

Worship Guide for April 21, 2024

The Fourth Sunday of Easter



Welcome and Announcements

Let us prepare our hearts for worship.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, whose rising from the empty tomb brings to us the promise of life eternal. In the presence of the living God, Risen Lord Jesus, ***we confess that we set our minds towards things of death, and not on the life that is revealed in Christ. In our fear and trembling we quickly turn from you towards ourselves. Our fear leads us to doubt your promise, harm our neighbor, and neglect your creation. Resurrect us O God, and bring about the new life in ourselves, in our community, and our world. Through the mercy of your beloved Son, heal us from our sin, and give us the new breath of your Spirit. Amen.***

Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ proclaims, “Do not be afraid!” Know that you are washed anew in his rising, and your sins are forgiven. Be at peace, and live in the everlasting love of God, for Christ has risen. **He is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

Gathering Hymn

He Leadeth Me (next page)

The live-streaming of New Salem’s worship services is made possible through a generous memorial gift from the family of Margaret Carlson.



1 He lead - eth me: oh, bless-ed thought! Oh, words with heav'n-ly com-fort fraught!
 2 Some-times mid scenes of deep-est gloom, some-times where E - den's bow-ers bloom,
 3 Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ev - er mur - mur nor re - pine;
 4 And when my task on earth is done, when by thy grace the vic-t'ry's won,



What-e'er I do, wher-e'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.
 by wa - ters calm, o'er trou-bled sea, still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.
 con - tent, what-ev - er lot I see, since 'tis my God that lead - eth me.
 e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jor - dan lead - eth me.



He lead-eth me, he lead-eth me, by his own hand he lead-eth me.



His faith-ful fol-l'wer I would be, for by his hand he lead - eth me.

Prayer of the Day

Together we pray: *O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

First Reading: Acts 4:5-12

⁵The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their 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 questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let 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.

¹¹This Jesus is ‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.’

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

This is the Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm: Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

²***The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.***

³You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your 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.***

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

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

Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

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

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

²³And 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. ²⁴All 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.

This is the Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Children’s Message



Welcome to New Salem - we are blessed to have you worship with us today! If you are looking for a church home, please contact Pastor Terry or Traci Schanke in the church office at 218-586-2262 or via email at newsalem@paulbunyan.net. If you are a visitor, please sign our guest book on the podium outside the church office.

Website: newsalemlutheranchurch.org

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Gospel Acclamation

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (sing 3X)

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Gospel: John 10:11-18

[Jesus said:] ¹¹"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The 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. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care 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. ¹⁶I 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. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No 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."

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

Sermon



April Mission Partner

Lutheran Campus Ministry-Bemidji

Mission: Lutheran Campus Ministry of Bemidji is a welcoming grace-filled campus community where everyone is invited to explore faith, deepen relationships and serve our neighbors. Vision: Lutheran Campus Ministry of Bemidji is a centering place for students to connect with God and each other. Rooted in God's infinite grace, we invite opportunities to be curious about faith, engage in service and grow deeper in relationships. We are committed to welcoming everyone while integrating faith and life to belong and feel both safe and challenged as we learn and journey together.

A Message from Pastor Emily: The Lutheran Campus Ministry Community of Bemidji is blessed to continue to gather around the theme of "Life Together!" Our experience of the world will include both challenges and joys - neither of which gain meaning without the context of community. We strive to be a campus ministry that welcomes all students, faculty and staff at BSU & NTC to share life together. Your unique perspectives, identities, beliefs, and hopes are what make our community beautiful! You don't have to be a Christian, regular church attender or Bible wizard to attend! Lutheran Campus Ministry of Bemidji is an affirming, welcoming and grace-filled student group at BSU & NTC. Anyone who is curious about faith & spirituality is already welcome! Wherever you are on your spiritual journey - you are welcome to join us! We believe that the Holy Spirit is active in transforming us, our community and the world and we hope you'll join us in learning, growing, and engaging the hope of that Spirit together!

April 2024 Mission Partner

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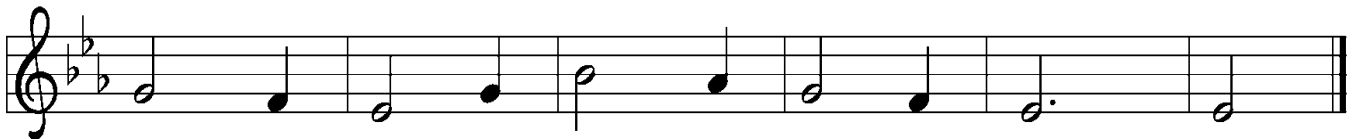
and urges you to consider the various ways you might support this valuable ministry. If you can't be here in person, you can send your check to New Salem (PLEASE indicate it is for LCM-Bemidji), and we will forward your gift to them.

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

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 thine unction grace bestoweth;
 and, oh, what transport of delight
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

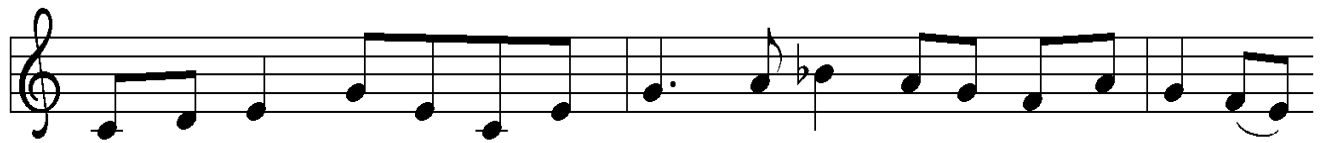
6 And so, through all the length of days,
 thy goodness faileth never.
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house forever.

