## **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

# April 21, 2024

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Welcome to all our Guests and Visitors worshipping with us

today! Whoever you are and from whatever walk

of life you come -- we welcome you in Jesus' name. May you find in Him, the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Do come again! If you have no Church home, we invite you to join our fellowship. The Pastor will be pleased to discuss membership with you. **Please take a moment to introduce yourself and to sign our guest register in the narthex** (please include full mailing address or email address). May the Lord bless your worship with us today. We would be pleased to have you return again!



### Remember in your prayers:

• all who are sick, hospitalized, or shut in, especially all members of our church family, including: Grace Bowley, Doreen Doering,

Marlene Miller, Trena Neuman;

- all who are dealing with various health issues;
- Jude Frey and his grandfather as they are on a month long journey in Mexico;
- our organists as they serve God's people;
- the leaders of our congregations and parish;
- the pastor of our parish and all pastors of the synod;
- our neighbours and friends that they might respond favourably to our invitation to come meet Jesus in our midst.

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### Holy Communion is celebrated today.



The Sacrament of the Altar is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, for us Christians to eat and to drink, instituted by Christ Himself.

Jesus Christ is present in the sacrament by His Word and we receive His gifts through faith for the assurance of the forgiveness of our sins and for strength to live new life in Him.

Our practice of closed communion is the historic practice of the church. It is prompted by love, both for God's Word and God's people. It does not deny that members of other denominations are Christians. Rather, it acknowledges God's deep concern for doctrinal truth (Rom. 16:17) and the Bible's witness that doctrinal unity is central to the common reception of this sacrament.

For this reason, guests who desire to commune are asked to speak with the pastor before the service. Please mark the registration sheet for communion and worship attendance in the narthex. Those who are not yet confirmed are welcome to come to receive a blessing, but are asked to keep their hands folded.

**To Be Received** into the Holy Christian Church and membership at St. Matthew's today, through the promise of God in the Water and Word of Holy Baptism is:

> Dalton Joseph Dube the son of Jacob Dube and Holly Scherloski

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. (Romans 6:3-4)

**Bible Class** continues this Wednesday at 7:30 P.M. with our study of *The Messiah: Revealing Jesus in the Old Testament*.

Pastor Wood will be leading service for the residents at **Crocus Court** on Thursday at 9:30 A.M. If you would like to assist with singing etc. you are invited to do so. A brief communion service will follow for our Lutheran residents.

**The LWMLC Spring renewal** will be hosted at St. Matthew's on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M. (MB). All are invited to attend. Please see the poster on the entrance door for more information.

Jesus calls His followers to undergo transformation, endure opposition, and engage others in conversation. Hear Rev. Dr. Michael

At Jesus' feet last week				
	Grace	St. Matthew's		
<b>Divine Service</b>	17	42		
Communion	17	35		
Confirmation		3		
Bible Class		10		

Zeigler's message entitled **"We Can't Stop Talking"** based on Acts 4:20 next Sunday on The Lutheran Hour.

This Week in the Grace - St. Matthew's Parish:			
Today	- Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at St. Matthew's	9:30 A.M. (MB)	
	- Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at Grace	10:30 A.M. (SK)	
Tuesday	- Junior Confirmation at St. Matthew's	4:00 P.M – 5:30 P.M. (MB)	
Wednesday	- Bible Class hosted at St. Matthew's	7:30 P.M. (MB)	
Thursday	- Service at Crocus Court	9:30 A.M. (MB)	
Next Sunday	- Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at St. Matthew's	9:30 A.M. (MB)	
	- Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at Grace	10:30 A.M. (SK)	

### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER APOLOGY OF THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION ARTICLE XIIA, REPENTANCE

The adversaries say that sin is pardoned because a contrite person brings forth an act of love to God, and by this act deserves the forgiveness of sins. This is nothing but teaching the Law, the Gospel being blotted out, and the promise about Christ being abolished. For they require only our works because the Law demands love. Besides, they teach us to be confident that we obtain forgiveness of sins because of contrition and love. What else is this than to put confidence in our works, not in God's promise about Christ? But if the Law is enough for receiving the forgiveness of sins, what need is there of the Gospel? What need is there of Christ if we receive forgiveness of sins because of our own work? We, on the other hand, call consciences away from confidence in their own works to confidence in the promise and Christ. We do so because the Gospel presents Christ to us and freely promises the forgiveness of sins for Christ's sake. In this promise it asks us to trust, namely, that we are reconciled to the Father for Christ's sake, not for the sake of our own contrition or love. For there is no other Mediator or Atoning Sacrifice than Christ. Neither can we do the works of the Law unless we have first been reconciled through Christ. We must believe that for Christ's sake, as Mediator and Atoning Sacrifice, we receive the forgiveness of sins. (paragraphs 75-76)

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### Life Quotes

"Scripture and prayer are our strongest weapons to change hearts, and we must persist and never give up, no matter how disappointing things get with evil laws being enacted or evil intent coming our way." *Virginia Flo, Director of Volunteer Relations, Lutherans For Life* **A "Life Quote" is from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org.** 



**About the Cover:** The Good Shepherd does not withhold His own life for His sheep. He laid down His life on Good Friday as a sacrifice for our sins in order to take it up again on Easter Sunday. He did it all of His own authority for us. Therefore, we know that when He takes our lives up like the Good Shepherd that He is, we are in good hands that will carry us safely to eternal life.



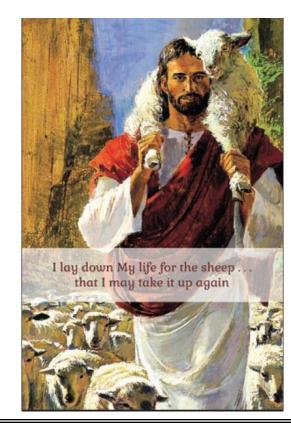
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# April 21 Anno Domini 2024 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER PROCLAIMING CHRIST AND HIM CRUCIFIED, RISEN, ASCENDED, AND RETURNING

Divine Service – 9:30 A.M. (MB) November 3, 2024 - March 9, 2025: Divine Service 11:30 A.M.

Grace Lutheran Church, Zorra, SK Divine Service – 10:30 A.M. (SK) November 3, 2024 - March 9, 2025: Divine Service 9:30 A.M.



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