



The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024 9:00am

The Annunciation of Our Lady Episcopal Church
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Welcome to Annunciation

Before Worship

We ask that conversations and greetings before the worship service happen in the Narthex. We try to keep the Nave as a space for quiet prayer and contemplation as we enter into worship.

What's Happening

The bulletin is your guide to everything happening in our parish. It contains everything you need to fully participate in the service. Some of the music we will sing can be found here in the bulletin or the Red or Blue hymnal in your pew.

Receiving Communion

- *You're Invited: This is Jesus' table; he made no restrictions, and neither do we.*
- *Host: Our communion is by bread or wafer. The priest or deacon will place the sacrament in your hand.*
- *Wine: You are invited to receive the wine by the common cup, either by sipping (please guide the chalice with your hand) or by intinction (dipping the wafer in the wine).*
- *If you would like to receive in the single-serving cups, a Eucharistic Minister will have a tray of cups by the right ambulatory.*
- *Gluten-free wafers are available. Ask the priest for one when you come up.*
- *Healing Prayer: If you would like someone to pray for you for healing of mind, body, or spirit, you're invited to go to the side chapel at any time during Communion.*

Hospitality

After the service, please enjoy good food, coffee, and conversation in the Parish Hall.

Let's Get Connected!

We want to get to know you better and tell you more about our community. Please fill in a Newcomer Card, available at the Communications Center near the main entrance.

Children

We welcome children to participate fully, and we do not expect them to be perfectly quiet. If your child needs a break, feel free to bring them to the

Narthex (lobby) or make use of our Nursery: take a left as you exit the worship space, down the hall.

Restrooms

The main restrooms are off the Parish Hall, to your right as you exit the worship space. A gender-neutral restroom is located to your left as you exit the worship space, down the hall.

Wheelchair Accommodations

There are wheelchair-friendly spaces in the pews, on the outside aisles. Accessible restroom stalls are in the main restrooms off the Parish Hall, to your right as you exit the worship space.

Hearing Assistance

Hearing devices are located on the table near the main entrance. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Online Worship

We record and broadcast our services via Zoom. You can find the link to the Zoom on our electronic Parish News.

Additionally, if you are not comfortable or do not consent to your image being shown on our broadcast, we encourage you to be aware of the camera and ask you to consider taking a seat behind the camera on the left side of the Nave.

Streaming to Facebook Live

If you aren't able to join us for our in person service, the video will be available at: <https://www.facebook.com/annunciationgurnee/live/>

You do not have to have a Facebook account to view the video.

In-person, indoor worship

- If you are not feeling well, please stay home.
- **Masks are optional inside. Please gauge your own continuum of safety.**

Please ask an usher or worship leader for assistance with anything you need.

The Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn

#304, *The Hymnal 1982*
I come with joy to meet my lord

Opening Proclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

Collect for Purity

Celebrant and People: *Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.*

Gloria #S-280 The Hymnal 1982

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

People: *Amen.*

Please be seated.

The First Lesson

Acts 4:5-12

Reader: A reading from the book of Acts of the Apostles.

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

*`the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.'*

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

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: *Thanks be to God.*

The Psalm

Psalm 23

Reader: Let us say the psalm responsively by whole verse.

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

*He makes me lie down in green
pastures *
and leads me beside still
waters.*

He revives my soul *
and guides me along right
pathways for his Name's
sake.

*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.*

You spread a table before me in
the presence of those who
trouble me; *
you have anointed my head
with oil,
and my cup is running over.

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

The Second Lesson

1 John 3:16-24

Reader: A reading from the first letter of John.

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us -- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. 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?

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

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: *Thanks be to God.*

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Festival Alleluia

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The Gospel

John 10:11-18

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Deacon: Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 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. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care 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. 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. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. 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."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate
from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the
living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father
and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son who is
worshiped and glorified.**

Who has spoken through the Prophets.

**We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray responsively

Leader: Jesus, you are the good shepherd of your people. Hear the cry of your flock as we pray, "Good Shepherd, receive our prayer."

