



**The Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**April 21, 2024**

**St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Bath, PA**

**Flowers presented in memory of Paul and Rose .**  
**by the Richard S. Family**

**Flowers & bulletins presented in honor of the**  
**50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Robin & Rosanne B.**

**Bulletins presented in memory of Departed Loved Ones**  
**by Mr. & Mrs. Scott S.**

Prelude: "Prelude in F"

arr. J. S. Bach

## Welcome and Announcements

### \*Confession and Forgiveness

*The assembly stands. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

\*P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

\*C: **Amen.**

\*P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

\*C: **Amen.**

\*P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

\*P: Most merciful God,

\*C: **we confess that we are in bondage 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**

*The minister addresses the congregation.*

\*P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

\*C: **Amen**

### Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us



1 Sav - ior like a shep - herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.  
 2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard - ian of our way;  
 3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;  
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use your fold pre - pare.  
 keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.  
 you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
 bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.  
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Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779-1847  
 Music: BRADBURY, William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

## **\*The Greeting**

\*P: 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.**

## **\*Prayer of the Day**

\*P: O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep,

\*C: **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.**

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

<sup>5</sup>The next day [the] 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."

## **Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24**

<sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] 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.

**\*Gospel Verse** (sung)

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***“Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia”***

**\*P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

**\*C:** (sung) **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

[Jesus said:]<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.”

**\*P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**\*C:** (sung) **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children’s Sermon/Sermon**

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**\*Apostles Creed**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and  
born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into  
hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into  
heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He  
will come again 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 Intercession**

**\*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.

*A brief silence.*

**\*V:** Shepherding God, gather your church whenever we wander from you and one another. Empower our church in ministries around the world to worship and serve alongside global companions as equal partners and coworkers in the gospel. Lord, in your mercy,

**\*C: Hear our prayer.**

**\*V:** Nurturing God, preserve the health of our Earth. Inspire scientists, researchers, conservation organizations, and all people entrusted with the task of caring for creation, that we may be better stewards of the world around us. Lord, in your mercy,

**\*C: Hear our prayer.**

**\*V:** Almighty God, lead nations and communities to share resources, cooperate in solving conflicts, and listen to the opinions of indigenous peoples. Help all those with power to share it and to use such power for good. Lord, in your mercy,

**\*C: Hear our prayer.**

\*V: Loving God, protect the very young and the very old, those living without housing, victims of domestic abuse, and all who live with chronic illness or compromised immune systems. Heal the sick. Guide communities to actively care for people who are vulnerable. Lord, in your mercy,

**\*C: Hear our prayer.**

\*V: Gracious God, help this and all communities of faith to listen for your voice. Call us away from things that distract us from following you. Invite us to more deeply love and serve people who are lonely, isolated, and on the margins. Lord, in your mercy,

**\*C: Hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

\*V: Living God, we give thanks for our ancestors in faith including Anselm of Canterbury and all who labored to help generations understand the good news of the gospel. Strengthen us to share the good news in our own day. Lord, in your mercy,

**\*C: Hear our prayer.**

\*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.**

### **\*The Peace**

\*P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always!

**\*C: And also with you.**

*The Peace will be shared between the Pastor and Congregation.*

### **\*Offering**

*The Offering may be dropped off at the beginning or end of the worship service.  
We will thank God for our blessings, including the ability to give an offering for the work of God's kingdom.*

### **Music at the Offering:**

(8 am) "Shepherd Medley"

arr. Cindy Berry

(10:15 am) "Jesus, Shepherd of My Heart"

arr. Hannibal/Lopez

### **\*Offertory Prayer**

\*P: Risen One,

\*C: **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**

### **\*The Thanksgiving**

\*P: It is indeed right we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever living God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels we praise Your holy name and join their unending hymn:

\***Sanctus** (sung)

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**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

### **\*The Words of Institution**

\*P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

\*P: Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.



**\*Lord's Prayer**

**\*C:** 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.

**\*Agnus Dei (sung)**

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**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace.**

**\*Invitation to Communion**

**\*P:** The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

*The bread and wine/grape juice will be distributed in the front of the church. If you would like to partake in your pew, please ask pastor to get you a pre-packaged communion set or ask an usher.*

**\*Post-Communion Blessing**

**\*P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you onto everlasting life. Amen.

**\*Post Communion Canticle**

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***Thank the Lord and sing his praise;  
tell everyone what he has done.***

***Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.  
He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with  
shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.***

**\*Prayer after Communion**

\*P: Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

\*C: **Amen.**

**\*Benediction**

\*P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

\*C: **Amen.**

**\*Hymn LBW #456** *“The King of Love, My Shepherd Is”* (8:00 AM vs 1-2)

**\*Dismissal**

\*P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

\*C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: *“Postlude in B-flat”*

arr. Pilland/Rossini

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**Assisting in Worship Today**

**Altar Guild** - Gloria M., Judy F.

**8:00 AM - Ushers** - Tegi O., Wanda F.

**Lector:** Kathy W. - **Acolyte:** Haylee H.

**Communion Assistant:** Kathy W., John P.

**10:15 AM - Ushers** - Volunteers

**Lector:** Samantha A. - **Acolyte:** Rowan S.

**Communion Assistant:** Samantha A., Jim G.

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## **Upcoming Commemorations**

**Anselm, Bishop of Canterbury, died 1109, Sunday, April 21, 2024.**

This eleventh-century monk was one of the greatest theologians of the Middle Ages. He is remembered for emphasizing the maternal aspects of God, and for the theory that the Son of God became human in order to make the necessary payment for our sin. **Day of the Creation (Día de la Creación), Monday, April 22, 2024.** This observance invites us to notice and give God thanks for the wonders of the created universe.

