

Today's Worship at Our Savior's

4th Sunday of Easter – April 21, 2024 - 10:00 a.m.

**Please stand as you are able*

GATHERING

Gathering Music: "House of God, Forever" – by Jon Foreman

Welcome

*Song: "How Great is Our God"

*Song: "Might to Save"

Greeting and Prayer of the Day

*All children are welcome in worship!
Children (birth - 3) are also welcome
in the nursery, located on the west
hallway and staffed by two adults
during the 10am service.*

WORD

Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

Mary Lauck

¹⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How 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?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And 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. ²⁴All 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem: "Psalm 23" - Richard Long

SANCTUARY CHOIR

*Gospel Reading: John 10:11-18

Response after the announcement: "Glory to you, O Lord!"

[Jesus said:] ¹¹"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The 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. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care 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. ¹⁶I 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. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No 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."

Response after the reading: "Praise to you, O Christ!"

Sermon: "Hired or Inspired?"

Pastor John Knutson

*Song: "Amazing Grace" - ELW # 779

*Apostles' Creed

Prayers

...God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Prayers for healing and strength for: Scotty Hontz, Bob Hummels (son of Ken & Letha Hummels),
Donna Henry

Prayers of sympathy for the families of: Brynlee Cowan (infant granddaughter of Jim & Kathy Cowan)

MEAL

Offering Prayer

Announcements & *Making a Difference* Moment

Children's Time (*children join us*)

*Sharing of the Peace

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*Great Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

*Lord's Prayer & Distribution

Song: "Never Once" - insert

Blessing and Prayer

SENDING

*The Blessing (*sung*)

*Song: "Living Hope" - insert

*Dismissal (*response: "Thanks be to God!"*)

Assisting in worship

Pastors: Rev. John Knutson

Rev. Deb Abbott

Music leader / guitar: Mike Korth

Vocals: Jeanece Kieselstein

Keyboard: Candace Ebsen

Drums: Paul Ebsen

Minister of Music: Dennis Larson

Sound technician: Graden Gentry

Projection: Josh Matthews

Video production: Scott Young

Communion assistants: Linda Akers, Tracey Riley, Cindy Wolf

Ushers: Arlene Geary

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Scripture readings next Sunday: Acts 8:26-40, Psalm 22:25-31, 1 John 4:7-21, John 15:1-8

***Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for complimentary
coffee and cookies following worship.***

Gather in Grace, Grow in Faith, Serve in Community, Glorify Christ!