

# **WELCOME**

## **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

### **SAT. APRIL 20/SUN. APRIL 21, 2024**



## **“EASTER PEOPLE FOLLOW”**

### **AS WE GATHER**

Flocks of sheep can number in the hundreds or even thousands. An annual trek from winter quarters to summer pastures and back again at a location in rural Idaho consistently draws hundreds of spectators to a location where the sheep must cross a major highway to reach their destination. Keeping track of two or three thousand sheep on the move is quite a task! Jesus, our Good Shepherd, knows how to care for not just thousands but millions of His sheeplike people. The prophet Isaiah says of the Lord God that He “will tend His flock like a shepherd” (40:11). Assured and reassured that we are part of His flock, we travel through life following the guidance of our caring Shepherd!

### **WELCOME**

**OPENING HYMN** “Savior, I Follow On” *(TLH 422)*

**Savior, I follow on, Guided by Thee,  
Seeing not yet the hand That leadeth me.  
Hushed be my heart and still, Fear I no further ill,  
Only to meet Thy will My will shall be.**

**Riven the rock for me Thirst to relieve,  
Manna from heaven falls Fresh ev'ry eve.  
Never a want severe Causeth my eye a tear  
But Thou dost whisper near, "Only believe."**

**Often to Marah's brink Have I been brought;  
Shrinking the cup to drink, Help I have sought;  
And with the prayer's ascent Jesus the branch hath  
rent,  
Quickly relief hath sent, Sweet'ning the draught.**

**Savior, I long to walk Closer with Thee;  
Led by Thy guiding hand, Ever to be  
Constantly near Thy side, Quickened and purified,  
Living for Him who died Freely for me.**

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## **INVOCATION**

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

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

**OPENING SENTENCES**      *John 12:26; Ephesians 4:15; Psalm 25:1–3, 5, 10; 106:48*

**Pastor:** Jesus said: "If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there will My servant be also. If anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him."

**People:** **Speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ.**

Pastor: To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in You I trust.

**People: Indeed, none who wait for You shall be put to shame.**

Pastor: Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation.

**People: All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.**

Pastor: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting!

**People: And let all the people say, "Amen!" Praise the LORD!**

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

**People: I, a poor miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

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 the 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.

People: Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

KYRIE



☐ Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

HYMN OF PRAISE

*Gloria in Excelsis*

*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*



☐ 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good - will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## SALUTATION

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Pastor:** Let us pray. 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.

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

**FIRST READING** *Acts 4:1–12* (Peter and John are brought before the Jerusalem Council.)

**4** 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.**

**EPISTLE** *1 John 3:16–24* (Followers of Christ are called to love in deed and in truth.)

<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.**

**ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

*(LSB p. 205)*

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**HOLY GOSPEL** *John 10:11–18 (Jesus prays for and about His disciples.)*

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.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”  
*LSB 710*

**1. 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.**

**2. 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.**

**3. 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.**

**4. My table Thou has furnished  
In presence of my foes;  
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,  
And my cup over flows.**

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



## SERMON

*Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald*

### CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE FIRST ARTICLE

**Pastor:** As our Good Shepherd leads us, even so our heavenly Father hears the prayers of His people. Assured of His fatherly care, let us speak together the words of the Apostles' Creed regarding the First Person of the Holy Trinity.

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

**Pastor:** What does this mean?

**People:** **I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.**

**He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.**

**He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.**

**This is most certainly true.**

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### OFFERING

## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

### PREFACE     *2 Timothy 4:22*

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, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Lord our God. You call us to be Your people and invite us to bring our cares to You in prayer. You did so love the world that You sent Your only Son to be our Redeemer. By His sacrificial life and death and glorious resurrection He has brought us salvation and has shown us the path to life eternal. Pour upon us now the gift of the Holy Spirit that we may receive the body and blood of our Lord with true devotion in this sacred fellowship of Your pilgrim people. Grant us a foretaste of the feast to come, heavenly Father, that we may with increased faith joyfully await a blessed eternity in Your glorious presence.

