

St. John's Reformed Church

April 21, 2024 10 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

(Please join responsively by speaking aloud the bolded sections)

Pre-Prelude *Jane Bier, Organist*

Announcements and Hospitality *Pastor Alisha*

Our Approach to God

Prelude *Jane Bier, Organist*

Votum: *Mary Bayer, Liturgist*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever

*Call to Worship (Psalm 118:1, 5, 14, 17, 22-24, NIV)

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

his love endures forever.

The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;

The Lord has done this; and it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*Hymn *Come Away from Rush and Hurry* #527 vs. 1,2,3

Salutation & Prayer of Invocation *Pastor Alisha*

Prayer of Confession *Mary Bayer, Liturgist*

Lord, bring new life where we are worn and tired; new love where we have turned hard-hearted; forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded; and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit where we are guarding ourselves and trying to control our lives.

silence

Forgive us that we may be your faithful people obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Kyrie Eleison

*“Lord have mercy upon us;
Christ have mercy upon us;
Lord have mercy upon us.”*

Assurance of Pardon

Summary of the Law: Ephesians 4:32-5:2

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us.

May the Spirit guide us to be obedient to this Word. Amen.

*Gloria Patri *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen. Amen*

Musical Meditation *Jane Bier, Organist*

The Word of God in Proclamation and Sacrament

Prayer for Illumination *Mary Bayer, Liturgist*

Lectionary Lessons: Lesson from the Psalms: **Psalm 23** (pg. 501)

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Lesson from the New Testament: **1 John 3:16-24** (pg. 240)

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*Hymn *Now the Green Blade Rises* #203 vs. 1,2,3,4

*Gospel Lesson: **John 10:11-18** (pg. 103)

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Prayer for Blessing

Our Response to God's Grace

*Confession of Faith: Colossians 1:15-20 NRSV *Mary Bayer, Liturgist*
Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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*The Peace The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

The Offering

Offertory

*Doxology *Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

**Living God, you have given us so much in Jesus Christ:
hope, joy, and peace. Above all, you have given us life abundant.
In return, we humbly offer the gifts you have given us back to you.
Use them to further your Kingdom, peace and love.
All this we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

Prayers for the People of God

The Lord's Prayer (use 'trespasses')

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, your 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. Amen**

Threefold Amen *Amen, Amen, Amen*

*Hymn *The Lord, My Shepherd, Rules My Life* #732 vs. 1,2,3

*Benediction

*Congregational Amen "Go Now in Peace"

*Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with us each hour of every day.
Go now in faith steadfast strong and true.
Know he will guide us in all we do.
Go now in love, and show we believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.*

Postlude

Jane Bier, Organist

*Indicates congregation to stand if able.

