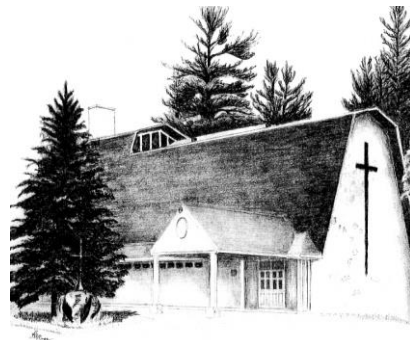




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## Fourth Sunday of Easter: April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018

*Stand*

**Opening Hymn: 864 Shepherd of Tender Youth**

### Confession and Absolution

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C** **Amen.**
- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**
- Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*
- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

*Forgiven by the Lord we now join together to share the peace of Jesus.*

### Service of the Word

**Family Memory Verse of the Month: John 6:68**

**C** "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

**Psalm 23**

**C** The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**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.**

*Sit*

## First Reading: Acts 4:1–12

<sup>1</sup> As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them,

<sup>2</sup> greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. <sup>3</sup> And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening.

<sup>4</sup> But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

<sup>5</sup> On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup> with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup> And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" <sup>8</sup> Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup> if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup> let 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. <sup>11</sup> This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. <sup>12</sup> And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle: 1 John 3:16–24

<sup>16</sup> By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. <sup>17</sup> But 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? <sup>18</sup> Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

<sup>19</sup> By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; <sup>20</sup> for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup> Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; <sup>22</sup> and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup> And 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. <sup>24</sup> Whoever 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.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

### **Holy Gospel: John 10:11–18**

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

### **C** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>11</sup>I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>He 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. <sup>13</sup>He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>And 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. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No 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 be to Thee, O Christ.**

### **Creed**

#### **Apostles' Creed**

**C** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.**

### **Children's Message**

**Hymn of the Day: 709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is**

**Sermon**

## Offertory

Psalm 51:10-12



**C** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

## Offering

### Prayer of the Church (Sung)

**P** Let us pray to the Lord: **C** Lord, have mercy.

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1 Psalm 136

- P** The Lord be with you. **C** And with thy spirit.  
**P** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them up unto the Lord.  
**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God. **C** It is meet and right so to do.  
**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

### The Words of Our Lord

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

**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  $\text{†}$  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  $\text{†}$  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

*John 20:19*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

### Agnus Dei

*John 1:29*

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the  
 world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that  
 tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.  
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the  
 world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

**"SHOULD I COMMUNE OR NOT?"**

Those who eat and drink Our Lord's body and blood without understanding do so at great harm. Holy Communion is a public confession of the faith confessed at this Altar, and **anyone not instructed by the Pastor**, or **who cannot positively answer the questions below**, should not partake in the Sacrament. Please do join us at the Altar for a blessing, indicating your desire by simply crossing your hands over your heart.

- Do you understand that you are a sinner?
- Are you sorry for your sins of thought, word and deed, and do you hope to amend your sinful life with the help of the Holy Spirit?
- Do you recognize the true bodily presence of the Lord Jesus in and with the bread and wine?
- Do you believe in Jesus Christ as the only Savior from sin and death who died on the cross so that you might be forgiven through faith in His merits?

**"Non-Alcoholic Wine" - For those who are allergic to alcohol**

**Family Hymn of the Month: 461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives**

*sts. 1, 3, 5-6*

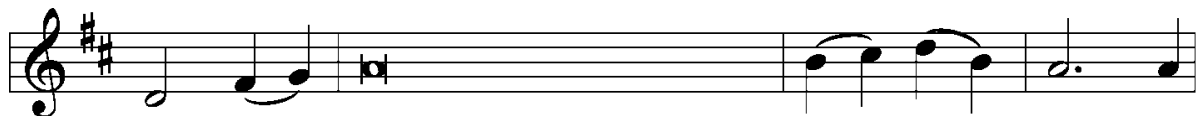
**Communion Hymn: 711 Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us**

*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis**

*Luke 2:29-32*





**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-



cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and



to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,



is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

## Thanksgiving

Psalm 107:1

**P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, **C** **and His mercy endureth forever.**

**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 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.**

## Salutation and Benedicamus

**P** The Lord be with you. **C** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Bless we the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26

**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 + give you peace.

**C** **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn: 740 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

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**THE ALTAR FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED TO THE GLORY OF GOD** and in celebration of our 30th Wedding Anniversary on April 17th. Presented by Scott and Ingrid Sweeney

**PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND REQUEST:**

- † For Jared Whitcraft who is going through painful complications in his hip and spine.
- † For Charles and Jenny Strong who are expecting a baby girl in August.
- † For Sue Lowe who is awaiting surgery.
- † For Arvo Peltokangas, Aila Crawford, Butch Brennan, Laina and Marti Peltola, Maddie Carrion, Richard Forkey, Elisha & Mackenzie Rhinhart, Pirkko Selin, Minna Talviharju, Chris Wellens, Cecile Duquette, Maureen Smith, Ruth Salmi, Stacey, and Brandon Haschig, Anne Bennet -medical issues.

**Week at a Glance**

Today: April 22, 2018

**4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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9 AM	Adult & Children Sunday School
10 AM	Worship Service
11 AM	Refreshments and Fellowship
11 AM	MLP Scholastic Book Fair
11:30AM-2PM	Pineshore Pizza and Paperwork

Wednesday: April 25, 2018

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10 AM	Midweek Bible Study
2:30 PM	The Highlands' Ministry
5:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal

Sunday: April 29, 2018

**4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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9 AM	Adult & Children Sunday School
10 AM	Worship Service
11AM	Refreshments /Congregational Meeting

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***Large Metal Coffee Cans Needed***

*If you have any large metal coffee cans please bring them in and put them in the box in the Narthex.*

*Thank you!*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Congregational Meeting** Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> after worship.
- **No Finnish Group** on Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.
- **Camp Pineshore Popcorn Fundraiser** in the Narthex- Popcorn is \$15 a bag to benefit the 2018 Camper Scholarship.
- **Pineshore Pizza & Paperwork**- April 22<sup>nd</sup> 11:30am-2pm in Messiah's Fellowship Hall - We will have all the campers and staffs applications for Camp Pineshore 2018 printed off and ready for you to fill out.
- **CALLING ALL ARTISTS!** 🎨 - Announcing our summer 2018 t-shirt design contest. One winner will be chosen to have their very own artwork featured on our 2018 Camp Pineshore summer camp t-shirts. All ages are welcome! Drawings must be done in black & white. Deadline for submittal is June 1st. A winner will be voted on soon thereafter. Submissions can be emailed to [pineshorecamp@gmail.com](mailto:pineshorecamp@gmail.com) Please spread the word and get those artistic renderings flowing!
- Please help Messiah Lutheran Preschool by donating plain spaghetti and sauce for their pasta night. There is a box in the narthex for donations. There is also a sign-up sheet next to the kitchen if you could help out by serving, cooking, cleaning, etc. that night. Thank you!
- **MLP Pasta Supper/Raffle Night!**-Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup> from 4:30pm-6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Adults (12+) are \$7, Child(under 12) and Seniors- are \$6, two and under are free.
- New England District LCMS 2018 Youth Events Save the Dates- April 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> Senior High youth Gathering- Northeastern Lutheran Youth Gathering Tuscarora Conf. Center, PA

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*A Women's Appreciation Potluck Luncheon  
Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> , 12PM - 2PM  
In Messiah Lutheran's Fellowship Hall  
We would like to invite everyone to bring their  
daughters and mothers to celebrate women.*