Prayers of the People

Lord in your mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

Sharing the Peace**Tithes and Offerings****Offertory Hymn**

Let the Vineyards be Fruitful (next page)



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Offertory Prayer

Together we pray: ***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. Amen.***

Words of Institution


Lord's Prayer

Together we pray: ***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.***

Sharing Christ's Meal

Communion Hymn #1**You Satisfy the Hungry Heart**


Refrain



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



- 1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,

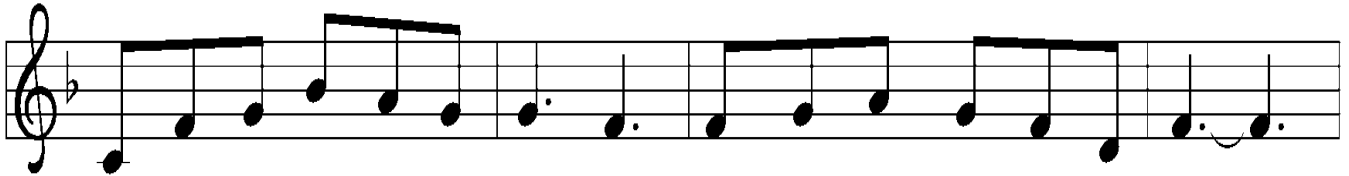
Refrain



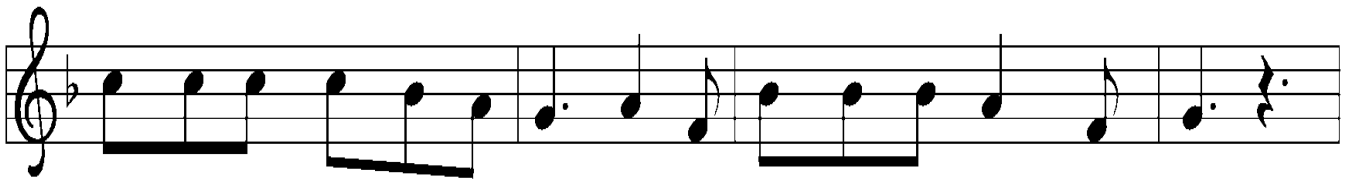
so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.
 that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav' n - ly food.
 Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
 whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
 to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

Communion Hymn #2**Come to the Table (repeat as needed)**

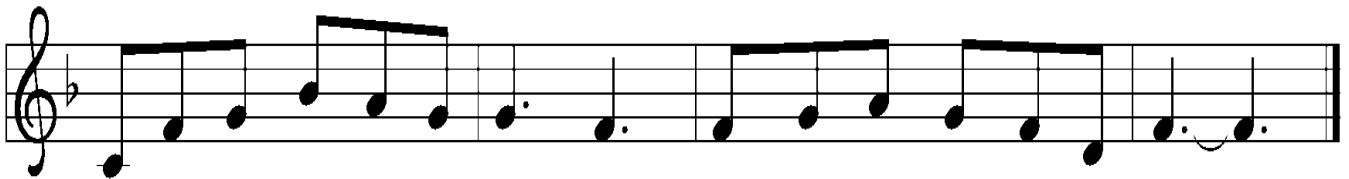
Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Communion Blessing**Post Communion Prayer**

Together we pray: *Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.*

Benediction

Sending Hymn**God Be with You Till We Meet Again**

- 1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun-sels guide, up - hold you,
- 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,
- 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con - found you,



with a shep-herd's care en - fold you;
 dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 put un - fail - ing arms a - round you;

Refrain

Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Je - sus' feet;



till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Today's Worship Leaders/Assistants

Presiding Clergy: Pastor Terry R. Hagensen
Ushers:
Reader/Communion Assistant: Sue Rosselet
Setting the Lord's Table: Sonya & Paul Kraft,
Sally Ellingson, Emeritus ♥

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March 2024 Income vs Expenses (FINAL)

Total Income for March: \$14,638

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Total Expenses for March: \$15,343

4.14.24 General Fund Offering: \$4,255

Attendance/Social Media Engagement (as of 4.19.24)

April 14 Attendance (in person/online): 80

YouTube Subscribers: 99

YouTube Views (2024 to date): 640

Facebook reach (2024 to date): 20,109

Announcements for the Week of April 21, 2024

THANK YOU! A huge and heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Rummage and Bake Sale a success! New Salem was a flurry of activity all this week with setup – sorting, organizing, tagging, hauling – and everyone's hard work is very much appreciated!

Important Congregational Meeting Following Worship Today: Immediately following worship there will be a brief congregational meeting to vote on who will sign the paperwork for the upcoming land parcel sale. (By Minnesota statute, a congregational vote is required rather than a Council vote.) New Salem Council Treasurer Sue Rosselet will also present an update on first quarter finances.

Bible Study Resumes Thursday, April 25 at 9:30 a.m. – Come join the learning and fun!

Offering Reminder: Please remember to indicate on your check/offering envelope how you wish your gift to be credited. Unmarked offerings/those marked "general" go toward New Salem's annual operating expenses; gifts marked for other entities are credited as such in your giving record and sent to those organizations. Thank you for supporting the missions of New Salem!

This Week at New Salem (April 21-27)

Wednesday, 4/24 **Choir Practice** **5 p.m.**

Thursday, 4/25 **Bible Study** **9:30 p.m.**

Ministry Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are needed to assist with various Sunday ministries here at New Salem! Ushers, readers/Communion assistants, helpers to set up Communion before the worship service and tidy up afterward, offering counters, and hosts for our coffee fellowship after worship. Sign up as a family or team up with a friend or two! **Signup sheets are available on the back table in the Fellowship Hall. Remember: If no one signs up to host coffee fellowship, THERE IS NO COFFEE FELLOWSHIP.☹**



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