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The Fourth Sunday of Easter

11:00 a.m. ~ Service of the Word

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Prelude

Heather Schein, Jennifer Massicotte (*piano duet*)

“Redeemed”

by William Kirkpatrick

Words of Welcome

Hymn

He's Risen, He's Risen LSB #480

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**He's risen He's risen Christ Jesus, the Lord
He opened death's prison the_ incarnate true Word
Break forth hosts of heaven in jubilant song
And earth sea and mountain their praises prolong**

**The foe was triumphant when on Calvary
The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree
In Satan's domain did the hosts shout and jeer
For Jesus was slain whom the evil ones fear**

**But short was their triumph the Saviour arose
And death hell and Satan He vanquished His foes
The conquering Lord lifts His banner on high
He lives yes He lives and will nevermore die**

**O where is your sting death We fear you no more
Christ rose and now open is fair Eden's door
For all our transgressions His blood does atone
Redeemed and forgiven we now are His own**

**Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice
Laud honour and praise to the Lamb that was slain
With Father and Spirit He ever shall reign**

Invocation & Opening Sentences

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;
C **He has put all things under His feet. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Confession & Forgiveness of Sins

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
 2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
 Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation & Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

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

²He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.

³He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will 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;
my cup overflows.

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

Epistle**1 Peter 2:19-25**

¹⁹This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Anthem**"God Made Me"** by Adam Countryman**Holy Gospel****St. John 10:1-10**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ²But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn of the Day

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want LSB #710

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The Lord's my shepherd I'll not want
 He makes me down to lie
 In pastures green He leadeth me
 The quiet waters by

My soul He doth restore again
 And me to walk doth make
 Within the paths of righteousness
 E'en for His own name's sake

Yea though I walk in death's dark vale
 Yet will I fear no ill
 For Thou art with me and Thy rod
 And staff me comfort still

My table Thou hast furnishèd
 In presence of my foes
 My head Thou dost with oil anoint
 And my cup overflows

Goodness and mercy all my life
 Shall surely follow me
 And in God's house forevermore
 My dwelling place shall be

Sermon

*St. John 10:10***“GRACE GIFTS”**

*“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.
 I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”*

Prayer of the Church

Presentation of Offerings

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 forever and ever.
 Amen.

Benediction**P** Let us bless the Lord.**C** **Thanks be to God.****P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favour and † give you peace.

C **Amen.****Closing Hymn****Beautiful Saviour** *LSB #537**Text: Public domain*

**Beautiful Saviour
King of creation
Son of God and Son of Man
Truly I'd love Thee
Truly I'd serve Thee
Light of my soul my joy my crown**

**Fair are the meadows
Fair are the woodlands
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring
Jesus is fairer
Jesus is purer
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing**

**Fair is the sunshine
Fair is the moonlight
Bright the sparkling stars on high
Jesus shines brighter
Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky**

**Beautiful Saviour
Lord of the nations
Son of God and Son of Man
Glory and honor
Praise adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine**

Serving in the Lord's House Today**Preacher**.....Pastor Roland Syens**Liturgist**.....Pastor Nolan Astley**Organist**.....Jennifer Massicotte**Technical Crew**.....Claude Massicotte, Carl Kuhl