

# The 4th Sunday of Easter

A Service of Holy Eucharist Saturday, April 20 | 5 pm Sunday, April 21 |10:15 am

Childcare for infants through 4 years old is available on Sunday morning on the lower level, near the north entrance.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**Prelude** 

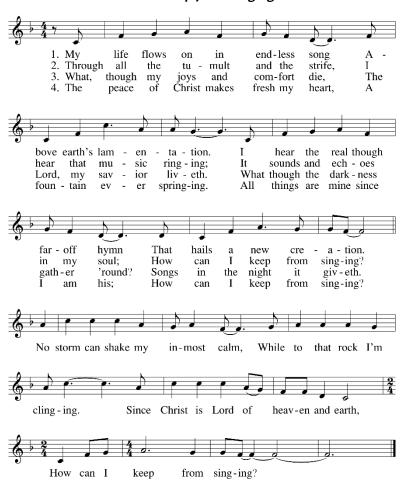
Welcome

Please stand as you are able.

**Opening Hymn** 

#### How Can I Keep from Singing

Gather 598



Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899
Tune: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, 8 7 8 7 with refrain; Robert Lowry, 1826-1899; harm. by Robert J. Batastini, b.1942

#### **Liturgical Greeting**

Priest Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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Gloria Gather 233

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

# Gloria! Gloria! And peace to his peo-ple on earth!

#### Verses

- Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
- 2. Lord Jesus Christ,
  only Son of the Father,
  Lord God, Lamb of God,
  you take away the sin of the world:
  have mercy upon us;
  you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
  receive our prayer, receive our prayer.
- 3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father, of God the Father.

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#### The Collect of the Day

Deacon The Lord be with you. **People** And also with you.

Deacon Let us pray

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### **Children Living the Word Commissioning**

At this time, children ages 4 years old through 4<sup>th</sup> grade are invited downstairs to Children Living the Word, returning before communion.

Loving God, who told us that whoever welcomes a child welcomes Jesus himself, bless these children. Guide us as we encourage them in your ways, so that they might become disciples who are your hands and feet and voice in this world. Amen.

Please be seated.

The First Reading Acts 4:5-12

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."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 23

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; \*

  I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \* and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul \* and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; \* for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \* you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \* and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The Second Reading 1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he 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.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

We will sing v. 1-3 before the Gospel; v. 4-5 following



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The Holy Gospel John 10:11-18

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

"The Shepherd's Voice"
The Rev. Kyle Carswell

#### The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### The Prayers of the People

Form III

BCP 387

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; **That we all may be one.** 

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

We pray for Dorothy Wilson, Jan Dickinson, Hugh Drake, Tom Dickinson, David Jarvinen, and Allen & Nadine Patch. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

#### For the blessings of this life:

For those celebrating a birthday, especially Jacob, Gene, Dan, Marty, Hazel, Jim, Pierce, and Josh; For those to be married, especially Alexandra & Brendan, Juliana & TD, Sarah & Chester, and Callie & Jake;

For those celebrating an anniversary;

For our Ministry of the Month, Neighbors Feeding Neighbors; and

For our 2nd Offering Partner in April, St. Timothy's Faith & Grace Garden.

#### For our needs and those of others:

For those in service to our country, especially Scott, Jack, Zach, Marshall, and Parker;

For those to be confirmed, especially Ashlyn;

For those seeking ordination, especially Alex and Kate;

For our Genesis II Team: Julie, Emily, Marcy, and Dale;

For St. Thomas' in Algona, St. Alban's in Spirit Lake, All Saints' in Storm Lake, Grace Church in Decorah, and St. James' in Independence in the Diocese of Iowa;

For the clergy and all people of our companion Dioceses of Brechin, Nzara, and Swaziland;

For the victims of war and oppression and for all who seek a just peace.

The Deacon adds a concluding collect.

#### The Peace

Priest The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

### THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

The Offertory The Son of God is Here Kensinger

Please stand as you are able.

Doxology All Creatures of our God and King Gather 523, v. 7

Let all things their creator bless, and worship God in humbleness, Alleluia! Alleluia! Oh praise the Father, Praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in one!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

#### The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer D

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Sanctus Gather 235

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Presider continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love...

... Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you. Presider and People

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.



The Presider continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ...

... Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.** 



The Lord's Prayer BCP 364

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

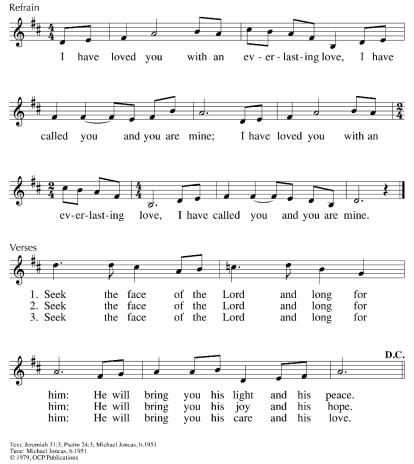
The Breaking of the Bread

Priest Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

**Communion** You do not need to be a member of this church or of any church to receive communion.

To receive the sacrament, come forward and stand or kneel at the rail. The wine is received by intinction, by dipping the bread into the chalice. Please let the clergy know if you require a **gluten-free wafer**. To indicate that you would prefer a **blessing only**, cross your arms across your chest. **If you are unable to come forward**, please notify an usher and the sacrament will be brought to you.



#### **Prayer after Communion**

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

#### The Blessing

Closing Hymn We Will Extol You Hymnal 404



The first stanza may be repeated at the end.

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#### Dismissal

Deacon Alleluia! Alleluia! We die daily. Happy those who daily come to life as well. Go now taking new life out into the world.

People We will with God's help. Alleluia! Alleluia!!

