

# Emanuel Lutheran Church

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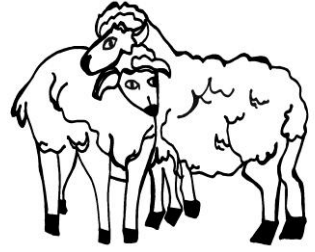
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**Pastor Carol Christianson**

**Sunday, April 21, 2024**

## **THE FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER:**

The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.



## **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM:**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the wellspring of grace,  
our Easter and our joy.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** Look, here is water!

**C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

**P:** Immersed in the promises of baptism,  
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.  
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning  
your voice thundered over the deep  
and water became the essence of life.

P: Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.  
The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.  
Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea  
into freedom's land.

In a desert pool the Ethiopian official  
entered your boundless baptismal life.

P: Look, here is water!

**C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P: At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John  
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection  
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,  
freeing us to live as Easter people.

We rejoice with glad hearts,  
giving all honor and praise to you,  
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Look, here is water!

**C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

**OPENING HYMN: "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!"**

**LBW 144**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY: (Located on the Today's Readings Insert)**

## **GOD'S WORD**

### **FIRST READING: Acts 4:5-12**

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 says: The Word of the Lord.**

**Congregation respond: Thanks be to God.**

### **SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24**

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 says: The Word of the Lord.**

**Congregation respond: Thanks be to God.**

**Sing: "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."**

P: The Gospel

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

### **THE GOSPEL READING: John 10:11-18**

In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

**SERMON**

**Pastor Carol**

**HYMN:**

**"Have No Fear, Little Flock"**

**LBW 476**

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**COMMUNION BLESSING:**

P: The body of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and His precious blood strengthen and keep you in His grace unto Life Everlasting. AMEN

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:**

P: Shepherding God,  
you have prepared a table before us  
and nourished us with your love.  
Send us forth from this banquet  
to proclaim your goodness  
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,  
our redeemer and friend.

**C: Amen.**

**THE BENEDICTION:**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: The God of resurrection power,  
the Christ of unending joy,  
and the Spirit of Easter hope  
✠ bless you now and always.

**C: Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN: “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us” LBW 481**

**DISMISSAL:**

P: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**THANK YOU** to Roberta Ryskoski for playing the prelude, during the service and the postlude.

**Attendance: Last Sunday: 27**

**Last Sunday Facebook Live: 2**

**April 2024 Altar Schedule**

Renee Theyerl and Diane Fenendael

**April 2024 Communion Schedule**

Renee Theyerl

**Today, Service Schedule, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 9:30 A.M.**

**Reader:** Charlotte Rebelein

**Usher:** Annette Raube

**Money Counters:** N/A

**Next Week's Schedule, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 A.M.**

**Reader:** Verlyn Rebelein

**Usher:** Russell Salter

**Money Counters:** N/A

**May 2024 Altar Schedule**

Mary Fairbank

**May 2024 Communion Schedule**

Marilyn Perr

Sunday, May 5, 2024 – Mary Fairbank and Marilyn Perr

**If the need arises, please feel free to sit at any time during the liturgy/hymns.**

**We welcome our visitors today. Please introduce yourself to the pastor and usher as a guest, if you have questions, please feel free to ask. Welcome! And please worship with us in the future.**

**THIS WEEK AT EMANUEL:**

**THERE WILL BE COFFEE AND OTHER GOODIES THIS MORNING FOLLOWING WORSHIP** provided by Dick and Judy Vollbrecht.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**ALTAR VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** for August and October of 2024 and January of 2025.

**ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHICKEN DINNER** Saturday, April 27, 2024, from 4:30 P.M. – 6:30 P.M. (or gone), at the Parish Hall & Activity Center, 218 E Blossom St., Ripon, WI (Enter off of the lower parking lot, handicap accessible). Drive-thru dinners are available through the north door of the gym from 4:30 P.M. – 5:30 P.M. For further information, please see the poster on the bulletin board in the narthex of the church.

**EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL BRAT FRY AND BAKE SALE**; Please join us on Friday, May 10, 2024, from 9:30 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. and Saturday, May 11, 2024, from 9:30 A.M. – 2:30 P.M. Where: Brandon Depot Park Shelter, 117 S. Commercial Street, Brandon, WI, (Across From Brandon Meats) Posters and signup sheets are in the entryway of the church

**ENJOY A BLAST FROM THE PAST! CAR HOP FRY WITH OLD CAR & MOTORCYCLE SHOW** May 18, 2024, from 4:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M., 50s Diner Type Menu, Brandon Park, 150 N. West St., Brandon, WI. If you would like to display your car/motorcycle, please bring them to the park by 3:00 P.M. that day. Prizes will be awarded to the top three cars and motorcycles. Sponsored by: Senior High Youth Group of Bethel Church of Brandon.