



ST. MARK'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 22, 2018 AT 8:15 A.M.

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

INTRODUCTION

Christ as the Good Shepherd is an image that shows how he continues to be with us. As a good shepherd, he guides, provides, and protects his sheep.

The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love.

First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sister or brother in need.

I am the
**GOOD
SHEPHERD.**
The good shepherd
LAYS DOWN
his **LIFE**
FOR THE SHEEP.
John 10:11



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

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**Please stand if able*

P: Pastor; A: Assisting Minister; C: Congregation

(ELW—Red Book)

GATHERING

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

"Every Promise"

Insert

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Gary Haddock

***GATHERING SONG**

"Shout to the North"

Insert

***THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

ELW p. 119

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

***THE PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

***APOSTOLIC GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: And also with you.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Gary Haddock

***THE GOSPEL READING**

P: The Holy Gospel, according to St. John. **C: Glory to you, O Lord**

John 10:11-18

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

Rev. Gary Haddock

***SONG OF THE DAY**

"Jesus, What a Beautiful Name"

Insert

***APOSTLES' CREED**

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***INTERCESSORY PRAYER**

A: Lord in your mercy. **C: Hear our prayer.**

Edie Connor

MEAL

THE OFFERING / OFFERTORY SONG "At the Cross" **Insert**

***PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERTORY** "Communion"

**This is the body. This is the blood. Broken and poured out. For all of us.
And in this communion we share in His love. This is the body. This is the blood.**

***OFFERTORY PRAYER** Edie Connor

A: Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. **C: Amen.**

***THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER V**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER** P: Lord, teach us to pray . . .

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

The congregation sits. The following is sung: "Worthy Is the Lamb"

Worthy is the Lamb seated on the throne. Crown You now with many crowns. You reign victorious.

High and lifted up. Jesus Son of God. The darling of heaven crucified. Worthy is the Lamb. (Repeat 3X)

DISTRIBUTION

Holy Communion Invitation: We welcome all who are baptized to the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Communion is served by Intinction. You will be given a wafer, which you then dip into the chalice of wine. If unable to come forward, stand where you are, and you will be served there. Children who are baptized are welcome to commune.

COMMUNION SONG "Church In the Wildwood" **Insert**

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

After all have returned to their places, the congregation stands and the presiding minister says these words:

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **C: Amen.**

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER** Edie Connor

A: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **C: Amen.**

SENDING

***BLESSING** P: Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

***SENDING SONG** "Shout to the Lord" **Insert**

***DISMISSAL** P: Go in peace. Sound the good news. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD and in honor of our granddaughter, Libby Dotson's birthday (April 25), by Bill and Harriet Dotson.

LITURGY - THE WORK OF THE PEOPLE

Presiding Pastor: Rev. Gary Haddock

Acolyte: Ethan Campbell

Praise Team Leader & Keyboard: Myra Long

Altar Guild: Hilka Cox, Paul & Kathy Gibson

Vocalists: Tim Carpenter, Tamarah Hefner, Allyson Sestric, Carol Schaefer

Instrumentalists: Allyson Sestric: Violin & Guitar; Mark Mashburn, Guitar: Aaron Carpenter: Drums

Tech: Carol Schaefer, Camille Patrick, Tamarah Hefner, Randy Sherrill, Terry Hefner, Tim Sigmon, Barry Bumgarner

Assisting Minister: Edie Connor

Communion Assistants: Camille Patrick, Rebecca Haddock

Deacons: Tiffany Caudill, Tanya Stephenson

Tabulators: Dotty Isenhour, Chris Cloninger, Nicky Setzer

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ACTS 4:5-12

The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their 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 questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is ‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.’ There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

PSALM 23

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 right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you 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 my whole life long.

1 JOHN 3:16-24

We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

JOHN 10:11-18

[Jesus said:] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care 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. I have other sheep that do not belong to 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 in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”