



Easter

OUR SAVIOR  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Fourth Sunday of Easter  
Sunday, April 25, 2021



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## SERVICE OF THE WORD—FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### GATHERING: THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

**PRELUDE**                      *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* — Ferguson                      Karla Stalwick

#### WELCOME

#### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

**GATHERING HYMN**                      *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia*                      Cantor  
Text: attr. Wipo of Burgundy, d. c. 1050; Music: Robert Williams, 1781-1821

Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia! Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!  
Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia! at the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!

For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia! sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia! now he lives no more to die. Alleluia!

Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia! all your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia! now he lives no more to die. Alleluia!

#### GREETING

PM: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

### WORD: GOD SPEAKS TO US IN SCRIPTURE READING, PREACHING AND SONG.

#### FIRST READING

Acts 4:5-12

<sup>5</sup>The next day the rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their 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 questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' <sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

AM: Word of God, word of life.    C: Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 23

<sup>1</sup>The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. <sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; <sup>3</sup>he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. <sup>4</sup>Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff — they comfort me. <sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. <sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

## SECOND READING

1 John 3:16-24

<sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>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?

<sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

<sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>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.

AM: Word of God, word of life. C: Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Cantor



## THE GOSPEL

John 10:11-18

Jesus said: <sup>11</sup>“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care 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>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. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>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.”

PM: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

*Title*

Pastor John L. Vaswig

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*My Shepherd, You Supply My Need*

Cantor

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748; Music: North American traditional; Setting: Donald P. Moore

My Shepherd, you supply my need; most holy is your name.  
In pastures fresh you make me feed, beside the living stream.  
You bring my wand’ring spirit back when I forsake your ways,  
And lead me, for your mercy’s sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk thru the shades of death, your presence is my stay;  
One word of your supporting breath drives all my fears away.  
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread;  
My cup with blessings overflows, your oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;  
Oh, may your house be mine abode and all my work be praise.  
Here would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;  
No more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.

**OFFERING PRAYER**

AM: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

AM: Lord in your mercy.

**C: Hear our prayer.**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

PM: Lord, remember us in your love as you teach us to pray:

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

**SENDING SONG**

*The Peace of the Lord*

Cantor

Text & Music: Anders Ruuth; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923

The peace of the Lord, the peace of the risen Lord Jesus:  
The peace of the Lord is for you and for me,  
The peace is for all of God's children.

**BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**

*I Know That My Redeemer Lives* — Held

Karla Stalwick

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**Serving in Worship:**

Leader: Pastor John L. Vaswig  
Assisting Minister: Sue Johnson  
Cantors: Alice Lewis, Scott Hafso  
Organist: Karla Stalwick  
Video & Sound Assistant: David Hersey

**Readings for next week:** Acts 8:26-40; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

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***Additional worship resources:***

Reading: Psalm 100

Suggested Hymn for Listening: *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*  
Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877; Music: Irish tune

*Prayer is putting our faith into action. We invite you to include these people in your daily prayers. You can make prayer requests via email at [office@oslcissaquah.org](mailto:office@oslcissaquah.org). All written requests will remain on this list for 4 weeks.*

**Mary Fricke** comfort, rest and good health. (Stacy Smith)

**Jerry & Linda Nack** healing, comfort and strength. (Kate Gagnon)

**Rowan & Barb Hinds** continued healing. **Meghan** peace and strength after losing her mother and grandmother to Covid. (Shelley Howe)

**Rachel** 21 yrs old, in need of a kidney transplant. (Marilyn Carlson)

**Safety and peace for communities** being torn apart during these difficult times. (Karen Hansen)

**Guests of the Community Meals Program** safety, health and peace of mind. (Connie Fletcher)

**Sonja** 3 years old undergoing treatment for cancer. (granddaughter of Henrik & Patty Christopherson)

**Nicole DeCamp** healing and strength. (Ken DeCamp and Cheryl Leiter)

**Josee Jordan** peace of mind as she faces health challenges. (Dianne Tanner)

**Healing and peace of mind: Henrik & Patty Christopherson** (Dianne Tanner); **Vern Lindquist**; **Marian James**; **Doug Patur**; **Katie Moeller**; **Margot Inman**; **Ken Acker** (son of Lucy Acker); **Taufik Hidayut** (Ken Konigsmark); **Don Wilkinson** (husband of Gwynn Wilkinson); **Rebecca Thomas**; **Tanisha Foote** (Marilyn Carlson); **Dorothy Soland**; **Randi Strom**; **Jeanne Kuipers**; **John Pass**; **Florence Kinnune**; **Carol Harbolt**; **Sandy Aldworth**; **Jen Winslow**; **Larry Pruitt**.

**Undergoing cancer treatment: Kip Hauser** (father of Cheryl Hauser); **Vernell Johnson** (Shelley & Mark Howe); **Roger Stanley** (Alice Lewis); **Tim Rutten** (cousin of Mark

Howe); **Carol Howe** (cousin of Mark Howe); **Tom Killoran** (Shelley Howe); **Les Carlson** (father of Dave Carlson); **Harold Mandt** (brother of Mary Ann Hult and Lorna Robertson); **Chris Howe** (brother of Mark Howe); **Peggy Scalise** (cousin of Mark Howe); **Eileen Letts** (cousin of Mark Howe); **Keith DeCamp** (brother of Ken DeCamp); **Barbara Jones** (mother of Ron Sordahl); **Doug McVety** (Helen Nychay); **Al Batt** (Connie Fletcher); **Larry Harbolt** (Ray Harbolt); **Gerald Welch** (Vern and Jeannie Lindquist); **Greg Petersen** (Wes Collum); **Kathryn Aitcheson** (Gerrie Hendrickson)

**Living with cancer: Jeannie Lindquist; Liz Kidd** (Bob Beck); **Duane Jacobson**; **Mary Lewis** (sister-in-law of Lyle and Alice Lewis); **Barbara Krogh Jarvis** (sister of Steve Krogh); **Suzanne Lewis** (daughter-in-law of Lyle & Alice Lewis)

**Expectant Mothers: Karen** (daughter of Bob & Patty Gerde); **Marian Martin** (Stacy Smith); **Alyssa Saavedra** (Cheryl Neeb); **Shawna McIntyre** (Cheryl Neeb)

**Mourning the death of loved ones:** For peace and comfort during this time of grieving for the family and friends of: **Gregory** (nephew to Bill & Joanne Suttmeier); **Marc Montague** (husband to Kimberly Montague, father of Ashley & Anna); **Julie Engebrect** (Shelley Howe) **Joyce Konigsmark** (mother to Ken Konigsmark)

**Members and friends serving in the military; fire & police departments, & emergency rooms: Mike** special ops, unexpectedly called up. (nephew of Dave and Marilyn Carlson)

**Global Missions and Missionaries:** Chichayo, Peru: **Pepe** at Las Brisas, **Merci** in San Antonio and **Harold** at Las Lomas. **MaaSae Girls Lutheran Secondary School** in Tanzania.