### **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

10 AM April 21, 2024

An asterisk (\*) indicates when the congregation stands. Hymns and page numbers are from the red Evangelical Lutheran Worship service book that is located in the pew rack.

<u>Prelude</u>.....<u>Eric Raisler</u>

### Welcome and Announcements

Welcome to all who are worshiping either online or in person today. Ushers will pass out the Welcome and Communion Register to those attending in person. Please write each person's name on a separate line and place a check mark in the column next to your name if you are communion today. Leave the register on your pew as you exit.

### \* Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit,

People: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Pastor: Gracious God,

People: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

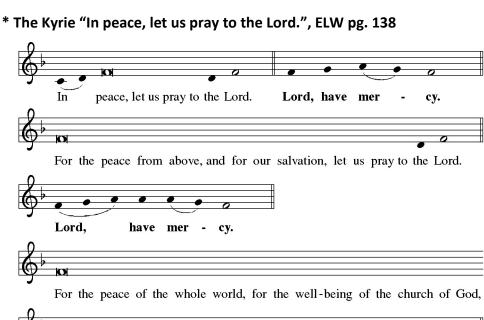
### \* Gathering Hymn #377 ELW "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!" vs. 1-5

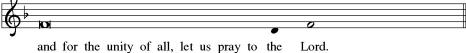


# \* The Greeting, ELW pg. 138

Pastor .....The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People.....And also with you.



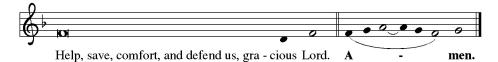






For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,





# \* Hymn of Praise, "This is the feast..." ELW pg. 149 (sung)



\* Prayer of the Day (in unison)

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.

The congregation may be seated.

<u>The Children's Sermon</u>.....<u>Pastor Tim</u>
(Children are invited forward.)

Refrain New Life in Christ #368 "O Happy Day" is sung as the children come forward and as they return to their seats.

Happy day, happy day, when Jesus washed my sins away! He taught me how to watch and pray, and live rejoicing every day happy day, happy day, when Jesus washed my sins away!

<u>The Choir Anthem</u>......<u>Chancel Choir</u>

<u>Introduction to Psalm 23</u> .....<u>Pastor Tim</u>

(pg. 443 in the Bible in the pew rack. Read responsively by verse.)

Pastor: <sup>1</sup>The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

People: <sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

Pastor: <sup>3</sup> he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

People: <sup>4</sup> for you are with me; your rod and your staff – they comfort me.

Pastor: <sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

People: <sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

The Introduction and First Reading ...... Andy Bohnsack

Reader

Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he can proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.

Reader A reading from Acts 4:5-12 pg. 885 in the Bible in the pew rack.

<sup>5</sup>The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>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, <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' <sup>12</sup>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......Word of God, Word of Life.

People......Thanks be to God.

Reader

Jesus' death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God's commandments.

Reader A reading from 1 John 3:16-24 pg. 995 in the Bible in the pew rack.

<sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>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? <sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>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......Word of God, Word of Life.

People......Thanks be to God.

\* Gospel Acclamation, ELW pg. 142 (sung) "Alleluia, Lord, to whom..."



Pastor ..... The Holy Gospel according to John.

People ..... Glory to you, O Lord.

Pastor: The Gospel according to John 10:11-18 pg. 868 in the pew Bible

[Jesus said:] <sup>11</sup>"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>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."

Pastor ..... The gospel of the Lord.

People ..... Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation may be seated.

<u>The Sermon</u>......<u>Pastor Tim</u>

### \* Hymn of the Day #390 ELW "The Risen Christ" vs. 1-4



#### \*Nicene Creed, ELW pg. 104

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;

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son 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.

### \* The Prayers of Intercession

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

Each petition will end with

Pastor: "God of grace.

People: "hear our prayer."

To close the prayers:

Pastor: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding

love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

People: Amen.

### \* The Peace

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

People: And also with you.

The congregation may be seated.