#### **Postlude**

Following our Sunday morning service, please join us for fellowship & coffee.



To donate altar flowers, contact the church office or click "Donate" on the church website.

# **MINISTERS OF THE SERVICE**

#### Presider/Preacher

The Rev. Kyle Carswell

#### Deacon

The Rev. Jeanie Smith

#### **Music Director**

Don Agee

#### **Acolytes**

Millie Luft, Lucy Luft, Maggie Luft

#### **Chalice Bearers**

Susan Leonard (5 pm)
Susan Koenig-Vande Haar, Dale Vande Haar (10:15 am)

#### Lectors/Litanist

Mary Sheldahl (5 pm) Emily Nastruz, Luke Luft (10:15 am)

#### **Oblation Bearers**

Dick Leonard (5 pm)
Paige Krantz, Maggie McGill (10:15 am)

#### **Ushers**

Alex Volker (5 pm)
Dan Montgomery, Scott Andrews (10:15 am)

#### **Altar Guild**

Jennie McKinney (5 pm) Lynn Pettit, Amy Rech (10:15 am)

#### **Offering Counters**

Randy Pettit, Jana Montgomery

#### **Live Stream Coordinator**

Colleen Krantz

#### **Vestry Representative**

Wava Shirbroun

## MINISTRY OF THE MONTH



#### **NEIGHBORS FEEDING NEIGHBORS**

In April, we will shine the spotlight on our Casserole Ministry and our Grocery Ministry (formerly the Backpack Ministry).

These two ministries touch the lives of our community members in direct ways by giving prepared food and shopping for weekly needs. What great ways to serve food insecure and economically stressed families!

Interested in exploring these ministries?

Feel free to contact Jeanie Smith for the Grocery Ministry at deacon@sttimothysiowa.org

or

Scott Andrews for the Casserole Ministry at <a href="mailto:scottandrews143@gmail.com">scottandrews143@gmail.com</a>

# 2<sup>nd</sup> OFFERING PARTNER

#### ST. TIMOTHY'S FAITH + GRACE GARDEN

This month, we are honoring the Faith and Grace Garden with our 2<sup>nd</sup> Offering collections. If you don't know, the garden is a donation garden which means all of the on average 20,000 pounds of organic fruits and vegetables grown there are donated to local food pantries. Last year the total was 33,180 lbs. Over the years, fruit trees and pollinator beds were added in front of the garden. The plot of land that was once about 25' x 25' is now almost two acres and includes a greenhouse that is a busy place almost year-round!

In that greenhouse, we grow about 100,000 vegetable seedings annually. More than 3,000 of these vegetable starts are used in our garden. The rest are given away at no charge to other local donation gardens and to refugee farmers.

Interested in this great outdoor, family-friendly, intergenerational ministry?

Feel free to contact Tim Goldman at timothyjgoldman@gmail.com

or

Mark Marshall at wdmmarshall@msn.com

Visit growthefood.org to find out more!

To donate to the garden, visit <a href="mailto:sttimothysiowa.org/donate/">sttimothysiowa.org/donate/</a>

#### NAME THAT VEG!

The first person to correctly name this new vegetable to the garden wins a fabulous prize!

Contact Tim Goldman with your guesses!



# **COMING UP**

#### THE COMING WEEK

Monday, April 22

1 pm Casserole Baking 6:30 pm Scouts

Tuesday, April 23

6:30 pm Tuesday Night Connect

Wednesday, April 24

11:30 am Men's Lunch at Palmer's 7 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 25

9:30 am Bible Study 11:30 am Ladies Who Lunch Friday, April 26

10 am BBB

Saturday, April 27 **BISHOP MONNOT'S VISITATION** 

9 am Centering Prayer 5 pm Holy Eucharist

6 pm Coffee Hour with Bishop Monnot

Sunday, April 28 **BISHOP MONNOT'S VISITATION** 

8:45 am Childcare Available 9 am Christian Formation 10:15 am Holy Eucharist with Confirmation 10:15 am Children Living the Word 11:30 am Fellowship Lunch with **Bishop Monnot** 

#### 2024 METRO CHAPTER VBS – SAVE THE DATE



#### 2024 METRO CHAPTER VBS AUGUST 4 - 8 | 6 PM - 8 PM

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, WDM

All students in Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade (based on the coming school year) are welcome! Dinner will be provided for the children each night.

Registration coming soon!

#### **BISHOP'S VISITATION**



#### SATURDAY, APRIL 27 | 5 PM SUNDAY, APRIL 28 | 10:15 AM

Join us as we welcome Bishop Monnot to celebrate the Eucharist as well as the sacrament of confirmation on Sunday! Receptions and opportunities to hear from Bishop Monnot will follow each service.

We also invite your prayers for those to be confirmed: Ashlyn Rounceville

# SUMMER MINISTRY SCHOOL & RETREAT



# JUNE 14-16 GRINNELL COLLEGE CAMPUS

For over 30 years Episcopalians in Iowa have gathered for a weekend in the summer to learn church leadership skills, explore personal spirituality, or just find Sabbath time. We will pray together, spend about 8 hours during the weekend getting indepth study in one track topic of your choice (track offerings change each year), catch up with old friends & make some new ones! Free time is also built in to spend as you wish.

Registration is open and more information can be found at: iowaepiscopal.org/smsr

# FORMATION LEADERS MEETING



# SUNDAY, MAY 5 | Following Worship GATHERING CENTER

If you are a teacher or volunteer for any of our children's and youth programs, please join us for a meeting after church on May 5. As most of you know, a team of lay volunteers has been looking over the past year at plans for our formation programs. As we approach the end of this program year, we want to report back to you all about our plans, including some potential changes for this fall.