

**Redeemer Lutheran Church  
San Antonio, Texas**

**April 21, 2024  
Fourth Sunday After Easter  
Responsive Prayer 2: Pg. 285-287**

NOTES: Offerings will not be collected by passing plates. Please place your attendance cards and offering in the plates located by the narthex.

Masks are not required, but you can wear one at your own discretion. There is no specified seating for bible class or worship.

**Prelude**

**Opening Versicles:** Pg. 285

**The Readings:**

**The First Reading:** Psalm 24:3-10

<sup>3</sup> Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place? <sup>4</sup> The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god. <sup>5</sup> They will receive blessing from the LORD and vindication from God their Savior. <sup>6</sup> Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, God of Jacob. <sup>7</sup> Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. <sup>8</sup> Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. <sup>9</sup> Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. <sup>10</sup> Who is he, this King of glory? The LORD Almighty — he is the King of glory.

**Lector:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God.

**The Second Reading:** 1 John 3:16-24

<sup>16</sup> This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. <sup>17</sup> If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? <sup>18</sup> Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. <sup>19</sup> This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: <sup>20</sup> If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup> Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God <sup>22</sup> and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup> And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. <sup>24</sup> The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

**Lector:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God.

**The Gospel Reading:** John 10:1-17 and Luke 13:22-30

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter and St. Luke, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Congregation:** Glory to You, O Lord!

<sup>1</sup> “Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup> The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice.” <sup>6</sup> Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them. <sup>7</sup> Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to

them. <sup>9</sup> I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. <sup>11</sup> “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. <sup>13</sup> The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup> “I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep 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 are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. <sup>17</sup> The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life — only to take it up again.

<sup>22</sup> Then Jesus went through the towns and villages, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. <sup>23</sup> Someone asked him, “Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?” He said to them, <sup>24</sup> “Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to. <sup>25</sup> Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, ‘Sir, open the door for us.’ “But he will answer, ‘I don’t know you or where you come from.’ <sup>26</sup> “Then you will say, ‘We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.’ <sup>27</sup> “But he will reply, ‘I don’t know you or where you come from. Away from me, all you evildoers!’ <sup>28</sup> “There will be weeping there, and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown out. <sup>29</sup> People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. <sup>30</sup> Indeed there are those who are last who will be first, and first who will be last.”

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Congregation:** Praise to You O, Christ.

**The Hymn:**

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing” – LSB # 475

**The Kyrie:** Pg. 285

**The Lord's Prayer:** Pg. 285

**The Apostle's Creed:** Pg. 286

**The Message Hymn:**

“Jesus Loves Me” – LSB # 588

**The Message:**

**Hymn:**

“Seek Ye First” – LSB # 712

**Versicles:** Pg. 286

**Collect of the Day:**

**Prayer of the Church:**

(**Pastor:** Lord, in your mercy,)

(**Congregation:** Hear our prayer.)

**Luther's Morning Prayer:** Pg. 287

**Benedicamus and Blessing:** Pg. 287

**The Closing Hymn:**

“Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love” – LSB # 900

**Announcements:**

**Postlude**

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