

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## Mother's Day

May 11 & 12, 2019

5:00 pm & 8:15 am



### AS WE GATHER

Jesus the Good Shepherd is the familiar theme of the Fourth Sunday of Easter. He is our Good Shepherd because He lays down His life for us. We are His sheep because we hear His voice, and by the power of the Spirit, we recognize His voice and rejoice in Him. He knows us, and we know Him. That is our comfort and our hope. As we find peace in the words of Psalm 23, so do we find hope in its fulfillment in Christ. He shows us the Father, He gives us eternal life, and He keeps us safe in the face of all our enemies.

### PRELUDE

*Organ*

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



### WELCOME

**OPENING HYMN** "Have No Fear Little Flock"

*LSB 735*

**Have no fear, little flock; Have no fear, little flock,  
For the Father has chosen To give you the Kingdom;  
Have no fear, little flock!**

**Have good cheer, little flock; Have good cheer, little flock,  
For the Father will keep you In His love forever;  
Have good cheer, little flock!**

**Praise the Lord high above; Praise the Lord high above,  
For He stoops down to heal you, Uplift and restore you;  
Praise the Lord high above!**

**Thankful hearts raise to God; Thankful hearts raise to God,  
For He stays close beside you, In all things works with you;  
Thankful hearts raise to God!**

*(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! Alleluia! Alleluia!**  
  
**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep,

People: **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 20:17–35*

(I did not shrink from proclaiming to you the whole counsel of God.)

<sup>17</sup> Now from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. <sup>18</sup> And when they came to him, he said to them: “You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, <sup>19</sup> serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; <sup>20</sup> how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, <sup>21</sup> testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>22</sup> And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, <sup>23</sup> except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. <sup>24</sup> But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. <sup>25</sup> And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. <sup>26</sup> Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all, <sup>27</sup> for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. <sup>28</sup> Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. <sup>29</sup> I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; <sup>30</sup> and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. <sup>31</sup> Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. <sup>32</sup> And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. <sup>33</sup> I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. <sup>34</sup> You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. <sup>35</sup> In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

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** *Revelation 7:9–17* (The Lamb will be their Shepherd.)

<sup>9</sup> After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup> and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” <sup>11</sup> And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.” <sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” <sup>14</sup> I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup> “Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. <sup>16</sup> They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. <sup>17</sup> For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

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.**



**HOLY GOSPEL** *John 10:22–30*

(No one can snatch the sheep out of the Shepherd’s hand.)

**The congregation is invited to read the words printed in bold**

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

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

<sup>22</sup>At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup> and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. <sup>24</sup>So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “**How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.**” <sup>25</sup>Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not

believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, <sup>26</sup> but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. <sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup> I and the Father are one."

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 "Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"

LSB 477, v. 2

**Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat:  
See the ancient pow'rs of evil In confusion and retreat;  
Once He died, and once was buried: Now He lives forevermore,  
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer, Whom we worship and adore.**

### 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 come before the Lamb and His throne and bring to Him the prayers of all His people and everyone according to their needs. Shepherd of love, Give wisdom to those who lead us in this land, peace to the nations, courage to pursue justice for all people, and protection for those who protect and defend us. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Shepherd of love, Wipe every tear from Your people, and give to the sick and those who suffer in mind or in body healing, comfort, strength, and patience according to Your gracious will, [*especially . . .*]. Give peace to the dying, and comfort the grieving in their sorrow and loss. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Shepherd of love, Help us to use wisely and well all the resources You freely and graciously bestow upon us, and lives that reflect His goodness, love, and mercy. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Shepherd of love, You have provided us with the gift of family. Bless those who have shown to us a mother's love and nurtured our lives from childhood. Bless and protect all mothers with child, all those who have suffered miscarriage or the death of a child, and all those who have yearned for a child and lived with the pain of this unfulfilled longing. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

*(Special Petitions)*

**Pastor:** Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God, forever and ever.

**People:** **Amen.**

*(Please Be Seated)*



## GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

*(Please Stand)*

**OFFERTORY** "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"

*LSB 806, v. 1*

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One.**

**Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son.**

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One.**

**Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son.**

**And now let the weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am rich,"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.**

**And now let the weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am rich,"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.**

**Give thanks, give thanks.**



## ✠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 good and right, our duty and our delight to give You thanks and praise, O Lord, holy and almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in His Son has redeemed us from sin and its death and risen in glory as the firstfruits of those who sleep and by the Holy Spirit through whom we are united with Christ by faith and live in this Easter hope. As Jesus was raised from death never to die again, bring us with Him through death to the life death cannot claim, where tears no more flow, sorrow no more stills the heart, suffering is banished, and joy is perfect. Therefore with angels, archangels, the apostles and martyrs, and all who have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb, we give You thanks and praise and join in 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*

**LORD'S PRAYER**

*LSB 162*

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***

**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 “Be Still, My Soul”**

*LSB 752*

**Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side;  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
Leave to our God to order and provide;  
In ev’ry change He faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul; your best, your heav’nly Friend  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.**

**Be still, my soul; your God will undertake  
To guide the future as He has the past.  
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know  
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.**

**Be still, my soul; though dearest friends depart  
And all is darkened in this vale of tears;  
Then you will better know His love, His heart,  
Who comes to soothe your sorrows and your fears.  
Be still, my soul; your Jesus can repay  
From His own fullness all He takes away.**

**Be still, my soul; the hour is hast’ning on  
When we shall be forever with the Lord,  
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
Sorrow forgot, love’s purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,  
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.**

“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.**

*(Please Stand)*



**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** “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

*LSB 821*

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood;  
“Jesus out of ev’ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood.”**

**Alleluia! Not as orphans Are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! He is near us; Faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received Him When the forty days were o’er,  
Shall our hearts forget His promise: “I am with you evermore”?**

**Alleluia! Bread of heaven, Here on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia! Here the sinful Flee to You from day to day.  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners, Earth’s Redeemer, hear our plea  
Where the songs of all the sinless Sweep across the crystal sea.**

**Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own;  
Alleluia! Born of Mary, Earth your footstool, heav’n Your throne.  
As within the veil You entered, Robed in flesh, our great High Priest,  
Here on earth both priest and victim In the eucharistic feast.**

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:  
“Jesus out of ev’ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood.”**

**POSTLUDE**

*Organ*

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