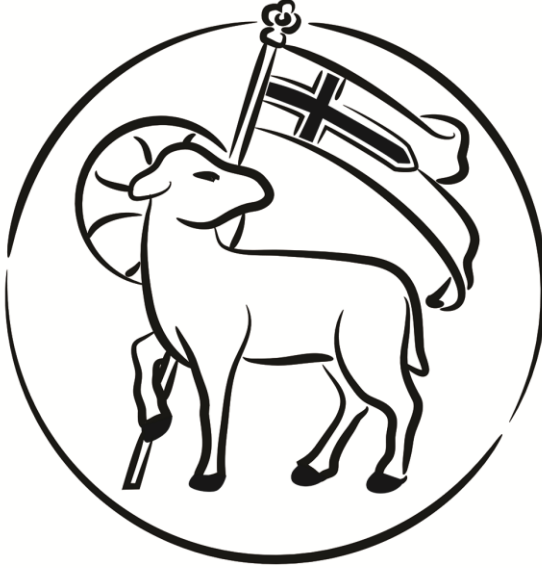


Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 17, 2016



Christ Lutheran Church

(Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod)

Rev. David Wetmore, Pastor

Rev. Rick Kelm, Pastoral Assistant

1300 Townline Road

Wausau, Wisconsin 54403

(715) 848-2040

Pastor Wetmore Cell: (715) 581-6084

Pastor Kelm Cell: (402) 200-0190

Website: www.clc-wausau.org

The Mission of Christ Lutheran Church is to help all people know Jesus as their Savior and grow in relationship with Him.

Fourth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 17, 2016

HYMN "Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good" LSB 819

DIVINE SERVICE: Setting One page 151

INTROIT *Ps. 78:70–72; 79:13; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b*

P: I am the good shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me, and I lay down My life for the sheep.

C: He chose David His servant and took him from the sheepfolds; from following the nursing ewes He brought him to shepherd Jacob His people, Israel His inheritance.

P: With upright heart He shepherded them and guided them with His skillful hand.

C: But we Your people, the sheep of Your pasture, will give thanks to You forever; from generation to generation we will recount Your praise.

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

C: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: I am the good shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me, and I lay down My life for the sheep.

KYRIE page 152

HYMN OF PRAISE "This Is the Feast" page 155

SALUTATION AND COLLECT page 156

FIRST READING *Acts 20:17-35*

¹⁷ Now from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. ¹⁸ And when they came to him, he said to them: "You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, ¹⁹ serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰ how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, ²¹ testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. ²² And now, behold, I am

going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³ except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. ²⁴ But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. ²⁵ And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. ²⁶ Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, ²⁷ for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸ Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which He obtained with His own blood. ²⁹ I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰ and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹ Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. ³² And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³ I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴ You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵ In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Revelation 7:9-17

⁹ After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹ And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." ¹³ Then one of the

elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple; and He who sits on the throne will shelter them with His presence. ¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷ For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and He will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIApage 156

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 10th chapter.

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:22-30

²² At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around Him and said to Him, "How long will You keep us in suspense? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father's name bear witness about Me, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you are not part of My flock. ²⁷ My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. ²⁸ I give them

eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of My hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN “How Shall They Hear, Who Have Not Heard” *LSB* 831

SERMON

APOSTLES CREED page 159

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

WE WORSHIP THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY page 159

If you are a confirmed member of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation, we invite you to commune with us. If you are not a confirmed member of an LCMS congregation and would like to come forward with your family and friends during the distribution, please place your hands over your heart and you will receive a blessing.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT page 160

DISTRIBUTION HYMN “Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior” *LSB* 619

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE “Thank the Lord” page 164

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT & BENEDICTION page 166

HYMN “I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb” *LSB* 740

Acknowledgments

Divine Service, Setting One from Lutheran Service Book © 2006 Concordia Publishing House. Reprinted with permission.

Unless otherwise indicated, all scripture quotations are from *The Holy Bible, English Standard Version*, copyright © 2001 by Crossway Bibles, a division of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved.
 Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2006 Concordia Publishing House.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1–18

Revelation 21:1–7

John 16:12–22 or John 13:31–35

THIS WEEK— (April 17th – 24th)

Sunday: Worship/HC, 9:00am; Christian Ed, 10:30am;
Spaghetti Dinner, 12:00pm

Monday: Bible Study, 1:00pm

Wednesday: May Crosswalk Articles Due; Bible Study, 8:30am;
CLC Quilters, 9:30am; Confirmation (1st year) 5:00pm;
Confirmation (2nd year), 6:00pm

Thursday: Worship/HC, 6:30pm; Bible Class, 7:30pm

Sunday: Worship/HC, 9:00am; Christian Ed, 10:30am

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (Week ending 04/03/16)

General Fund: \$5559.50; Building Fund: \$1345.00; Blessings: \$0.67;
Genesis Fund: \$100.00; Memorial: \$85.00; Miscellaneous: \$12.86
Total Attendance: 154 (Midweek: 18; Sunday: 136)

CLC ANNOUNCEMENTS

GUESTS AND VISITORS: We are glad you are here! We invite you to join us for fellowship and Bible study following the service. Bathrooms are located upstairs on each end of the fellowship/Bible study area.

...FACES OF HOPE...

2016 Banquet for HOPE LIFE CENTER

You are invited to attend the annual banquet on Tuesday, April 26th at the Central WI Convention & Expo Center, 5:15pm Doors Open, 6:00pm Dinner. **For additional information and to reserve seat(s) please contact Sandi Michaelis at 715-571-2520.**

IF YOU CHANGED YOUR PHONE NUMBER AND/OR EMAIL

ADDRESS please get in touch with the church office so we can update our database. Thank you!

COMING UP-----Ladies' Guild Spring Craft-Bake Sale, Sunday, May 1. Enjoy some goodies and help support Missions. We invite others from the congregation to contribute also. **So, everyone, Make, Bake, and Buy-----and help share the Gospel!**

GENESIS FUND: We have been using the Genesis Fund for those in need from our church. If you wish to make a donation to help replenish this fund, please put your envelope marked "Genesis Fund" into the offering.

APRIL HUMAN CARE DONATIONS will go to WAUSAU COMMUNITY WARMING CENTER. Items needed include: bleach, toilet bowl cleaner, and Lysol all-purpose cleaner.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS may be found on the bulletin boards.

"LIFE QUOTES" from Lutherans For Life

"Let us stand firm for the rights of all people, especially for the most vulnerable, defenseless of them all, the unborn children ... The Church has confessed from the beginning that each life is created by God, that human life is the supreme gift of the Creator. Human life is not given unconditionally but is given under the condition that we will be responsible for preserving it." — *Abbot Tryphon, Vashon Island, Washington– A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* (www.lutheransforlife.org)