

# THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, April 21, 2024 – 10:45am



## **As We Gather – “*Song Stewards Sing*”**

Our Stewardship Sermon Series this year is *Songs Stewards Sing*. Each week we will focus on a Stewardship hymn during the sermon. The first weekend (April 13/14) it will be Forgive Us Lord For Shallow Thankfulness. The second weekend (April 20/21) will be "Take My Life and Let it Be." Our Faith Promise/Estimate of Giving weekend (May 4/5) will be "We Give Thee But Thine Own." We hope and pray that this series will help you to prayerfully consider how our gracious God has blessed you and how He enables you to manage your time, talents, technology, and treasures by serving God and others.

## **PRESERVICE SONG, "Let Me Count the Ways"**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING OF THE PEACE**

## **GATHERING SONG, "Call On the Name"**

### **INVOCATION**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**P** Let us confess our sins to God, our Father.

**C** **O Lord God Almighty, we confess that we are sinful human beings by nature and by deed. We have not put You first at all times. We have not followed in the ways You have set forth for us. We have not always been thoughtful caretakers of Your creation and have not shared its bounty on all occasions. We have not kept our thoughts, words, and deeds fully pure and honorable. We have sinned in ways we know and in ways we do not even recognize. We have not honored those in authority and have not without reservation encouraged them. We have not completely put the best construction on all things and on all people. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Forgive us all our sins, and finally by Your grace, bring us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**P** The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## **SONG OF PRAISE, "Praise the Father, Praise the Son"**

### **SALUTATION**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**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**

*(Peter and John Before the Council)*

As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand. On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. And when they had set them in the 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 being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, 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. This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. 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."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**EPISTLE READING, Romans 12:1-2**

*(A Living Sacrifice)*

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**HOLY GOSPEL, John 10:11-18**

*(Jesus is the Good Shepherd)*

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

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

[Jesus said:] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 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. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing 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. 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. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. 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 to You, O Christ.

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**Pastor Bob Gehrke**

**SERMON SONG, "Take My Life and Let It Be"**

**SERMON**

**Pastor Bob Gehrke**

**NICENE CREED** *(see the screen)*

**GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFETORY, "Take My Life"**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord, beseeching Him for the needs of ourselves and others.  
Trusting in God’s loving response, we pray for the church and all who are called to lives of service to God’s people, asking that the Lord will bless His undershepherds and all who care for His flock.
- C** **Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**
- P** We pray for ourselves, that the Holy Spirit guide us into gracious ways and instill in us a holy confidence in the goodness of our God, aiding us in our prayers. With thanks for the faithful examples set by those whose earthly journeys are complete and whose witness to Christ yet inspires us, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**
- P** We pray for the blessing of God upon our nation and its leaders that we may lead peaceable lives, and we pray for the needs of ourselves and others for healing and restoration, for solace and comfort, especially . . .
- C** **Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**
- P** These things and all else that we should have asked grant us according to Your gracious will, O Lord, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C** **Amen.**

LORD’S PRAYER (*see the screen*)

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

### PAX DOMINI

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

## DISTRIBUTION SONG, “All Who Are Thirsty”

### GROWING IN THE WORD

- C** Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. *2 Corinthians 9:7*

### BENEDICTION

- 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.**

## SENDING SONG, “Glory to God Forever”

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# ***TRINITY TIDINGS***

**April 21, 2024**

**The Flowers at the Altar** today are given to the glory of God by Rich and Jennifer Carlson in thankfulness for God's many blessings.

## **Funeral Services:**

- For Rick Carlson will be here at SST. Arrangements pending.
- For Sharon Kunze will be here at SST on Thursday, April 25 at 2:00pm. Visitation will be one hour before the service.

On Tuesday, at 3:00pm, Concordia Seminary will live stream the **Vicarage Assignment** service. To watch for **Peter Ross** go to csl.edu.

**Book Nook:** We have a new book, "Anxious for Nothing" by Max Lucado. This book is among the inspirational books.

**PASTOR'S RETIREMENT** -- Please reserve Sunday, June 30, 2024 on your calendars as we will be celebrating Pastor's retirement after 42 years as a parish pastor. A shared-dish meal and program will follow the morning services. Watch for more information as the day draw nearer. – *The Retirement Party Committee: S. Ackerley, T. Borkenhagen, K. Froelich, C. Gifford, E. Lundgren*

**VBS will be August 5-9.** Registration information is on the cabinet by the office. This year's theme is "SCUBA – diving into friendship with God.

## **Confirmation Events**

- Pictures in the Sanctuary on Wednesday at 6:30pm
- Reading of Confirmation Verse Essays at 7:00pm
- Confirmation is next Sunday at 10:45pm

**Medical Supply Ministry** -- Just a reminder about the SST Medical Supply Ministry. Please share with others that we have medical equipment available. Please check in at the church office for assistance with locating items. For more information on medical equipment and supplies available, please contact Kathy Meyer at 651-269-1955.

