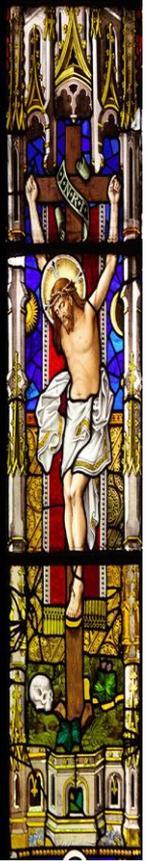


By this
we know
love...

1 John 3:16



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WELCOME! We hope that this service will be a blessing to you.

THE SERVICE BEGINS

P We begin this service IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER:

C O Mighty God, you raised your Son from the grave on the third day, defeating the power of death forever!

P AND OF THE SON:

C O Jesus Christ, our Risen Savior, we praise you for your glorious Resurrection victory, and, like the disciple Thomas, we confess you as our Lord and God!

P AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

C O Spirit of power and might, guide us by your Word, that we may know the Lord, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings.

All: AMEN!

OPENING SONG: "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

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WE CONFESS

P Let us confess our sins, and hear the forgiveness of God.

C Like the apostle Peter, O Lord, our faith has sometimes wavered. There are days when we confess by our words and our lives that "You are the Christ, the son of the living God!" There are days when we are ready to walk on water with you. But then have come also those days when we have denied you by our words and our lives. Forgive us, Lord! Restore us to fellowship with you and one another!

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION

P When Jesus Christ arose triumphant from the grave, he did not come back to take revenge on those who had persecuted him, nor on those who had disappointed him. He came to restore them. To the disciples, huddled together in a locked room, He came and said, "Peace be with you." To the people of Jerusalem, he sent his apostles with a message of mercy and forgiveness. To Peter, who had denied Him three times, He gave the chance to confess Him three times. And He restored Peter to his call as a servant and apostle in His kingdom, saying to him, "Feed my lambs." These

same words of restoration are for you! All your sins are forgiven.
Come, be an apostle in Christ's kingdom! His peace be with you!

C And also with you.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING

Acts 4:1-12

¹As {Peter and John} were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ²greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand. ⁵On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead — by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹²And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

P The Word of our Lord **C** Thanks be to God

PSALM 23 (Read responsively by whole verse)

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SECOND READING

1 John 3:16-24

¹⁶By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷But 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? ¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. ¹⁹By this we shall know that we

are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²²and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And 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. ²⁴Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

P The Word of our Lord **C** Thanks be to God

GOSPEL

John 10:11-18

¹¹{Jesus said,} “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He 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. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶And 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. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸No 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 The Gospel of our Lord **C** Thanks be to God

SERMON:

“CHRIST’S LOVE; OUR CONNECTION TO OTHERS”

SONG: “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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OFFERING

RESPONSIVE READING

- L I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and its rider he has thrown into the sea.
- C The Lord is my strength and my song; he has been my Savior.
- L This is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.
- C Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power, your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.
- L Who among the gods is like you, O Lord? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor, doing wonders?
- C In your mercy you led forth the people you set free; you guided them in your strength to your holy habitation.
- L You will bring them in and plant them on the mount that is your possession.
- C The place, O Lord, you have made for your dwelling, the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have prepared. The Lord shall reign forever and ever.
- L Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
- C as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen
- CLOSING SONG:** "He Is Arisen! Glorious Word!" **LBW 138**
- P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!
- C Thanks be to God!

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BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

Rosalie Warren 4/23
Rich Joos 4/28
Ben Watson 5/1

Ashley Mielke 4/24
Mark Brykowski 4/29

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS!!!

Herb & Dolores Plote 4/24/54
Burt & Pamela Andrews 4/24/99
Mark & Cindy Stoll 4/25/15
Brian & Ashley Mielke 4/27/13



Thank you

Thank you for the concerns, cards and prayers for my speedy recovery of my broken foot and pulled ligaments. Jean Bauer

Thank you so much for remembering me during the "Easter Season". It has been trying to celebrate the season with no church as this time. I worship by TV as much as possible. Many soul searchings and prayers went up to God in my room. God promised He would hear our prayers, wherever we were. His love is immeasurable, so we need not worry. I know the love of my church family and it is so comforting. Thank you for the beautiful lily plant. God Loves you and so do I!
In Christ, Nancy Bakanas

FACE MASKS

New face mask guidelines for Sunday services. Starting, April 18th, seating will be as follows:

Reserve the FIRST pews on either side of the aisle for the Lay reader and acolyte, and their families.

If you wear a face mask throughout the service, please sit on the right side (Pulpit side) of the church.

If you are without a face mask during worship, sit on the left side (Podium side) of the church.

Everyone, wear a mask when going up to the communion rail and when returning to your seat. Please wear your mask upon entering and exiting the church as well.

PARISH CONCERNS

Please keep in your daily prayers all people in need, including those mentioned here:

- Louie Mielke will be having a biopsy on Friday, April 30.
- Ben Blobaum, our Seminarian, for discernment about an internship position.
- Jackie Conner, Jo Boehmer's niece, continues to undergo chemo for pancreatic cancer.
- Janet, Jo Boehmer's cousin, is on a ventilator. She is able to respond to commands – squeezing hands, etc.
- Pray for God to lead a new Pastor to us.
- All those who are not able to worship with us because they are in health care facilities or homebound: Ina Koehler, Nancy Bakanas and George Vodden.
- All those who are suffering physical or mental illness, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams.
- Our church and its activities, and all Christian churches.
- Persecuted Christians throughout the world.
- All affected by violent crimes, accidents, and natural disasters.
- May God bless America, our president, elected leaders, police officers, first responders, and military personnel, that they hear, and receive God's guidance and protection.
- The NALC, NALS, the Great Rivers Mission District, all Christian churches, and our partners in SC and PA.