



GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY & THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 21, 2024
8 & 10 AM



Worship Resources . . .
Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW - red hymnal in side pocket of your chair)
Now the Feast and Celebration (NFC—Liturgy on inside back cover of ELW)
✚ *Indicates a moment to make the sign of the cross remembering you are a child of God*

Prelude We Walk by Faith James Biery

Greeting

Thanksgiving for Baptism

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

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: Look, here is water!

Congregation: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Pastor: 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 because 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!

Congregation: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Pastor: 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.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: Look, here is water!

Congregation: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie NFC p. 4

Hymn of Praise Now the Feast NFC p. 5

Prayer of the Day

Assisting Minister: 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.

Congregation: Amen.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

WORD

First Reading

The next day the rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, 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 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. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Acts 4:5-12

Second Reading

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. 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? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. 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. 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.

1 John 3:16-24

Gospel Verse (stand) Alleluia NFC p. 8

Gospel

Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 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. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. 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. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. 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."

John 10:11-18

Pastor: (following the Gospel reading) This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Hymn of the Day Have No Fear Little Flock ELW Hymn #764

Procession of our Sunday School students

Sermon (8 am) Deaconess Kathryn Freund

Spring Sing

Journey through the Bible

Story One: The Tower of Babel	Song: Babblin' On
Story Two: Abraham and Sarah	Song: Father Abraham
Story Three: God Loves us from the inside out!	Song: If you're Happy
Story Four: John the Baptist	Song: Pharoah, Pharoah

Many thanks to all those who participated this morning and to all who have been active in Sunday School as teachers, leaders, check in volunteers and of course, to our students for helping us to share the Good News of God's love!

Nicene Creed NFC p. 10

Prayers of the Community

Assisting Minister: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed...God of grace, **Congregation... hear our prayer.** (additional intercessions will follow)

Sharing of Peace

The people may greet one another as you are comfortable with a sign of Christ's peace and may say "Peace be with you" or similar words. As you are greeting one another in the main aisle, you may wish to lift your head toward the center camera above the doorway and greet the congregation online with a peace sign or wave.
Response: And also with you.

Jesus told his followers not to worry, saying he came to satisfy hunger and thirst and testify to life's abundance. Like Jesus, our faith invites us to see God's goodness and reject fear and scarcity. When we give an offering, we practice trusting Jesus that we will be alright and have enough to share. When we give, we let generosity draw us into something bigger and richer than ourselves, lives of meaning and purpose, and God's mission for well-being and flourishing.

To give an offering online to support God's ministries through Holy Cross, go to donate.holycrosschurch.org



MEAL

Offering
Offertory Response As the Grains of Wheat NFC p. 11

Offertory Prayer
Pastor: 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.

Congregation: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving NFC p. 12

Holy, Holy, Holy NFC p. 13

Eucharistic Prayer/Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer NFC p. 15

Invitation to Communion
Pastor: The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

Communion Hymn Lamb of God NFC p. 16

Distribution

Post Communion Blessing ... **Congregation: Amen**

Post-Communion Prayer
Assisting Minister: 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.
Congregation: Amen

SENDING

Announcements

Benediction
Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Congregation: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
Pastor: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope bless you now and always.
Congregation: Amen.

Dismissal
Assisting Minister: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
Congregation: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude Miles Lane Paul Wright