As stewards of that creation, we are also challenged to be careful in our use of it.

**Toyohiko Kagawa, renewer of society, died 1960,**

**Tuesday, April 23, 2024.** Born in Kobe, Japan, Kagawa was orphaned

as a young child. Later, when he became Christian, he was disowned by the rest of his family. Wishing to bring Christian principles into

society, he worked among poor people, established schools and

hospitals, and worked for peace. **Mark, Evangelist, Thursday, April**

**25, 2024.** He was not numbered among the twelve apostles, yet Mark

was probably a member of the early church community. The gospel

that bears his name is the shortest and most direct, and many scholars

think it was the first to be written.

## **Welcome to St. John's!**

We are glad that you are here to worship with us! We are in the midst of the Easter Season, which celebrates the presence of the Risen Christ with the disciples.

During the Easter Season we will light the Pascal Candle, the large candle located at the foot of the pulpit, which symbolizes the presence of the Resurrected Jesus with today's Christians who worship at St. John's or any other church. Our Bible readings will come from the Book of Acts, the first letter of Peter, and the Gospel of St. John. We rejoice in proclaiming that Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!

You may be new to St. John's, new to the Bath area, new to Lutheran worship, or may have never before set foot in a church.

Regardless how often you have sat in church we are glad to have you join us. We invite you to listen to the service, enjoy the music, and say prayers for yourself and all who are need. Have questions? Can't find the right page? Please see Pastor Terry or ask any of the ushers.

You are welcome. All are welcome. All are welcome in this place.

**Online Giving Option:** We share with you the new e-giving platform, Vanco. This platform provides a secure and user-friendly way to give to our church online, and we are confident that it will make giving more convenient for many members of our congregation. You can give now at this website link: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZAB8>. Whether you choose to give online or in person, your support is vital to the continued success of our church community. grateful for your generosity and commitment to our shared mission. Thank you again for all that you do.



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**Today's Announcements - Sunday, April 21, 2024**  
**The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**This Week at St. John's**

4/21/2024 - Sun.	Worship/Communion	8:00 AM
	Sunday School	9:00 AM
	45 Min Bible Study	9:15 AM
	Worship/Communion	10:15 AM
	Masked Worship/Comm. (Library)	11:45 AM
4/22/2024 - Mon.	Quilters	9:00 AM-Noon
	Girl Scouts	6:00 PM
4/25/2024 -Thurs.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	8:00 AM
4/28/2024 - Sun.	Worship	9:00 AM
	Sunday School	9:15 AM
	45 Min Bible Study	10:15 AM
	Worship	11:45 AM
	Masked Worship (Library)	

**Save the Date:** Sunday May 5, 2024 please join the future of St. John's when the Sunday school children sing during the 10:15 am worship service. They will be the highlight of the children's sermon!

**Nursery School Enrollment 2024-2025:** Do you know someone looking for a great place to enroll their child in nursery school? Look no further and share the word, we have an amazing program and teachers here at St. John's Bath. Enrollment forms are available through Dawn Mayer at 610-837-9868 or by e-mailing [stjohnbath@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnbath@gmail.com). Classes for 2, 3, and 4-year old's.

**Save the Date:** Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 3:00 pm you are invited to join us as we gather to rededicate the pipe Organ with a special recital. Special guest musicians will join Kevin to show us how the newly restored organ can sing.

**Thank you:** Thank you to the Molasses Crumb Pie baking volunteers. Many pies were made with delicious results including fellowship.

**Prayers Requested For:** Matthew A., Jim A., Eileen A., Phyllis & Joe A., Amy B., Allen B., Marsha B., Josie B., the B. Family, Barb B., Cory B., Jason C., Bev F., Barry F., Laverne F., Kathy F., Lilly F., Arya G., Eileen & Frank H., Shawn H., Troy H., Robert H., Chuck H., Scott & Heather H., Seana I., Dennis K., Gerry K., Lee L., Shirley L., Jorge L., Ruth M., The M. Family, Joe N., Danielle N., Samantha O., Arlene O., Brent R., Earl & Steve S., Ethel S., Louise S., Barb S., Beth S., the family of Jerry S., Rosalia S., Gloria S., Dolly T., James T., Stacey T., Ann U., Viola W., Rev. Jay W., Lisa W., Brenda W., LaNor W., Cecile W., Galen W., Susan W., Richard Y., Yvonne Y., Pauline Y., Francis Z., and those unnamed.

***If you would like to add or remove a person from the prayer list, contact the Church Office (610-837-1061).***