# The Offering of Gifts

The ushers will pass the offering plates to those who are worshipping in person. Offerings can be mailed to PO Box 448, Cokato, MN 55321, or install our app on your cell phone.

### \* Offering of Song #379 ELW "Now the Green Blade Rises" vs. 3

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain, he that for three days in the grave had lain; raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen; love is come again like wheat arising green.

## \* The Great Thanksgiving, ELW pg. 144

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

# \* "Holy, holy, holy" ELW pg. 144

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

## \* The Lord's Prayer, ELW pg. 145

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.

The congregation may be seated.

### "Lamb of God...", ELW pg. 146

Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world; grant us peace.

### \* Communion Hymn #373 ELW "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" vs. 1-6



- 1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to day!"
- 2 Love's re-deem-ing work is done,
- 3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
- 4 Lives a gain our glo rious king!

All on earth with an - gels say;

fought the fight, the bat - tle won. Christ has burst the gates of hell.

Where, O death, is now your sting?



raise your joys and tri - umphs high; sing, O heav'ns; and earth, re - ply. Lo! The sun's e - clipse is o'er. Lo! He sets in blood no more. Death in vain for - bids his rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Once he died our souls to save; where your vic - to - ry, O grave?

- 5 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n! Praise to thee by both be giv'n. Thee we greet triumphant now: hail, the resurrection, thou!
- 6 King of glory, soul of bliss, everlasting life is this: thee to know, thy pow'r to prove, thus to sing, and thus to love!

### \* The Blessing

Pastor ..... The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. People .... Amen.

\* Sending Hymn #376 ELW "Thine is the Glory" vs. 1-3

1. Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vic-t'ry thou o'er death hast won! Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay. Refrain
Thine is the glory, risen, con-qu'ring Son; endless is the vic-t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

2. Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom; let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting!
Refrain
Thine is the glory, risen, con-qu'ring Son; endless is the vic-t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

3. No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life; life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

Refrain
Thine is the glory, risen, con-qu'ring Son; endless is the vic-t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

#### \* Dismissal

Pastor... We celebrate

People... grace,

Pastor... appreciate

People... all God's people Pastor.....through sharing People....Christ's story!

<u>Postlude</u>.....<u>Eric Raisler</u>

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## WORSHIP HELPERS: TODAY & UPCOMING, THANK YOU FOR HELPING!

### APRIL 21, 2024 AT 10 AM-FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acolyte: Hannah Hruby **Lector:** Andy Bohnsack

A-V/Streaming: Max Clemen, Abe/Jean Abrahamson Children's Sermon: Pastor Tim

**Greeters:** Dean & Tonya Jenkins Music: Eric Raisler, organist. Tracy Hagstrom Durant

Coffee Host: Jean & Abe Abrahamson and Tom Durant, cantors.

Communion: Kip Lynk, Andy Bohnsack, Sue Nursery: Katy Berggren, Brynn Weinandt Thomson, Luke Harmala **Ushers:** Tom Berggren, Mike Holmquist, Gary

**Counters:** Abe/Jean Abrahamson, Riley Beckman Lundeen, Mark Raymond

### APRIL 28, 2024 AT 10 AM-FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acolyte: Dara Lind Lector: Ryan Weinandt

A-V/Streaming: Amber & Greg Peterson Children's Sermon: Mandy Weinandt

**Greeters: Volunteer Needed** Music: Eric Raisler, organist. Tracy Hagstrom Durant

Coffee Host: Kathy Lundeen and Tom Durant, cantors.

**Communion:** Daniel Nelson, Abe Abrahamson, Tonya **Nursery:** Annette Bohnsack, Annalise Wheatley

Jenkins, Sophia Holmquist **Ushers:** Tom Berggren, Mike Holmquist, Gary

Counters: Ryan Albrecht, Tonya Jenkins, Katie Davis Lundeen, Mark Raymond

### MAY 5, 2024 AT 10 AM-CHOIR CONCERT/SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acolyte: Jorjah Verhey

A-V/Streaming: Ryan Albrecht, Kip Lynk Children's Sermon: Pastor Tim

Greeters: Gary & Deb Wilking

Coffee Host: Jean and Abe Abrahamson

Communion: Annette Bohnsack, Brice Berggren,

Katie Davis, Hannah Hruby

Counters: Ryan Albrecht, Tonya Jenkins, Katie Davis

**Lector:** Kip Lynk

Music: Eric Raisler, organist. Tracy Hagstrom Durant

and Tom Durant, cantors.