PRAYER MINISTRY

ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS: (in alphabetical order): Jacob Allen; Nora Ancona; Dessie Arnold; Mark Austin; Justin Bach; Carol Bajorek; Ann Balduino; Barbara Baron; Melissa Becke; Judy Becker; Marilyn Benson; Bruce Berger; Veronica Bertucci; Lucas & Aimee Bond; Barbara Bose; Neil Boushell; Blake Boyer; David Brady; Michelle Brewer; Marcy Brosten; Dan Brown; Bridget Brennan; Marilyn Brennan; Nolan Bruett; Deborah Buckman; John Bullert; Zach Burge; Jane Caccamo; Irene Campbell; Mason Cappaert; Mary Carlson; David Casbon; Kelly Chartier; Kristin Chipman; Brandon Christiansen; Martin Chrobak; Kevin Clark; McKinley Clark; Claus Family; Robert Collins; Julie Compisi; Donna Coninx; Beth Cotter; Christine Coyne; Camden Cromer; Mike David; Dory Delatorre; Doug DeGrazia; Tom DeLeeuw; Susie Deress; Diane Desmond; Sheryl Dikelsky; Gail Dillon; Karen Dorn; Bob Dornbush; Robert Douglas; Dennis Doval; Sandy Downes; Diane Duffy; Suzanne Eerlandson Jim Fehling; Marcia Fischer; Karen Fitzgerald; Brian Frank; Bob Franz; John Fuller; John Gannon; Tim Garcia; Janet Gengler; Janet George; Noah Glusenkamp; Robert Goldstein; Edward Gonwa; Scott Good; Ed Grevers; Joyce Guccione; Sharon Hammer; Kaleb Hansens; Kevin Harper; Deborah Harvey; Sarah Haselow; Sue Hauder; Connor Healy; Wayne Hiitola; The Hoover Family; Chris Hovland; Maribeth Hlupic; Catherine Jacobus; Richard Janis; Cyndee Jennrich; Liz Jenson; Ben Johnson; Bruce Johnson; Curt Johnson; Ashley Junkunc; Sarah Kalgren; Angel Selzle Keiser; Rebecca Keith; Sheila Kerley; William Kerley; Kyle King; Nancy Kingsley; Jean Kinsley; Kate Wheeler Kirwan; Jeannie Knight; Brian Koebeck; Jason & Melissa Koebeck; Ken Kozlick; Jeff Kramer; Steve Kreske; Abby Krohne; Heidi Kuehn and parents Leo Kuehn; Johnny Kukla; Daryl Larson; Scott Lauth; Mary Leimer; Darline Leland; Dave LeMieux; Tom Lepper; Betty Lindsey; Stan Livermore; Eric Loge; David Main; Marilyn Martin; Judie Mason; Arlene McCue; Brenda Medeiros; Danny Meixelsperger; Lori Merritt; Allan Meyer; Herb Meyer; Tim Meyer; Patrick Milbourne; Bernie & Halla Miller; Ryan Miller; Megan Mills; Barb Minczewski; Donna Mongeon; Wendel Mongeon; Santos Mora; Mark Morgan; John Monteleone; Lyela Moraw; Joshua Moshier; Anne Mrazek; Leah Mueller; Lynn Mueller; Gregory Munch; Karen Najdoski; Judith Nelson; Chris Niemi; Linda Norby; Bob Nordland, Sr.; Shelley Norling; Eva & Robert Norstrom; Eileen O'Keefe; Delaney O'Leary; Marian Olson; Mike O'Malley; Warren Opfer; Dasha Palic Raymond Palumbo; Barb Parker; Carl Patek; Ken & Karen Patek; Lisa Reed Peloza; Dave Peloza; Jayden Penny; David Petta; Becca Peterson; Olivia Peterson; Sarah Peterson; Erich Picking; Kathy Pitts; Ann Porter; Lisa Price; Al Ragazzi; Eddie Ramos; Janet Rardin; Patty Reasor; Sue Reim; Carol Remissong; Shawn Revell; Colt Rever; Kristen Rewalt; Jenna Rietveld Annie Rizzo; Brook Rosberg; Carl Rose; Roland Russell; Carrie Salbeck; Jeremy Salame; Jim Salmon; Elliott San; Mario Sankus; Harold Sargent; Dolores Sattle; John Schumacher; Frank Scolia; Gay Scott; Mark Sendef; Frank Shanahan; Tiffany Sharp; Mark Shutes; Miriam Smith; Terri Solomon; Kelly Sullivan; Stephanie Suo; Mary Syrup; Hilda Teuffel; Dee Thomas; Susan Thomas; Mike Thompson; Mary Twardock; Two Strike Community on the Rosebud Reservation; John Uganski; Julie Urban; Sarah Vadasz; Lynn Walsh; Tika Walsh; Al Varoni & John Wasilk; Sue Westerfield; Tom Westerman; Scott White; Rowdy Wiita; Lorena Williams; Patti Woods; Myrna Wylie; Heather Yapelli; Dick Yetke; Sophia Zemitas

