

I am the
**GOOD
SHEPHERD.**
I know
my own and
my own
know me ...

John 10:14, ESV

Faith Lutheran Church
Fourth Sunday of Easter
GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY
Sunday, April 21, 2024

John 10:14 – “*I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me.*” What does it mean to know the Lord? It starts with being known by the Lord: He claims us as His own and calls us by name. Then, once we are His, we learn to know Him, and in knowing Him, we learn to imitate Him. That is how the Christian life of good works and generosity grows from the Lord’s grace.

Welcome to Our Church

WELCOME VISITORS: We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors today. We pray that your worship with us is rewarding. Please be sure to sign your name and address in our guest register,

located in the narthex. If you are looking for a church home we would like to invite you to be a part of our Bible Based Church family.



Please **TURN OFF ALL CELLPHONES** before service begins. Phones that are on may interfere with transmission of the service to social media and shutting down your phone can help solve network connectivity problems

RECEIVING THE HOLY SACRAMENT

In deep Christian love and commitment to the Word of God we continue to hold to the Biblical and Ancient practice of close communion. We believe that those who commune together must confess the same faith, and recognize the great power and real presence of the body and blood Christ in, with and under the bread and the wine. (*1 Corinthians 10:16-18; 11:23-29; Romans 16:17*).



Likewise, since one's membership helps promote that church's major teachings we ask that only those commune who are confirmed and communicant members of the LCMS, and who are not under church discipline. Thank you for respecting our beliefs and practices. Please pray with us for honest unity around the Word of God. If you have any question please contact Pastor Love. *NOTE: Gluten free wafers are now available at the Lord's Table. Please let Pastor know before worship service that you would like the gluten free wafers*

ORDER OF SERVICE Divine Service IV

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Rite of Baptism

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Baptism

Baptismal Hymn

“God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It”

LSB #594

Baptised today at Faith



Emma Lynn Hein

**Daughter of Aleksander and
Lindsey Hein**

Sponsors are
Anna Meverden, Lincoln Meverden,
and Ivan Hein

*The sign of the cross may be made by all
in remembrance of their Baptism*

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C **who made heaven and earth.**
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
- P Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God

and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Psalm 23



¹The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

³He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

**⁵You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.**

**⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.**

Kyrie

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Gloria in Excelsis

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

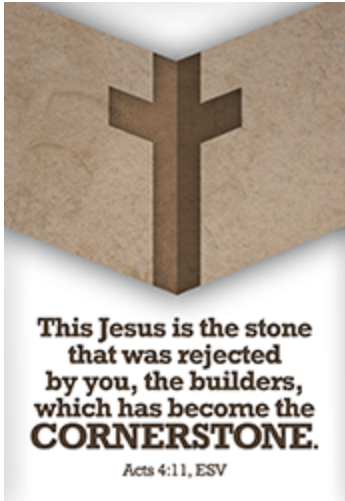
C **Amen.**

First Reading

Acts 4:1–12

¹As they 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 This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Christ has risen from the dead.

God the Father has crowned him with glory
and honor.

He has given him dominion over the works of his
hands;

he has put all things under his feet.

Epistle

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.



**Love ...
in truth
and action.**

1 JOHN 3:18, NRSV

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 him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

John 10:11–18

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**



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 This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon Hymn

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

LSB #549

Sermon

Prayers of the Church

New Members at Faith



*Kyle and Kim
Young*

and their children

*Kinsley, Kiovyn,
and Konrad*

Offering

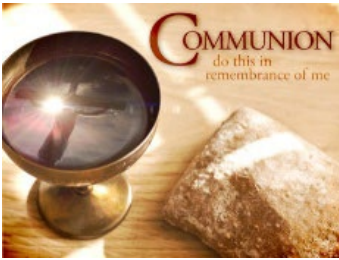
Offertory Response

“We Give Thee But Thine Own” **LSB #781 vs. 1-2**

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH & ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH RECEIVING THE HOLY SACRAMENT

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Preface

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Sanctus

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

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The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My

T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.
This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

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Distribution

Distribution Hymns

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing” **LSB #475**

“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want” **LSB #710**

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is” **LSB #709**

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that
You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we
implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us
through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love
toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our
Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Benedicamus

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P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

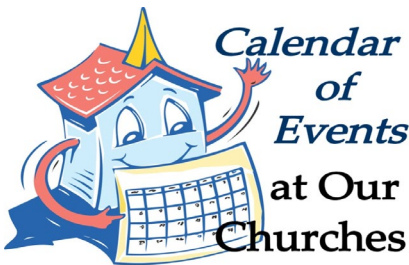
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P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.
C Amen.

