

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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Fourth Sunday of Easter Worship Service w/Holy Communion/Caring
Collection/FB

Sunday April 21, 2024



- Monday:** 9:00 Do Days/Potluck lunch/Noon business Mtg.
Tuesday: 9:00 Do Days/Potluck lunch
Wednesday: 11:00 Prayer Group
6:00 Confirmation/Club 56 (Simple Supper)
Thursday:
Friday: Pastor's Day Off
Saturday: 9:00 – 10:00 Ladies Bible Study - Ellen Hongerholt
10:30 – 1:00 Brat Sale Drive-thru at CofC carport
Sunday: 9:30 Fifth Sunday of Easter Worship Service w/Holy
Communion/Senior Recognition/FB
10:30 Last day of Sunday School/Coffee Hour in honor of graduates

Cross of Christ Mission Statement: As a fellowship of believers, it is our mission to joyfully proclaim the gospel of Christ in word and deed; inviting people to worship together, nurturing them in the Christian faith, loving one another and serving a world in need.

Prelude

Ringling of the Church Bell

Announcements

Gathering Song: ELW #533 “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty” vs.1,3,5

1 Open now thy gates of beauty,
Zion, let me enter there,
where my soul in joyful duty
waits for God who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place,
filled with solace, light, and grace!

3 Here thy praise is gladly chanted,
here thy seed is duly sown;
let my soul, where it is planted,

bring forth precious sheaves alone,
so that all I hear may be
fruitful unto life in me.

5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee,
let thy will be done indeed;
may I undisturbed draw near thee
while thou dost thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows;
here is balm for all our woes.

Prayer of the Day:

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.

Choir

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.”

R: The Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

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.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Gospel: John 10:11-18

P: The holy gospel according to John. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

[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."

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

Sermon

Pastor Dana Jackson

Hymn of the Day: Hymn #770 "Give Me Jesus"

1 In the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise,
give me Jesus.

(Refrain)

**Give me Jesus,
give me Jesus.
You may have all the rest,
give me Jesus.**

2 Dark midnight was my cry,
dark midnight was my cry,
dark midnight was my cry,
give me Jesus. **R**

3 Just about the break of day,
just about the break of day,
just about the break of day,
give me Jesus. **R**

4 Oh, when I come to die,
oh, when I come to die,
oh, when I come to die,
give me Jesus. **R**

5 And when I want to sing,
and when I want to sing,
and when I want to sing,
give me Jesus. **R**

Senior Recognition & Quilt Presentation

Senior Recognized during our worship service today is Cade Christensen.

Apostle's Creed

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

Prayers of Intercession:

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Caring Collection

Offering Collection

Offertory Hymn# 186 “Create in Me a Clean Heart”

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit.

Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen**

First Communion - Keahna Seekamp, Taya Evenson.

Invitation to Communion *Congregation Response: All are welcome.*

The Distribution (*Please sign the pew pad.*)

Communion Hymns: 471,656,676,754

Sending Song: ELW # 634 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

1 All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem
and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem
and crown him Lord of all.

2 O seed of Israel's chosen race
now ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace
and crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace
and crown him Lord of all.

3 Hail him, you heirs of David's line,
whom David Lord did call--
the God incarnate, man divine
and crown him Lord of all.
The God Incarnate, man divine--
and crown him Lord of all.

4 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at his feet
and crown him Lord of all.
Go spread your trophies at his feet
and crown him Lord of all.

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Thank You for helping with the service today:

Organist: Shelley Jerviss

Choir Director: Jake Olson

Acolytes: Natalie Skifton, Makenna

Pedretti

Prayers of intercession: Volunteer

Reader: Denise Rostad

Communion: Judy Munson, Twyla

Thorson, Denise Rostad, Larry Jerviss

Usher: Keirah Stuttgen, Volunteer,

Duane Hegland

Happening Today Roadside Cleanup

Following service we will have our Biannual roadside cleanup. CofC will provide bags, approved safety vests, training and bag retrieval. You contribute approximately two hours of labor. We look forward to having a multi-generational group to help out and will be having a potluck afterwards.

All volunteers between the ages of 12-17 participating must have written consent of a parent or legal guardian to participate. Thanks!

April 27th Brat Sale at Cross of Christ Drive - Thru from 10:30-1:00P.M.

(fundraiser Proceeds go to St. Pete's & Stone Church Cemetery)

April 28th Senior Recognition and Reception

Seniors will be presented with a quilt from Cross of Christ Lutheran Church presented by WELCA. Reception to follow worship service.

May 5th Noisy Offering Collection

FAQ's Cross of Christ Carpet/Asbestos Project

What does the project include?

The current carpet and the asbestos tiles will be removed. The Fellowship Hall will be painted and then the new carpet will be installed.

Is it necessary to remove the asbestos?

The church council voted unanimously to remove the asbestos and lay new carpet. This decision was made because if the asbestos tiles were to break during the carpet removal the asbestos would become airborne. This would create a hazardous environment. The project would then have to be shut down immediately. A professional abatement company would need to be called to come to remove all of the tiles appropriately. The church council chose not to take this risk and pay for the abatement.

Why were carpet tiles selected instead of rolled carpet or solid flooring?

Carpet tiles were chosen for several reasons that include: for safety to help prevent slips and falls, carpet absorbs sounds and reduces echo and for the ease of cleaning. If there is a stain an individual carpet tile can be removed for cleaning or replacement.

Extensive research was conducted before carpet tiles were recommended.

Carpet tiles are being used at the Minneapolis Airport, Gundersen and Mayo Health Systems, Viterbo University, and the School District of La Crosse. Even our own church nursery has carpet tiles.

How was the carpet selected?

The committee viewed products from 3 separate flooring companies. Stain tests were performed on various samples. Coffee was poured on 2 spots on each sample. One spot was cleaned up immediately. One spot was left for 3 days and then cleaned up using only water. The color that was selected had the best results from this experiment.

How do we know that we are getting a good value for our money?

The committee sought bids from three asbestos abatement companies and also three flooring companies.

How long will this project take?

The church council has dedicated the majority of the summer for the completion of this project. Funerals can be hosted at the Stone Church during this time. The asbestos removal will begin June 1. The church will be closed to all activities during this time. For safety reasons during the asbestos removal no one is allowed in the building, with the exception of Pastor Dana and Karen. If you have other questions, please contact Lyn or Chuck Halvorson.

