

Fourth Sunday Of Easter

“Good Shepherd Sunday”

April 21 and 22, 2018

P = Pastor

C = Congregation

CONFIRMANDS’ WITNESS OF FAITH

THE OPENING HYMN

LSB 478

“The Day of Resurrection”

THE INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

THE CONFESSION

P: “I am the Good Shepherd,” says the Lord.

C: **The Good Shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep.**

P: Let us confess our sins to God so that, calling upon the name of the Lord, we may be forgiven and dwell eternally with Him.

(Silence for meditation and self-examination.)

P: Almighty and all-merciful God,

C: **I confess that I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered more. I have not let His love have its way with me and so my love for others has failed. There are many whom I have hurt and many whom I failed to help. I have sinned against God and against my brothers and sisters. For the sake of Jesus Christ, I implore You, O God, to forgive my sins, and lead me in the paths of righteousness, that I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen**

THE ABSOLUTION

P: ...

C: **Amen**

THE KYRIE

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P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: 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 mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

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P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

C: *Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:*

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

In the glory of God the Father. Amen

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray together:

O Lord, our heavenly Father,

C: Since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may know the voice of our Shepherd and follow Him, so that sin and death may never pluck us out of Your hand; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

THE FIRST READING

Acts 4:1 - 12

¹And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ²greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

⁵On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰let 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. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹²And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” (ESV)

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalms 23

**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.
Yea, 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.
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. (ESV)**

THE EPISTLE

1 John 3:16-24

¹⁶By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷But 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? ¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

¹⁹By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²²and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And 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. ²⁴Whoever 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. (ESV)

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE ALLELUIA VERSE (6:00 p.m.)

*Alleluia! Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia!*

THE CHORAL ANTHEM (8:00 a.m.)

Adult Choir

"Brother James's Air"
Psalm 23

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:11-18

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

C: ***Glory to You, O Lord.*** (Sung)

¹¹I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He 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. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and

I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶And 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. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸No 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.” (ESV)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: ***Praise to You, O Christ.*** (Sung)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE HYMN OF THE DAY

LSB 531

“Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus”

THE SERMON

Acts 4:12

“There Is No Other Name”

Pastor Myers

WE WORSHIP THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS

Visitors and members are asked to fill out the Attendance Card and pass it to the center aisle. The ushers will collect the cards after they have brought forward the offering.

THE PRAYER HYMN

LSB 711

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

C: **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**

THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you . . .

C: ***Amen, Amen, Amen*** (Sung)

THE CLOSING HYMN

LSB 707

"Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways"

THE SILENT PRAYER

THE POSTLUDE