helps the children continue in high school, for food, Books and supplies. May God Bless you, Nick & Judy.

Music Notes: The choir anthem is a setting of the text from Psalm 23. The folk harmonies and rhythms of this contemporary piece may lead you to hear the text differently than you have before.

The prelude *Sheep May Safely Graze* (German: *Schafe können sicher weiden*) was originally a soprano aria by Johann Sebastian Bach, written in 1713 as part of the cantata BWV 208, also known as the *Hunting Cantata*. It has passed into the 'greatest hits' category of J.S. Bach's music. The postlude is also a greatest hit. Henry Purcell was an English organist and composer at Westminster Abbey and a famous composer of Baroque music. Most frequently heard at weddings for the processional or recessional, this piece fits the overall jubilant tone of the Easter Season.



StayCONNECTED

Sunday, April 21

Rise and Shine choir at 1:30pm for Special Needs teens and adults

Monday, April 22

Gospel study at 4:00pm on zoom.

Choir Rehearsals:
Cherubs 4:15pm,
Glee Choir, grades 1-5th at 5:00pm,
Esperanza Youth Choir, grades 6th-12th at 6:00pm,
Sanctuary Choir, is for teens and Adults at 7:30pm.

Wednesday, April 24

Soup and Sanctuary at 6:00pm

Thursday, April 25

Sandwich ministry at 7:00am

Friday, April 26

Food Distribution 8-11:30pm,

Saturday, April 27

Bell rehearsal at 9:30am

Sunday, April 28

Bilingual service at 10:00am Followed by brunch hope you can join us to celebrate all the wonderful things Pastor Cyndi has done for our Church.