## ***SERVING THIS WEEK***

Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. Bob Gehrke

Associate Pastor, Rev. Dan Bodin

Acolytes: 8:00 Lilah Gipple | 10:45 Phineas Kreitzer

Anna Altar: Muriel Janneke & Ann Janneke

Coffee: Jerry and Emmie Boleen

Counters: Marilyn Erickson & Corrine Erickson

April Greeters: The Board of Elders

Readers: 8:00 Paulette Genz | 10:45 Ed Gerlach

Organist/Pianist: 5:30 Sharon Calhoun and Ruth Fry | 8:00 Sharon

Calhoun | 10:45 Praise Team with Gay Wolf

Live Stream Tech: 8:00 Nathan Reeves | 10:45 Chris Hesselbach

AV Tech: 5:30 Ron Wenzel | 8:00 Carol Reeves | 10:45 Carol Gerlach

Ushers: 5:30 Bob Dybdal | 8:00 Dennis Lorenzen & Dan Wille

10:45 Ed Gerlach



## ***CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK***

*(Please include the follow people in your prayers)*

**Those celebrating a birthday:** 4/21 – Dana Schauer, Blake Meister, 4/23 – Mark Dewitz, Nick Reed, Ty Reed, Liam Carlson, 4/24 – Kurt Geyer, Eric Wille, 4/27 – Lauren Lisowy

**Those celebrating their baptismal anniversaries:** 4/21 – Debbie Geyer, 4/23 – Trudy Fast, Nadia McWilliams, 4/24 – Justin Halbe, 4/26 – Brett Meister, 4/27 – Mike Bender

**Those celebrating a wedding anniversary:** 4/27 – Ron and Shirley Wenzel

# ***ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK***

## **Monday, April 22**

6:30-8:00pm No Preschool today  
Scouts

## **Tuesday, April 23**

1:15pm Staff Meeting  
3:00pm Vicarage Assignment for Peter Ross  
6:30-8:30pm Women's AA [upstairs]  
7:00pm Board of Education

## **Wednesday, April 24**

9:30am Young-at-Heart Bible Study [F8]  
9:30am Women's Bible Study [B9]  
11:30pm Piano Duets [S]  
5:45pm Fellowship Meal  
6:30pm Confirmation Pictures [S]  
6:30pm Foundry  
7:00pm Confirmation Essay Readings [S]  
7:00pm Chancel Choir Practice [2-12]

## **Thursday, April 25**

9:30-11:30am Women's Bible Study [F8] and [B9]  
10:00am Sharon Kunze Visitation  
11:00pm Sharon Kunze Funeral Service  
12:30pm Dorcas Quilters [B22]  
7:00pm Adult Bible Study [F8]

## **Friday, April 26**

6:00pm Girl Scouts

## **Saturday, April 27**

10:00-Noon MOPs/MomsNEXT [2-2]  
10:00-Noon Grief Share [F8]  
11:00-Noon Al-Anon [2-5]  
5:30pm Worship with Communion

## **Sunday, April 28**

10:45 Confirmation

# PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

Please use this Prayer Guide in the coming week to pray for the following people and situations.  
Those who are listed in italics are friends and family of SST disciples.

## For those the family and friends who mourn:

- Sharon Kunze who passed away on March 30
- Rick Carlson who passed away on April 17.

**Thanksgiving for Grayden** (infant son of Shane and Rachel Whitehurst) who was born early on March 11<sup>th</sup>. He is home but still needs prayer.

**God's healing:** Danna Anderson, Herb Frederick, Margaret Ribble, Elizabeth Iverson, Marian Meier, Tim Lundgren, Lin Carlson, Betty Frohrib, Jolene Patricelli, *Connie Barbeau, Warren, Everett, Gloria (Emmie Boleen's relatives), Paule Niemi, Mary Frohrib, Megan, Nancy Manos, Jim Manos, Jennifer Jewell, Merlin Holman, Eric Frederick, Kathy Rust*

**Those with on-going health issues:** *Verna Benson*, Jim and Meredith Reinholdt

**God's comfort, peace and healing for those with cancer:** Jack Frahm, Jill Larson, Patti Molkenbur, Bill Niebergall, Lin Carlson, *SST's Letter Carrier, Bruce Semling, Jo Biebighauser*

**Protection of our Armed Forces and their families:** *Peter Gifford, Megan Lisowy, Aaron Meissen, Brodey Perron, Scott Polack, Andrew Reed, Jim Schumann, Dalton Wenzel, Dylan Wenzel, Wyatt Kassa*

**For SST Missions and missionaries:** *Rev. Dr. Fung and Kalia* missionary family to SE Asia in Thailand | *Pastor Stephen Heimer and Vicar Alex Escarciga* at *Ysleta Lutheran Mission in El Paso, Texas* | SST Preschool, reaching our community | MOPS (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers)

**Federal, State and local government** and all those in positions of authority