Nursery: Carissa Chap, Molly Anderson

Ushers: Ryan Anderson, Kip Lynk, Todd Goudy

### MAY 12, 2024 AT 10 AM-ASCENSION OF OUR LORD/SUNDAE SUNDAY/MOTHER'S DAY

**Acolyte:** Brynn Weinandt

A-V/Streaming: Ryan Anderson, Donnie Dennis

Greeters: Carl & Bev Rokala

Coffee Host: Duane & Tammi Dahlman

**Communion:** Patti Albrecht, Riley Beckman, Amy

Sluis, Dara Lind

**Counters:** Sue Thomson, Lorelei Sullivan, Bunny

Carlen, Amy Sluis or Duane Dahlman

**Lector:** Tammi Dahlman

Children's Sermon: Pastor Tim

Music: Eric Raisler, organist. Tracy Hagstrom Durant

and Tom Durant, cantors.

Nursery: Abbe Dale, Molly Anderson

**Ushers:** Ryan Anderson, Kip Lynk, Todd Goudy

### **WEEKLY STAYING CONNECTED**



# APR.18-APR. 28, 2024

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Cara Williams-Seifert Ginny Grosser Marilyn Dahlquist

Brad Loge Briana Torvick Toby Kotila

Brady Wanous Eddie Wolff Gary Peterson

We are praying for Phil Lee's cousin, Jon Gunderson who is at Region's Hospital w/bacterial meningitis.

#### PARSONAGE TASK FORCE

It is time to revisit the future of the Parsonage. Please contact Becca Clemen if you are interested in being a part of the Task Force. We will meet after church in the Library on Sunday, May 19th.

#### PHOTOS FOR FACEBOOK

If anyone has any photos of church related events/ people, please send them to Jenny at jenny.dennis.elc@gmail.com. We will use the photos for Facebook posts, etc.

#### **CORN CARNIVAL PLANNING MEETING**

We will be holding a Corn Carnival Planning meeting on Monday, April 22nd at 7 p.m. in the church library. Please feel free to join if you would like to help with planning for the 2024 Corn Carnival, August 12-14.

#### SUPPORT FOR BRIANA "BRI" TORVICK

Briana "Bri" Torvick was severely burned in a house fire in February. She is the daughter of Bryan and Sandy Isaacson and sister to Jenna Davis. To help show support for Bri and help with some of the cost of medical bills and loss of the Torvick's home, Jenna is selling "Bri Strong" bracelets for \$5 a piece. All of proceeds will go to the Torvick family. The family continues to ask for prayers during this difficult journey. If you have any questions, please reach out to Jenna at 320-282-0337 or email: jennadavis5610@gmail.com.

### **YOUTH & FAMILY**

#### ALL AGES

- Volunteers for Vacation Bible School are needed! I am looking for adults to lead small groups, games, and crafts for VBS June 3-June 5. Please let me know if you are willing to be a volunteer! I am in need of youth volunteers as well. 9am-12pm.
- Starting at the end of April in the Narthex will be Bibles for our graduating Seniors. Please take time and highlight your favorite verses for them. They will be receiving these Bibles on Sunday May 19th. Sunday School/Sheep Shack (Ages 3-6th Grade)
- Cherub Choir performs next on Sunday May 5th
- CAMP SHAMINEAU! (Grades 4-6) Friday April 19-Sunday April 21, 2024 For those in grades 4-6 we will be going to Camp Shamineau.
- Sunday May 12th is the last day of Sunday School Youth/Confirmation (Grades 7-12)
- First Sunday of the Month: JR & SR High Bible Study Sunday May 5th 9:15am in the Chapel after Cherub Choir
- Senior Sunday is Sunday May 19th. Come at 9am in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast as we talk to our graduating Seniors and their future plans. They will be receiving their Quilts and Bibles at the 10am worship service.

