

First Reading ~ Acts 4:5-12

The next day their 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.'

Second Reading ~ 1 John 3:16-24

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.

*Welcome to Worship at Elstad ~ Highland Prairie Lutheran Parish
Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 25, 2021*



Gathering

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Opening Hymn *"Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!"* # 380

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Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

C: 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.

Word

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Psalm 23 (*read responsively*)

R: The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
C: He makes me lie down in green pastures;
R: he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.
C: He leads me in right paths for his name’s sake.
R: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;
C: for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.
R: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
C: you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
R: 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.

**All: Glory 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.**

Second Reading 1 John 3:16-24

Gospel Acclamation (spoken) “Alleluia, Lord, to Whom Shall We Go?” page 151

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Sermon Pastor Luther Mathsen

Sermon Hymn “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” # 502

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The Great Thanksgiving (Spoken)

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Post Communion Blessing & Prayer

Sending

Recessional Hymn “Blessing and Honor” # 854
Sending

P: Go in peace. To Love and Serve the Lord
C: Thanks be to God.

Worship Participants
Pastor: Rev. Luther Mathsen

<u>Highland Prairie:</u>	<u>Elstad:</u>
Acolytes: Lindsey Hoiness, Kenna Gudmundson	Acolyte: Thea Arends
Readers: Lindsey Hoiness, Scott Bestul	Readers: Jensyn Storhoff, Carol Overland
Greeters: Doug Lind Family	Organist: Julie Dragvold
Organist: Martha Stensgard, Karen Bakken	Ushers: Carol Overland, John Overland, Tom Smith, Dave Lawstuen, Kyle Daniels, Robert Knutson