APRIL PRAYER CONCERNS: For all the Men & Women who have been wounded as well as those serving in the Armed Forces; Sharon Vogel; George Farnsworth; Jack Bakke; Erika Brown Thomas; Spencer White; Keith Young; Stephen Jordan & Andrea Ariss; Jean Cameron; Annette Feldman; Jenet Bakke, Jim Gray; Karen Wetterling; Blake Stabenow; Lauren Hartman; Bev Stokes; Annette Roman; Kevin Clark; Kim Reif; Dave Johnson; Dorothy Welch; Arlene Niemi; Heidi Kuehn; Ken Juke; Ann Livermore; Evan Holly; Gene & Kathy Gosch; Mark Schutz; Nick Varzandeh; Melissa Koebeck; Helen Gaydusek; Bill Froemke; David Janowski; Nancy Carani; Nancy Wilkins; Bob Blondin; Raef Stolp; Kyra Smith; Mike Kachuri; Bert Bevins, Marie Mauter, Sullivan Dennhardt; Harold Oelschlager; Carol West; Judy Luplow; Joy Bishop; Joyce Horvath; John Hacholski; Sheryle Magliozzi; Judy Sick; Patrick Burns; Kristine Knutson; Julia Coachrun; Robyn Ward; Nan Orbison; Lois Hall; Bernie & Halla Miller; Judy Graham; Chuck Peters; Judy Sullivan; Christina Brewer; Paul Vanderwerf; Bob Blondin; Donna Giese; Tom Maki; Randy Westman; Tom Westman; Lincoln Ross; Hannah Stieber; Marji Thummel; Amy Marion; Carol Bajorek; The Moraw Family; Marge Stueckemann; Gordon Oakes; Mikayla Finneran, niece of Dave & Jill McKeon: all those traveling to Croatia

Our prayers of sympathy are extended to the family and friends of Joan Rutledge, friend of Judy Solterman, upon her recent passing.

Our prayers of sympathy are extended to the family and friends of Brian Johnson, uncle of Dave Johnson, upon his recent passing.

Our prayers of sympathy are extended to the family and friends of Patricia Eklund, mother of Pam Eklund, upon her recent passing.

WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH!

We offer a traditional Communion table with individual wafers and individual cups. Distribution will take place during the service. For those who do not wish to come forward for Communion, we will continue to provide an optional distribution practice of "individually packaged communion kits" that will be available at the table upon entry to the sanctuary. Please take a kit with you if you plan to participate in this manner. Gluten free wafers are also available upon request.

Families desiring nursery support for children ages 0-3 are welcome to use our professionally staffed nursery located in the CrossWays Preschool area to the left of the main entrance from 9:30-11:30 am. Families with older children who may still need to have some activity to keep them engaged are welcome to utilize our Prayground in the front of the sanctuary or our Busy Bags found on the reverse side of the mini wall in the Gathering Space.

We encourage you to utilize online giving at donate.holycrosschurch.org, mail your gifts or drop them into the offering plate.

Worship Resources . . .

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW - red hymnal in side pocket of your chair)

✠ *Indicates a moment to make the sign of the cross remembering you are a child of God.*

As we livestream worship, please be aware that in-person attendance implies consent to be included in livestreamed and recorded worship services and still photos. If you would like to limit the possibility of being visible in the videos, please sit towards the back of the sanctuary.



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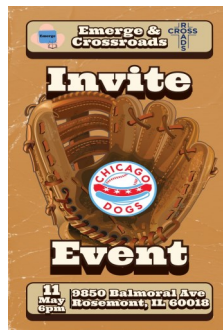
TODAY'S WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Director of Early Faith Formation Ministries	Deaconess Katie Freund	
Director of Contemp. Music & Worship Tech Arts	Dale Tippett, Jr.	
Organist	Paul Vander Weele	
	8:00 am	10:00 am
Assisting Minister	Peg Chartier	Marshall Jowers
Reader	Sarah Accettura	volunteer requested
Greeters	Spencer Chartier	Martha Kuceyeski
Ushers	Diane Duffy, John Johnson	Gail Kelly, Tim Ness
Communion Assistants	Dan & Sarah Accettura, Bill Brewer	Mary Price, Cheryl Turner, Therese Dellia Paoli, Kathy Jowers
Altar Care	Betsy Wold	Tracy Kinsella
AV Team	Ryan Berger, Corbin Chartier, Justin Smith	Ryan Berger, Corbin Chartier, Justin Smith
Worship Coordinator	Darin Chartier	Donna Thomey

THIS HOUR HAS SEVEN DAYS

Sunday	8:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion, sanctuary
	9:00 am	Coffee hour, fellowship area
	9:45 am	Sunday School, west wing, atrium
	10:00 am	Emerge Nurture Event, 208
	10:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion, sanctuary including Spring Sing
Monday	6:00 pm	Strength & Core, west wing, 402
	6:00 pm	MP3, Men of Purpose, Principle and Prayer, fellowship area
	7:00 pm	BSA Troop #194 meeting, west wing, 402
	7:00 pm	Stephen Ministry meeting, 208
Tuesday	7:00 am	Men's Breakfast Group, Liberty Restaurant
	9:30 am	Women's Discussion Group, 208,
	4:00 pm	Red Rose Children's Choir, 402 & 404
	7:00 pm	Holy Cross Choir rehearsal, sanctuary
Wednesday	9:00 am	Quilting & More Group, west wing, 404
	4:00 pm	Red Rose Children's Choir, 402 & 404
Thursday	7:00 pm	Book Club Zoom Meeting
Friday	6:30 pm	LIFT: Bingo, Bunco and Bites, fellowship area
Sunday	8:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion, sanctuary
	9:00 am	Coffee Hour, fellowship area
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion, sanctuary

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME! Emerge and Crossroads Youth Invite Event



Join us for an evening of fun, hotdogs, and fireworks with the Chicago Dogs! The game is **scheduled for Saturday, May 11 at 6pm**. If you need a ride, we'll be meeting at Holy Cross at 5pm and carpooling. There will be no cost for tickets to this event.