**People:     Amen.**

### SANCTUS    “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”   (Sts. 1 & 5: *LSB* 940)

**Holy God, we praise Thy name;  
Lord of all, we bow before Thee,  
All on earth Thy scepter claim,  
All in heav’n above adore Thee,**

**Infinite Thy vast domain,  
Everlasting is Thy reign.**

**Holy Father, Holy Son,  
Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;  
Though in essence only one,  
Undivided God we claim Thee  
And, adoring, bend the knee  
While we own the mystery.**

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**     *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;  
Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor:     Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: **“Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”**

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: **“Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”**

### **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

Pastor:     As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**People:     Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

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.**

## **PAX DOMINI**

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

**People:** Amen.

## **AGNUS DEI**

*(LSB page 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.**

## **+DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION+**

***By communing, a person says publicly that they -***

- are baptized and confirmed*
- believe Christ's words*
- repent of their sins*
- fully agree with all that the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod teaches.*

***How to receive –***

- anyone may come to the altar but keep hands folded if not receiving Communion*
- the center of the tray has a cup with just a drop of wine for those who must minimize alcohol*
- smile, exude your joy, but keep a reverent demeanor as others commune*

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

**“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”**

*LSB 809*

**1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.  
Thou changest not: Thy compassion, they fail not;  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.**

### **Refrain**

**Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.**

### **Refrain**

**Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

### **Refrain**

**Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!**

**Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

*(LSB, p. 181)*

**Thank the Lord and sing His praise;  
Tell ev'ryone what He has done.  
Let ev'ryone who seeks 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.**

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

People: Let us pray. Gracious and eternal God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Lord Jesus. Grant that the bread of life and blood of Christ that has been shared and received in this blessed Meal be for us that life-giving food that sustains us on our earthly journeys as we serve You all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**People: Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**    *Numbers 6:24–26*

**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**            “Beautiful Savior”

*LSB 537*

**1.Beautiful Savior,  
King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I’d love Thee,  
Truly I’d serve Thee,  
Light of my soul,  
my joy, my crown.**

**2.Fair are the meadows,  
Fair are the wood-lands,  
Robed in flow’rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
He makes our sorr’wing spirit sing.**

**3.Fair is the sunshine,  
Fair is the moonlight,  
Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels in the sky.**

**4. Beautiful Savior,  
Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor,  
Praise, adoration  
Now and forevermore be Thine!**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:  
“Dedicated to knowing Christ and making Christ  
known to others”**

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- **Pastor: Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald**
- **Liturgist (Sun.) Rev. Maurice Lind, Pastor Emeritus**
- **Sat. Organist: Lina Schaal**
- **Sun. Organist: George Kelm**
- **Choir Director: Gail Feick**
- **Ensemble Coordinator: Tabra Gomski**
- **A/V Team: Brian & Amanda Larie  
Stan & Cheryl Grey,  
Dawn Oswald, Josh Walton**
  
- **ZOO TRIP: Please join us on Saturday, April 27, for a trip to the Milwaukee Zoo to learn facts and features that point to our amazing Creator. See the signup sheet on the narthex table or contact Tabra Gomski (gomski@att.net) for more information.**



- **GENEVA LAKE CRUISE:** See the signup sheet in the narthex for a cruise on Geneva Lake planned for July 20.
- Please call (757-831-6948) or e-mail Pastor Oswald (oswald1@charter.net) with your prayer requests.

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY**

**Reader:** Amanda Siemers  
**Communion:** Peter Voigt  
**Acolyte:** Grace Urban  
**Ushers:** Brian Larie & Kyle Wachholder  
**Fellowship:** Peggy Tueting

**NEXT WEEK**

**Reader:** Rev. Maurice Lind  
**Communion:** Peter Voigt  
**Acolyte:** James Urban  
**Ushers:** Paul & Carol Trettin  
**Fellowship:** Phyllis Klen

**Opportunities to Serve the Lord This Week**

**4/22/24 – 4/28/24**

<b>Wednesday: 6:00pm</b>	<b>Bible Study: “Justification &amp; Sanctification”</b>
<b>Thursday: 6:00pm</b>	<b>AA Meeting</b>
<b>Saturday: 9:30am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
<b>Sunday: 9:00am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
<b>10:20am</b>	<b>Bible Study: “Theology of Suffering”</b>
<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>AA Meeting</b>