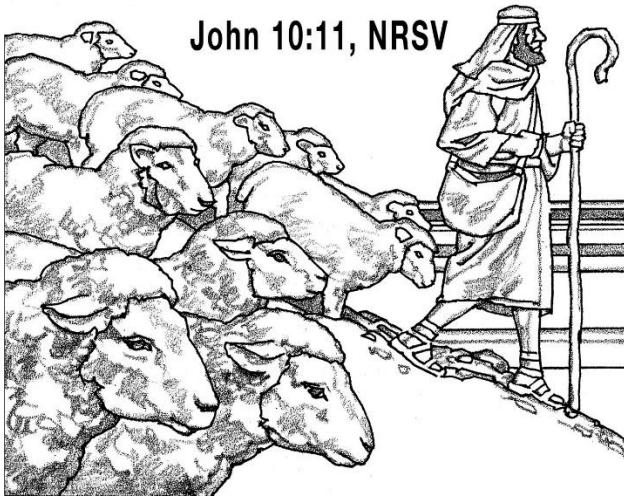


The good shepherd
lays down his life
for the sheep.

John 10:11, NRSV



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
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APRIL 25, 2021

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH WELCOMES YOU!!

Divine Service with Communion each Saturday 7:00 p.m.

Divine Service with Communion each Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Coffee and Rolls in the Parish Hall 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School 10:30 a.m. (ages 2 ½ - grade 8)

Adult and High School Bible Class 10:30 a.m.

Restrooms can be found between the parish hall and the entryway.

Interested in membership at Grace? Pastor Bremer would consider it a privilege to speak with you. Please fill out a pew card expressing your interest or see him after Divine Service.

Radio: Grace, along with St. Paul's, Doniphan, can be heard each Sunday at 8:00 a.m. on KRGJ—1430 a.m.

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In faithfulness to God's Word we celebrate the Lord's Supper in every Saturday and Sunday Divine Service. Unlike Baptism this Sacrament is to be received again and again for forgiveness and the strengthening of our Christian faith. Also in faithfulness to God's Word we practice closed communion. Our faith is not exclusive

but God says that we should have unity of faith and doctrine (which Communion expresses). As we receive His gift today we would ask all visitors and guests to refrain from receiving the sacrament until they speak to Pastor Bremer. We also ask that those members who have not communed in the past 6 months to also speak to the pastor before communing once again. For further instruction please turn to Luther's Questions and Answers found on page 329 in the hymnal. These questions/answers are for those who desire to receive the sacrament.

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING TWO

4th Sunday of Easter

April 25, 2021

Hymn “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us” #711

Confession and Absolution p. 167

Introit (Congregation) *Ps. 23; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b*



I am the good | shepherd.*

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life | for
the sheep.

The LORD is my | shepherd;*

I | shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green | pastures.*

He leads me beside still | waters.

He re- | stores 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 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 for- | ever.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

I am the good | shepherd.*

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life | for
the sheep.

Kyrie p. 168

Hymn of Praise “This is the Feast” p. 171

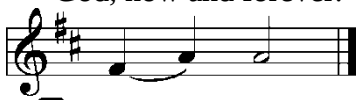
Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P 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.



C A - men.

Choir Anthem

“You Jesus, Are My Shepherd True”

(text: Jaroslav Vajda; music: Kevin Hilebrand)

First Reading

Acts 4:1–12

¹ 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.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

Gradual (Congregation) *adapt. from Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6*

Christ has risen | from the dead.*

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor,
He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;*
he has put all things un- | der his feet.

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 him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

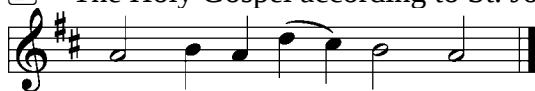
P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Common Alleluia



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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

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.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” # 709
(Choir sings verse 4)

Sermon

Nicene Creed p. 174

Offering

Offertory “I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb” p. 176
(text: Henrietta L. von Hayn; music: Ewald Wiess, LSB 740)

Prayers of the Church:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface, Proper Preface	p. 177
Sanctus	p. 178
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Lord's Prayer	p. 179
Words of Our Lord	p. 179
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Communion Hymns	609, 635, 735
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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

THANK YOU: Thank you to everyone for their calls, cards and prayers before and after my recent surgery. Thank you to Pastor Bremer for his visits and prayers. Your care, concern and prayers certainly helped me and continue to help me through a difficult time. God's Blessings to you.

Rosalie Roscoe

GUILD FRIENDSHIP SUPPER: Grace Guild cordially invites all women of the congregation to the Spring Friendship Supper on Monday, April 26th, at 6:30pm. Music will be provided by Kevin and Heidi Cheng.

KITCHEN ITEMS: Please check the kitchen to see if any of the items on the counter are yours.

HEARTLAND NEWS: HLHS is offering a \$50 discount on the registration fee for the 2021-2022 school year if paid by May 1st. Registration forms are downloadable from the school website at heartlandlutheran.org. First semester tuition is **free for any new student**, and transportation to and from Hastings and Kearney is available starting this fall. Thank you for supporting Christian education in central Nebraska!

HLHS BLOOD DRIVE: The HLHS National Honor Society chapter will be hosting the final Blood Drive of the school year on Thursday, April 29 from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm at HLHS. To sign up, please call the HLHS office at 308-385-3900 or access the Red Cross website or Donor app.

COMMUNION

To help pastor, elders and visiting pastors during communion, if you prefer the common cup please place your hands with both palms up. Thank you for your help in this manner.

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Saturday: 33 Sunday: 109

This Week at Grace....

Today	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.
	Bible Class/Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
Wednesday	Children's Choir Practice	6:15 p.m.
	Senior Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.
Saturday	Worship Service	7:00 p.m.
Next Sunday	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.
	Bible Class/Sunday School	10:30 a.m.

THOSE SERVING US THIS MORNING

ELDERS ON DUTY:	Karl Bergdolt/Mark Liess
ORGANIST:	Shawn Pfanstiel
CHOIR:	Children's Choir
CLARINET:	Shawn Pfanstiel
VIOLIN:	Noah Bolin
TODAY'S GREETERS/USHERS:	Ron Bliss/Lynnette Gibson
	Bruce Bluhm/Colleen Carey
NEXT WEEKS GREETERS/USHERS:	Mike & Kyla Endorf
	Randy Kemp/Duane Fowler
THIS WEEK'S DOOR MONITOR:	Stu Endorf
NEXT WEEK'S DOOR MONITOR:	Mark Liess
CRUCIFER:	Gavin Link
ACOLYTE:	Uriah Fosket
RADIO SERVICE SPONSOR:	St. Paul's, Doniphan