

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 21 & 22, 2018

5:00 pm & 8:15 am



## AS WE GATHER

This Sunday in the Church Year is often called “Good Shepherd Sunday.” The appointed Psalm for the day is Psalm 23, which is among the most well-known psalms. The Gospel from John 10 records Jesus revealing Himself as the Good Shepherd. While fewer and fewer people are familiar with what it is like to take care of sheep, this metaphor of God’s protection and provision has become a great source of comfort and hope. God grant that you find such blessed comfort as you dwell securely here in the house of the Lord.

## PRELUDE

*Organ*

**RINGING OF THE BELLS** - *We Prepare our hearts and minds for worship*



## WELCOME

**OPENING HYMN** “Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings”

*LSB 782*

**Gracious God, You send great blessings New each morning all our days.  
For Your mercies never ending, For Your love we offer praise.**

***Refrain:* Lord, we pray that we, Your people Who Your gifts unnumbered claim,  
Through the sharing of Your blessings May bring glory to Your name.**

**By Your Word You formed creation Filled with creatures large and small;  
As we tend that endless treasure May our care encircle all. *Refrain***

**In His earthly life, our Savior Knew the care of faithful friends;  
May our deeds of dedication Offer love that never ends. *Refrain***

**Heav’nly Father, may our caring Bear the imprint of Your grace;  
With the Son and Holy Spirit, Praise be Yours in ev’ry place! *Refrain***

*(Please Stand)*

## EASTER PROCLAMATION

**Pastor:** Christ is risen!

**People:** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**Pastor:** Christ is risen!

**Men:** ***He is risen indeed! Alleluia!***

**Pastor:** Christ is risen!

**Women:** ***He is risen indeed! Alleluia!***

**Pastor:** Christ is risen!

**People:** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**



## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*(If you would like private confession and absolution, please call the office at (314) 832-5600 to make an appointment with Pastor Clark)*

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.** *Matthew 28:19b*

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** *1 John 1:8-9*

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. *[John 20:19-23]*

People: **Amen.**

[OR]

Seminary Student: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. *John 1:12, Philippians 1:6*

People: **Amen.**

### ✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

**HYMN OF PRAISE** "This Is The Feast"

*LSB 155*

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, Whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, And honor, blessing, and glory are His. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, And join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, merciful Father,

People: **since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads;**

Pastor: through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

*(Please Be Seated)*



**FIRST READING** *Acts 4:1-12* (Peter proclaims Jesus as the stone that was rejected and has become the cornerstone.)

<sup>1</sup>And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, <sup>2</sup>greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. <sup>3</sup>And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. <sup>4</sup>But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand. <sup>5</sup>On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>And when they had set them in the 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 being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. <sup>12</sup>And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** *Psalm 23*

Pastor: The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not want.

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

Pastor: He restores my soul.  
He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

People: **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.**

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

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

**ALL: 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.**



**EPISTLE** 1 John 3:16–24 (Love one another as Christ has loved us.)

<sup>16</sup>By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. <sup>17</sup>But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? <sup>18</sup>Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. <sup>19</sup>By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; <sup>20</sup>for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; <sup>22</sup>and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*(Please Stand)*

**GOSPEL VERSE** “Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”

*LSB 477, v. 1*

**Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise:  
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;  
He who on the cross a victim For the world's salvation bled—  
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, Now is risen from the dead.**



**GOSPEL** John 10:11–18

(Jesus is our Good Shepherd.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>11</sup>I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing 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>And I have other sheep that are not of 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 that I may take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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



## APOSTLES' CREED

LSB 159

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*(Please Be Seated)*



## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE 5:00 PM "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb" LSB 740, v.1

**I am Jesus' little lamb, Ever glad at heart I am;  
For my Shepherd gently guides me, Knows my need, and well provides me,  
Loves me ev'ry day the same, Even calls me by my name.**

**8:15 AM "This Little Gospel Light of Mine"**

*Bell Choir*

**HYMN OF THE DAY "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"**

LSB 709

**The King of love my shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am His And He is mine forever.**

**Where streams of living water flow, My ransomed soul he leadeth  
And, where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feedeth.**

**Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love he sought me  
And on his shoulder gently laid And home rejoicing brought me.**

**In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.**

**Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth;  
And, oh, what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth!**

**And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never.  
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever.**