Closing Hymn

“Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love”

LSB #900



CHURCH CALENDAR ST. JOHN’S and FAITH

Sunday, April 21

8:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion at St. John’s

9:30 a.m. Bible Class at St. John’s

10:15 a.m. Worship

with Holy Communion at Faith

11:15 a.m. Bible Class at Faith

Monday, April 22

5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal at Faith

6:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion at Faith

Wednesday, April 24

10:00 a.m. AbleLight Volunteers

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith

Sunday, April 28

8:30 a.m. Worship at St. John’s

10:15 a.m. Worship at Faith

11:15 a.m. Bible Class at Faith

11:15 a.m. VBS Meeting at Faith

Monday, April 29

5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal at Faith

6:30 p.m. Worship at Faith

Wednesday, May 1

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday: Leviticus 8:1-13, 30-36;
Luke 9:1-17

Monday: Leviticus 9:1-24;
Luke 9:18-36

Tuesday: Leviticus 10:1-20;
Leviticus 11:1 - 15:33;
Luke 9:37-62

Wednesday: Leviticus 16:1-24; Luke 10:1-22

Thursday: Leviticus 17:1-16; Luke 10:23-42

Friday: Leviticus 18:1-7, 20 – 19:8; Luke 11:1-13

Saturday: Leviticus 19:9-18, 26-37; Luke 11:14-36

FAITH and ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCHES

Please remember the following in your prayers:



Gary Baumann

Levi Blum

Cindy Braatz

Rev. David Bray

Bob Burish Beth Czech

Dave Czech

Cheryl Dahlke

Doris Dahlke

Steve Dahlke

Dean Duncan

Alice Fromm

Lydia Goetsch Brian Grueneberg

David Hinz Wallace Emmerich Jeff Fox

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Dale Janisch Cecilia Elizabeth & Lucille Alexandria Klade

Emily Klug Bruce Krenz Jeremy Lee Cindy Luedtke

Debbie Olson Mark Pester Marge Radenz

Karen Rajek Rev. Wm. & LuAnn Ruhbusch

Jo Schedler Carl Uttech Susie and Ellie Zastrow

Zulliger family



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Please join us for the VBS meeting at Faith on April 28. Meeting will start after worship at 11:15 a.m. A light lunch will be served. We look forward to seeing you there. VBS is Monday and Tuesday, June 10 and 11 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. and Wednesday, June 12 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Our theme is *A WALK WITH JESUS*



AUGUST CALENDAR

Note in your summer calendar

Tuesday, August 13
6:30 p.m.

DUAL PARISH MEETING
at St. John's

TEMPERATURES ARE WARMING!

Time to get outdoors! For all your spring projects and activities as well as personal and household needs such as gas and food, don't forget to pick up Scrip Cards. Help support the ministry of our church through the Scrip program ... *all without it costing you an extra penny*





YOUTH MEETINGS

Wednesdays, May 1
and May 15
at 7:00 p.m. at Faith
Lutheran Church

30-HOUR FAMINE

May 10-11

Start at St. John - Merrill at 7 p.m, Friday

End at St Paul - Irma at 7:15 p.m. Saturday

*Join us Friday evening through Saturday evening for
group building, hunger-beating, community-serving fun!*

ACTION CITY

Wednesday, June 19

Leave from St. John-Merrill at 9 a.m.

Return at 8 p.m.

*We will stop at Irvine Park and Zoo, eat lunch, go to
Action City and have dinner at Oakwood Mall*

SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE BED BUILD

Saturday, June 29

Group needs to sponsor a minimum of 20 beds at a cost
of \$5000, hopefully with the help of local businesses.

The beds that are built stay within the community. The
Ladies' Society at Immanuel Corning has raised \$1000 to
be used for the build! THANK YOU! *This could be a
challenge for each of our congregations to raise \$1000 to
hit our \$5000 goal.*



Easter Flower Donations

- † In memory of **JOHN HERMAN II** from Sarah Herman, Wendy and Genny
- † In memory of **MR. and MRS. FRED SEIDLER** from Marlene Krenz
- † In memory of **LYLE GAST, HENRY and EDNA HOFF, HERMAN and CAROLINE GAST** from Delores Gast
- † In memory of **HAROLD RUSCH** from Joyce Rusch
- † For unending **blessings** from Barry and Cindy Krenz
- † In **gratitude** from Duane Gruenewald
- † For continued **blessings** from Jim and Lydia Goetsch
- † In memory of **CLARENCE and ELAINE SCHULT** from Randy and Cindy Braatz
- † In **thankfulness** from Chris and Deb Stogbauer
- † For **blessings** from Bruce and Nada Pflingsten
- † In **gratefulness** from Jim and Phyllis Beilke
- † In memory of **BRUCE HEIN** from Carol Hein
- † In honor of their **55th wedding anniversary** on May 3 from Lee and Diane Pfaff
- † In memory of **MR. and MRS. ART KRAUSE** from Gloria Werner
- † In memory of **JAMES SCHLUETER** from Judy Schlueter
- † In memory of **DEANNA KOEBE** from James W. Koebe
- † In memory of **TIMOTHY PAGEL** from Gene and Karen Pagel
- † In memory of **LLOYD and DORIS, LEONARD and LAVINE, and VINCE McCULLOCH** from Leon and Beth Bartelt family
- † In memory of **WALTER WOLLER** from Dorothy Woller
- † In honor of **MABEL MARQUARDT'S 100th birthday**, all the palms and Easter flowers for Palm Sunday from Mabel Marquardt

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You for your generous sacrificial offerings to the Lord, to help us keep our ministry going. You can also mail your offerings to Our Churches at

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Merrill, WI 54452

or

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Please help us spread the Word. Visit us online at Pastor's (Don Love) Facebook Page, or Faith Lutheran Merrill Facebook Page

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