

## Fourth Sunday of Easter (Confirmation Sunday)

April 25, 2021

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Sermon Text: Acts 4:1-12

Sermon Title: "Bold Witnesses"

Hymns: 605, 710, 547, 537, 633, 922

Divine Service: Setting 1, pg. 151

### Introit

**Ps. 23; 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.: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.**

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

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

P.: Even 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.

**C.: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

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

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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**C.: I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.**

### THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

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| Today  | 9:00am  | Sunday School/Bible Study |
|        | 10:00am | Worship w/Holy Communion  |
| Sunday | 9:00am  | Sunday School/Bible Study |
|        | 10:00am | Worship                   |

**LAST WEEK...** The offering for Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> included \$748 for General Offerings, \$10 for Missions, \$60 for Cemetery Upkeep, \$25 Madagascar Mission, \$50 for Minnesota South District Missions (New Fund). There was a total deposit of \$893.00.

**CONFIRMED IN CHRIST ...** this morning: Joseph Gratz (Mike & D'Lynn Pickle), Roseann Holien (Sherry & Tim Henrich, Jenni & Tony Scholla), Brooke Schultz (Joshua Heinrichs, Jeremy & Michelle Larson), Benjamin Strickland (Andrew and Amanda Strickland, Cheryl and Jamie Andes).

**FLOWERS ...** on either side of the altar are given in honor of the confirmands by their parents.

**CONFIRMATION CELEBRATIONS ...** 1) Roseann Holien, Open House today after church. Stop by for food and cake from 1-4pm; 8401 County Road 4 NE, Atwater, 2) Benjamin Strickland – All are invited to stay after today's worship service and join the Strickland family in celebrating with a cupcake in the Fellowship Hall.

**SERVANT HEART ....** Three cheers to Roland for his service to our church, especially during the pandemic! Please contact him if interested in helping. Training offered.

**PHASE 2 TO START...** Work will begin this summer on the basement - construction of 5 classrooms (plan on bulletin board!), ductwork and electric work.

**WORD OF THE LORD ENDURES FOREVER ...** Pastor Weedon is starting a new Bible Study on 1 Corinthians this week. Listen at [www.thewordendures.org](http://www.thewordendures.org), the LPR app or your favorite podcast provider.

**SIGN UPS ...** Please stop by and take a look at the table near the church office!

**BABY SHOWER ...** Ladies Aid is collecting various baby items for Gifts from the Heart to bring to the National Convention in June. Place donated items in the grocery cart during the month of May. See bulletin board for information.

**LADIES AID ...** will be hosting a Prayer Service on Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm. All are welcome! Regular business meeting and lunch to follow. Barb L to serve.

**FELLOWSHIP CMT ...** will honor our ACGC Graduates on Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> with cake and coffee after church in the fellowship hall. Graduates are: Wilson Gratz, Levi Lilleberg, Braeden Pickle, Noah Renne, Kari Schultz, Karla Schultz. There will be gift bags in the entrance, if you wish to remember these graduates.

**GRADUATION OPEN HOUSE ...** 1) Noah Renne, Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 5pm @ 53253 291<sup>st</sup> Street, Grove City. 2) Kari & Karla Schultz, Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup> from 1-5pm @ 51937 US Hwy 12, Grove City. 3) Braeden Pickle on Saturday, June 5, 2021 from 1-4pm @ 104 4<sup>th</sup> Street South, Grove City. All invited!

**PHOTO DIRECTORY...** Don't forget to sign up for your new family photo!

**Announcement deadline: Noon, Thursdays to Pastor or Ali (706) 284-0646, secretaryst.john@outlook.com**