## SERMON

*(Please Stand)*



## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.  
 Lord, You are our Shepherd and You provide us with all we need to support this body and life. We lack for nothing. Help us to appreciate all the good gifts You have given us of clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, when we are lost and weary, You restore our souls. Make us to lie down in the green pastures of Your Word and Sacraments, basking in the abundance we find in those good gifts. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, in this fallen world we often walk through the valley of the shadow of death. War, terror, disease, and chaos threaten to steal our peace of mind. Remind us daily that we need not fear any evil since You are with us, since Your rod and staff comfort us. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, send healing to all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [*especially . . .*]. Restore their health with the overflowing abundance that comes only from Your hand. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, death remains a curse until You come again, and many grieve and mourn the death of loved ones. [*Today we remember the families and friends of . . .*]. Comfort them with the knowledge that those who trust in You will dwell in Your house forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

*(Special Petitions)*

Pastor: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**People: Amen.**

*(Please Be Seated)*



## GATHERING OF OFFERINGS 8:15 AM “Rejoice the Lord is King” *Bell Choir*

*(Please Stand)*

**OFFERTORY** “What Shall I Render to the Lord” *Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19* *LSB 159*

**What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?**

**I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.**

**I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.**

**I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,**

**In the courts of the Lord’s house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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. *Matthew 6:9-13***

*PLEASE NOTE: 5:00 PM Worship Continues with the Closing Canticle*



**✠SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT✠**

**PREFACE**

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 Him thanks and praise.**

**PROPER PREFACE**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, our duty, and our delight to give You thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty God, but chiefly do we praise You for the resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, whose death has paid the price of our sins and whose life bestows upon us everlasting life. With angels, archangels, with Peter and Paul, and with all the saints in light, we join in praising Your name and singing their unending hymn:

**SANCTUS** *Holy, Holy, Holy Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

LSB 161

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

LSB 162

**PAX DOMINI** *The Peace of the Lord John 20:19*

LSB 163

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People: Amen.**

**AGNUS DEI** *Lamb of God John 1:29*

LSB 163

**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.**

*(Please Be Seated)*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS 8:15 AM “On Eagle’s Wings”**

*Ascension Choir*

“I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”

*LSB 740*

**I am Jesus’ little lamb, Ever glad at heart I am;  
For my Shepherd gently guides me, Knows my need, and well provides me,  
Loves me ev’ry day the same, Even calls me by my name.**

**Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my Staff and Stay.  
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me, Into pleasant pastures leads me;  
When I thirst, He bids me go Where the quiet waters flow.**

**Who so happy as I am, Even now the shepherd’s lamb?  
And when my short life is ended, By His angel host attended,  
He shall fold me to His breast, There within His arms to rest.**

“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”

*LSB 710*

**The Lord’s my shepherd, I’ll not want; He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; He leadeth me The quiet waters by.**

**My soul He doth restore again And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness, E’en for His own name’s sake.**

**Yea, though I walk in death’s dark vale, Yet will I fear no ill;  
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod And staff me comfort still.**

**My table Thou hast furnished In presence of my foes;  
My head Thou dost with oil anoint, And my cup overflows.**

**Goodness and mercy all my life Shall surely follow me;  
And in God’s house forevermore My dwelling place shall be.**

“How Firm a Foundation”

*LSB 728*

**How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say than to you He has said  
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?**

**“Fear not! I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,  
For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**

**“The Soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose  
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I’ll never, no never, no never, forsake!**

**“When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,  
My grace, all sufficient, will be your supply.  
The flames will not hurt you; I only design  
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.**

**“Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove  
My sov’ reign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,  
Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne.”**

*(Please Stand)*

**CLOSING CANTICLE**

*LSB 164*

**Thank the Lord and sing His Praise, tell ev’ryone what He has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.  
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia!**



**BENEDICTION** *Numbers 6:24–26*

*LSB 166*

**Pastor:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**People:** Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN** “Christ Is Our Cornerstone”

*LSB 912*

**Christ is our cornerstone, On Him alone we build;  
With His true saints alone The courts of heav’n are filled.  
On His great love Our hopes we place Of present grace And joys above.**

**Here may we gain from heav’n The grace which we implore,  
And may that grace, once giv’n, Be with us evermore  
Until that day When all the blest to endless rest Are called away.**

**Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hallowed courts shall ring;  
Our voices we will raise The Three in One to sing  
And thus proclaim In joyful song, Both loud and long, That glorious name.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Organ*

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