Leader: Good Shepherd, you call us to follow where you lead. Give us ears to hear and know your voice. Give us the courage and strength to lay down our lives for one another, as even you laid down your life for us. This morning we pray for Fort Dauphin in the Diocese of Toliara, the Diocese of Southeastern Mexico, the Diocese of Renk, and the Anglican Church of Australia.

Silence

Good Shepherd,

People: Receive our prayer.

Leader: Good Shepherd, gather to yourself the people of the world so there will be one flock under your reign. Forgive us for our hatred and division.

We welcome your thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

Silence

Good Shepherd,

People: Receive our prayer.

Leader: Good Shepherd, you have blessed us with green pastures and still waters – places in your world where we find rest and renewal. We thank you for the beauty of the earth.

Silence

Good Shepherd,

People: Receive our prayer.

Leader: Good Shepherd, even when wolves attack, you never leave your loved ones; even in the valley of the shadow of death, you are present. Be with all victims of violence. Comfort them in their distress.

Silence

Good Shepherd,

People: Receive our prayer.

Leader: Good Shepherd, you love us so much that you call us each by name: we pray for the healing of our siblings in your name. This morning we pray for: **Bishop Michael; Bishop Samy and Venerable Canon Donne; the peace of Jerusalem, for the victims of gun violence; the people served by Sunrise Assisted Living, PADS and the Community Meal program, for those in war-torn places, especially Ukraine, Gaza and Israel, for our Scouts and leaders, Mia, Rose, Megan, Clare, Roger, Pam, Bill and Mary, John, Merritt and Mills, Keith, Dale and Sandy, Mark, Dorothy and family, Jill, Dan, Walter, Frank, Linda, Stacy, Jerry; A.S.; Fiakira, Romainia, Norbert, Erica, Elitsiana, Ashley; Helene; and John.**

Silence

Good Shepherd,

People: Receive our prayer.

Leader: Good Shepherd, you are our salvation. Grant all who have died a dwelling place in your house forever.

Silence

Good Shepherd,

People: Receive our prayer.

Leader: For all those who serve in the Armed Forces, including **Liam Mellen, Christopher Pavy, Nick Unda, Christopher Froelich, Karl Mohrmann, Trish Hull, Clay Anderson, and Quinton Hocking.** Good Shepherd,

People: Receive our prayer.

Leader: For those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week, including **Barb Clark (4/25) and Deb Modde (4/26).** Good Shepherd,

People: Receive our prayer.

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, the peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

After you have greeted others, please have a seat.

Offertory

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Hymn

#645, *The Hymnal 1982*
The King of Love my shepherd is

Presentation Hymn

Praise God, from whom all bles - sings flow; Praise Him, all crea - tures here be - low;

Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Sending Forth of Lay Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant: Hear us, O heavenly Father, and with your Word and Holy Spirit bless and sanctify this bread and wine that it, also, may be the Sacrament of the precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who took bread and the cup and said, "This is my Body, this is my Blood."

People: **Amen.**

Deacon: You have been entrusted with the sacraments of the church. Go and share these signs of our community with those who are unable to be a part of our gathering, and assure them that they are in our prayers. May you bring peace to these places that welcome you.

The Holy Communion

Please stand as you are able.

The Great Thanksgiving

Prayer D, BCP

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing

all sing:

#S-129, *The Hymnal 1982*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for

you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

*We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs and matriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

People: Amen!

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

*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 for ever. Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant: These are the gifts of God and we are the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn

*#343, The Hymnal 1982
Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless*

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.
You're invited to stand or kneel, as able.

People: **God of abundance,
you have fed us with the bread of life
and the cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever in the risen life
of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Blessing of the Holy Water

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into new life, and by the power of your life-giving Spirit ever cleanses and sanctifies your people: bless, we pray you, this water for the service of your holy Church; and grant that it may be a sign of the cleansing and refreshment of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Celebrant and People together say,

Cleanse me from my sin, and I shall be pure; wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

Blessing

Celebrant: The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the

Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People: **Amen.**

Welcome & Announcements

Closing Hymn

#708, *The Hymnal 1982*
Savior, like a shepherd lead us

The Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Postlude

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EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Annunciation is a place..
To be included
To be honest
To be challenged
To be empowered
To find hope