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The Fourth Sunday of Easter

## Good Shepherd Sunday

Lutheran Service Book T Divine Service, setting one

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Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn: “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing”

LSB # 475



1 Good Chris-tian friends, re-joice and sing! Now is the tri-umph  
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of song to  
3 Praise we in songs of vic-to-ry That love, that life which  
4 Your name we bless, O ris-en Lord, And sing to-day with



of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:  
strew His way; Let all the world re-joice and say:  
can-not die, And sing with hearts up-lift-ed high:  
one ac-cord The life laid down, the life re-stored:



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!  
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### Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C Amen.

### Exhortation

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

### Confession of Sins

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
C 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.

### Absolution

P 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C Amen.

### Introit for Good Shepherd Sunday (Easter 4)

*Psalm 23; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b*

P [Jesus said:] “I am the Good Shepherd.  
I know My own and My own know Me,  
and I lay down My life for the sheep.”  
C The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures.  
He leads me beside still waters.  
He restores my soul.  
He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name’s sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
 I will fear no evil, for You, O Lord, are with me;  
 Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.  
 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
 You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.  
 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
 and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
 C as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P [Jesus said:] "I am the Good Shepherd.  
 I know My own and My own know Me,  
 and I lay down My life for the sheep."

### Kyrie

**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise

let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

**C** A - men.

Hymn of Praise:

“Gloria in Excelsis”



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



**G** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Collect for Good Shepherd Sunday

P Together, let us pray:

C Almighty God, merciful Father, 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; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

God’s Word

First Reading:

Acts 4:1-12

ESV

*[By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the Evangelist St. Luke writes:]*

*[As we heard in the First Reading two weeks ago, the Apostles Peter and John had gone up to the Temple at the hour for prayer and at that time miraculously healed a man who had been lame from birth. And, all the people saw it, gathered around them, and were marveling.]* And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about 5,000.

On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. And when they had set them in the 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 being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, 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. This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone *[See, Psalm 118:22ff]*. 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.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading: 1 John 3:16-24 ESV

[By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the Apostle John writes:]

By this we know love, that He[, Jesus,] laid down His life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. 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? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before Him; for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and He knows everything. Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do what pleases Him. 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. Whoever keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in them. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

P This is the Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse *(spoken responsively)* Romans 6:9; John 10:14

P Alleluia! We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;

C Death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia!

P Alleluia! [Jesus said,] I am the good shepherd.

C I know My own and My own know Me. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 10:11-18 ESV

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord. *[sung]* *John chapter 10 is called the Good Shepherd chapter because that is Jesus' self-description in it.*

[By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the Apostle John writes:]

[Jesus said:] "I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. 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. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd. I know my own and My own know Me, just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. 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. For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it up again. 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."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. C Praise to You, O Christ. *[sung]*

Hymn of the Day: "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds" LSB # 524:1-3



1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds In  
2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole And  
3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, My



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,  
calms the heart's un - rest; 'Tis man - na to the  
shield and hid - ing place; My nev - er - fail - ing



heals our wounds, And drives a - way our fear.  
hun - gry soul And to the wea - ry, rest.  
trea - sury filled With bound - less stores of grace.

Sermon: "Our Good Shepherd's Salvation –  
It IS and It REMAINS  
FINISHED!" John 10:11-18

Hymn of the Day: "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds" Public Domain; LSB # 524:4-6



4 O Je - sus, shep - herd, guard - ian, friend, My



Proph - et, Priest, and King, My Lord, my life, my



way, my end, Ac - cept the praise I bring.

5. How weak the effort of my heart,  
How cold my warmest thought!  
But when I see Thee as Thou art,  
I'll praise Thee as I ought.

6. Till then I would Thy love proclaim  
With ev'ry fleeting breath;  
And may the music of Thy name  
Refresh my soul in death!

## Apostles' Creed

P We confess our common Christian faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed:

C 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.

## Our Offerings in Response to God's Word

*To maximize health & safety for all, offering plates will not be passed during the service.*

*You are encouraged to place your tithes and offerings in the plate on a stand at the door to the worship area.*

*You also may give them online or by mailing them to the church.*

*We thank God for your ongoing generosity in supporting*

*His work at Mt. Olive during this challenging time.*

## Introduction to the Prayers

## Responsive Prayer of the Church

*Various petitions, spoken or silent, will now be prayed; each petition will end:*

P .... Jesus, our Good Shepherd, hear us!

C [ *In response to each petition, the following hymn verse will be sung one time* ]

Hymn Response:

“Jesus, Name Above All Names”

LSB # 970

Je - sus, name a-bove all names, Beau-ti-ful  
Sav - ior, glo-ri-ous Lord. Em-  
man - u - el, God is with us, Bless-ed Re-  
deem - er, liv - ing Word.

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*The prayers will end:*

P Into Your hands, O God our Father, we commend all for whom and for which we pray, trusting that You will answer our prayers in the way that is best for us and for all in accordance with Your good and gracious will, in the name of Jesus, our crucified but risen Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen. *(Sung)*

## Lord's Prayer

P Having been taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:

C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

## Luther's Evening Prayer

P Together we pray Luther's Evening Prayer:

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## Benediction

*Numbers 6:24-26*

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.

C Amen.

## Closing Hymn:

“O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe”

*Public Domain; LSB # 666*

*Pastor Mark will slowly sing vs 1 of the Closing Hymn.*

*The Congregation will joining in singing vs 2-4 at a joyous more rapid tempo. We sill STAND to sing vs 4 because it is a prayer addressed to Jesus, our Savior, by name.*

1. O little flock, fear not the foe • Who madly seeks your overthrow;  
Dread not his rage and pow'r • And though your courage sometimes faints,  
His seeming triumph o'er God's saints • Lasts but a little hour.

2 Be of good cheer; your cause be - longs To Him who  
can a - venge your wrongs; Leave it to Him, our Lord.  
Though hid - den yet from mor - tal eyes, His Gid - eon  
shall for you a - rise, Up - hold you and His Word.



3. As true as God's own Word is true,  
Not earth nor hell's satanic crew  
Against us shall prevail.  
Their might? A joke, a mere facade!  
God is with us and we with God –  
Our vict'ry cannot fail.

*STAND*

4. Amen, Lord Jesus, grant our prayer;  
Great Captain, now Thine arm make bare,  
Fight for us once again!  
So shall Thy saints and martyrs raise  
A mighty chorus to Thy praise  
Forevermore. Amen.

Announcements (*See below*)

Postlude

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April & May Worship Schedule <i>Lord's Supper &amp; Live Streaming</i>				
Day	Date/Time	Observance	Lord's Supper	Live Stream
Saturday	April 24 • 5:00pm	Easter 4		X
Sunday ( <i>fourth</i> )	April 25 • 9:00am	Easter 4	X	
Saturday	May 1 • 5:00pm	Easter 5	X	
Sunday ( <i>first</i> )	May 2 • 9:00am	Easter 5		X
Saturday	May 8 • 5:00pm	Easter 6		X
Sunday ( <i>second</i> )	May 9 • 9:00am	Easter 6 Mothers' Day	X	
Saturday	May 15 • 5:00pm	Ascension	X	
Sunday ( <i>third</i> )	May 16 • 9:00am	Ascension Baptism & Confirmation		X
Saturday	May 22 • 5:00pm	Pentecost		X
Sunday ( <i>fourth</i> )	May 23 • 9:00am	Pentecost	X	
Saturday	May 29 • 5:00pm	Holy Trinity Memorial Day	X	X
Sunday ( <i>fifth</i> )	May 30 • 9:00am	Holy Trinity Memorial Day	X	