Students and Chaperones should RSVP with the Youth and Family Director Edwin Andrade at (520) 370-9572 or edwin@holycrosschurch.org

PRAYER LIST UPDATES As you can see on the left panel of the bulletin, we do have an active prayer ministry here at Holy Cross. While the monthly prayer concerns are current and up to date as much as can be, the ongoing prayer concerns could use some review. If you have a friend, family member, neighbor or concern in the ongoing prayers, please consider providing an update to Sarah Accettura (sarah@holycrosschurch.org) in the church office. Our prayer team can be made aware of names removed from the list or an update can be provided to the team about any specific needs. Thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NURSERY OPEN Holy Cross is pleased to offer nursery care for our smallest members and guests. A professional childcare staff member will provide nursery care for ages 0-3 from **9:30-11:30 am on Sunday mornings** in the CrossWays preschool area. We are happy to have little ones at worship (Busy Bags are located on the back side of the short wall in the gathering space), in our prayground to the front left of the altar area, or within our nursery area. Please use any or all of these options to help your littles feel welcome and comfortable at worship.

SUNDAY SCHOOL will be held this morning in the CrossWays preschool area as Celebration! is set for the Paper Pie Book Fair. And many thanks to our Sunday School children and teachers for their participation in Spring Sing this morning at 10 am worship.

STAFFING FOR PASTORAL NEEDS DURING CROATIA TRIP While Pastor Chris and Pastor Bob are leading the Croatia tour, Deaconess Katie will be the staff person responding to any pastoral need. Please contact the church office or Deaconess Katie at 847-367-4060 from April 20-May 1, 2024.

WISHES To help our Celebration! and CrossWays teachers with their wishes for their classrooms, we will host our WISHES campaign this morning between the services. Our centers would like to replace bikes and trikes that are in need of replacement. Monetary donations will be used toward the purchase of these items and others during these dates. Help to make a wish come true!

PADS: FILL THE PANTRY Thank you to all for your donations to the PADS Pantry! You have certainly helped share God's love and blessing with those in need. Donations will continue to be collected today and future donations to PADS may be dropped into the bins located outside of the church office.

BOOK CLUB Due to a scheduling conflict in March, our April event will cover two books: *Cold Sassy Tree* and *Land of Milk and Honey*. Join us on **Thursday, April 25 at 7 pm** for a good Zoom conversation! Heidi Dinter and Felicia Brandt will be out discussion leaders.

Zoom link: holycrosschurch.zoom.us/j/94321824417

LIFT: LIVING IN FAITH TOGETHER Our next women's event will be "Bingo, Bunco and Bites"! Join us on **Friday, April 26 from 6:30—9 pm** as we play bingo, bunco and share our favorite appetizers! All are welcome and both games will be taught so no prior experience is needed! Bring your favorite snack to share and come join the fun. **Please RSVP at bit.ly/LIFTbbb** for a count for our table set up. If you would like to come, but prefer not to drive, please let Beth Ann Koenemann know (847) 997-9937 and we will make arrangements for a ride.

MISSION ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP

Through the Mission Endowment Fund, Holy Cross provides scholarships to assist and encourage post high school education. These scholarships may be used at an accredited college, university or vocational technical school. Requirements are that you be an active member of Holy Cross and that you submit an application form including a thoughtful faith statement. Applications are available online at holycrosschurch.org/resources and completed **applications are due by April 30.**

COOL PLANT AND FLOWER SALE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Thank you to all who have ordered their spring plants from the plant sale! Volunteers are needed to help at pick up on **Saturday, May 11 from 11:30am - 2 pm at Bethel Lutheran Church, 5110 Grand Ave., Gurnee.** Multiple shifts are available between 6:30 am and 2:30 pm. To volunteer, sign up online at bit.ly/COOLplanthelp Please address any questions to Terry Berger, Patty Moyer, Jeri Powers or Diane Rammelsberg at plantsale@coolministries.org