#### **ELC OFFERING, ONLINE VIEWERS, & PEOPLE**

General/Easter Offering for 4/7 to 4/13 was \$3,900.80.

4/14 Synod Band: We had 161 people and 56 viewers.

#### SPECIAL MUSIC FOR THE SUMMER SIGN UP

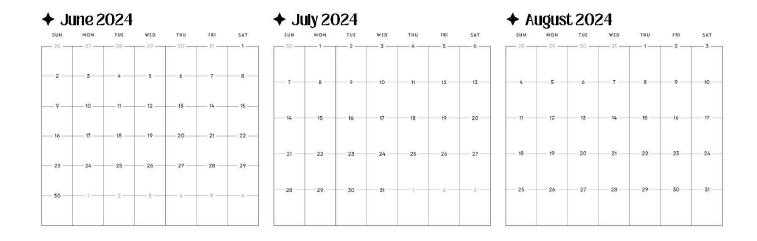
We have a sign up for special music during the summer, if you are interested please sign up here, https://forms.gle/PHDcQ4fZ6JpqPZBE6 or fill out form below and return to the office.



Enter your name and date you'd like to perform. If you are a parent signing your child up, please enter your name with your child's name. Please indicate if you will be singing or playing an instrument or both and indicate if you will need an accompanist. \*Please note: if you need an accompanist, you will need to provide the music (to Eric Raisler) at least 2 weeks before you are scheduled to perform.

◆ Your Name/Child's Name:	◆ Your Contact info:  (phone/email)	<ul><li><b>↑ Type of Music:</b></li><li>☐ Singing</li><li>☐ Playing an instrument</li><li>☐ Both</li></ul>
		☐ Both ☐ I need an accompanist.  I will provide music to Eric Raisler at least 2 weeks before I am scheduled to perform.

# Please pick a Sunday date from June - August you'd like to perform.



# **Evangelical Lutheran Church Cokato**

"ELC Cokato celebrates grace and appreciates all God's people through sharing Christ's story."

### **PLAN A VISIT**

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Mailing Address: PO Box 448

Cokato, MN 55321 Phone: 320-286-5964

Webpage: www.elchome.net

#### **BUILDING HOURS**

Mon.-Friday.: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

#### **WORSHIP SERVICES**

At Church: 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

On YouTube: 10 a.m.
Sunday School: 9 a.m.

#### **GET IN TOUCH**

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### **WAYS TO GIVE**

Scan QR code, give thru our church app or send check thru the mail or offering during service.

### **Schedule of Events for 4/18-4/28/2024**

### THURS., 4/18

9 AM Quilter group meet

6 PM Sanctuary Reserved for Eric Raisler

### SAT., 4/20

7 AM Men's Bible Study 9 AM Girls of Grace

### **SUN., 4/21 EASTER 4**

Before & after service, coffee fellowship

9 AM Sunday School, Adult Forum

10 AM Worship Service in person & livestreamed,

**Chancel Choir** 

11 AM Soren Bortnem's music lessons

### MON., 4/22

10 AM Staff meeting

7 PM Corn Carnival Planning meeting

### WED., 4/24

3:30 PM Sheep Shack Bunch (Gr. 4th-6th) 5:30 PM Soren Bortnem's music lessons 6:30 PM Confirmation Class (Gr. 7th-9th)

### THURS., 4/25

9 AM Quilters group meet

#### SAT., 4/27

7 AM Men's Bible Study

### **SUN., 4/28 EASTER 5**

Before & after service, coffee fellowship

9 AM Sunday School, Adult Forum

10 AM Worship Service in person & livestreamed

11 AM Soren Bortnem's music lessons