

Fourth Sunday of Easter



Good Shepherd Sunday



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"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'" Psalm 122:1



Today's 8:00 service will be recorded including the Service of the Sacrament. Individuals taking communion will not be visible in the recording.

Lord of Love Lutheran Church

April 21, 2024

THE COMMON SERVICE

OPENING HYMN (CW 360)

The Lord's My Shepherd; I'll Not Want



Text: The Psalms of David in Meeter, Edinburgh, 1650. Tune: BELMONT (CM) William Gardiner, 1770–1853, adapt. **M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



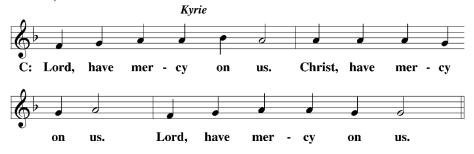


CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

LORD, HAVE MERCY



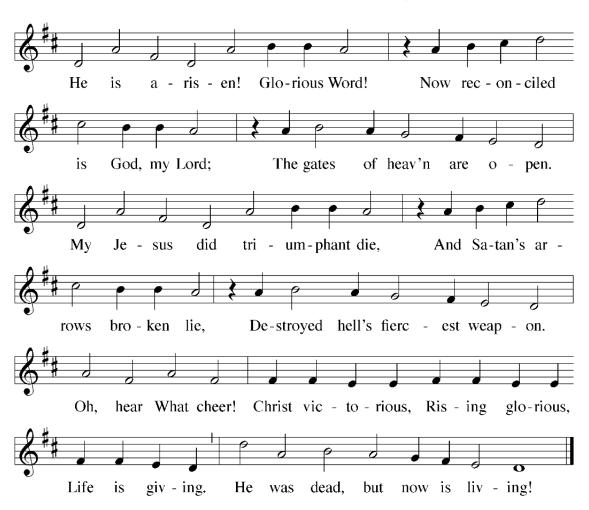
M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

162 He Is Arisen! Glorious Word



Text: Birgitte K. Boye, 1742–1824; tr. George A. T. Rygh, 1860–1942, alt. Tune: Wie schön Leuchtet (887 887 22 44 48) Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608, alt.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BE SEATED



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Acts 20:28-32

²⁸ "Always keep watch over yourselves and over the whole flock in which the Holy Spirit has placed you as overseers, to shepherd the church of God, which he purchased with his own blood. ²⁹ I know that after my departure savage wolves, who will not spare the flock, will come in among you. ³⁰ Even from your own group men will rise up, twisting the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. ³¹ Therefore be always on the alert! Remember that for three years, night and day, I never stopped warning each one of you with tears. ³² "And now I entrust you to God and to the word of his grace, which has power to build you up and to give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.



The Lord is my shep-herd; there is noth-ing I shall want.



The LORD is my <u>shep</u>herd,*
I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green <u>pas</u>tures;* he leads me beside quiet <u>waters</u>.

He restores my soul;* he guides 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.

Refrain

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my <u>en</u>emies.* You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days <u>of</u> my life,* and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for<u>ev</u>er.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the be<u>gin</u>ning,* is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

Refrain

GOSPEL John 10:1-10

"Amen, Amen, I tell you: Anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the door, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ² The one who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The doorkeeper opens the door for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 When he has brought out all his own sheep, he walks ahead of them. The sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will never follow a stranger, but will run away from him, because they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶ Jesus used this illustration in speaking to the people, but they did not understand what he was telling them.

⁷ So Jesus said again, "Amen, Amen, I tell you: I am the door for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. 9 I am the door. Whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture.

¹⁰ "A thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

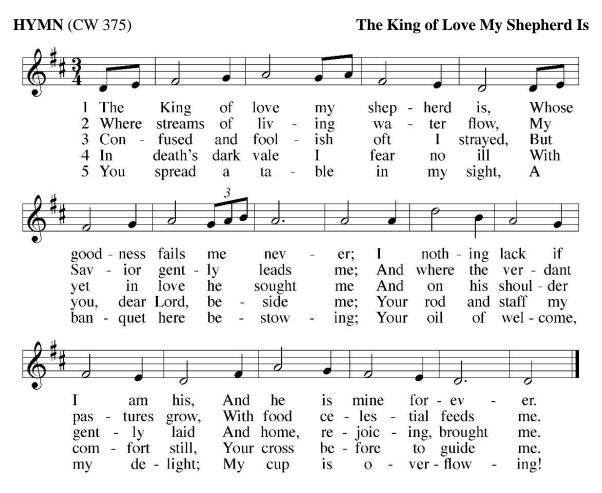
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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.

BE SEATED



6 And so through all the length of days Your goodness fails me never. Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise Within your house forever!

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-77, alt.

Tune: St. Columba (87 87 Iambic) Irish melody, c. 18th century, alt.

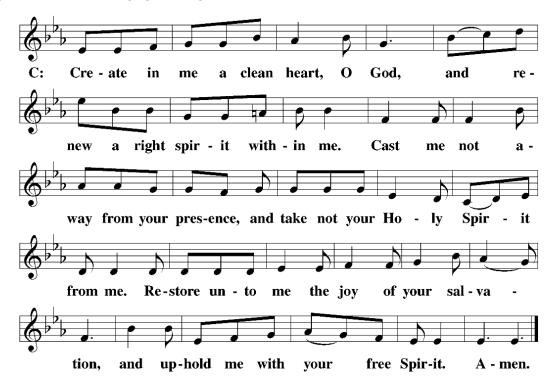
SERMON 1 Peter 2:19-25

¹⁹ For this is favorable: if a person endures sorrows while suffering unjustly because he is conscious of God. ²⁰ For what credit is it to you if you receive a beating for sinning and patiently endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and endure it, this is favorable with God. ²¹ Indeed, you were called to do this, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example so that you would follow in his steps. ²² He did not commit a sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth. ²³ When he was insulted, he did not insult in return. When he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself carried our sins in his body on the tree so that we would be dead to sins and alive to righteousness. By his wounds you were healed. ²⁵ For you were like sheep going astray, but you are now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

The Shepherd and Overseer of Our Souls

- 1) As our example
- 2) As our Savior

After the sermon, the congregation sings:



OFFERING IS GATHERED AND BROUGHT FORWARD

While the offering is being collected, please sign and pass the Friendship Register. Thank you.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M: O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.
- C: Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
- M: In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.
- C: Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.
- M: Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory.
- C: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.
- M: Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.
- C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.
- M: Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

- **M:** Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:
- C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.

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LORD'S PRAYER

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Lift up your hearts.



M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection restored everlasting life.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



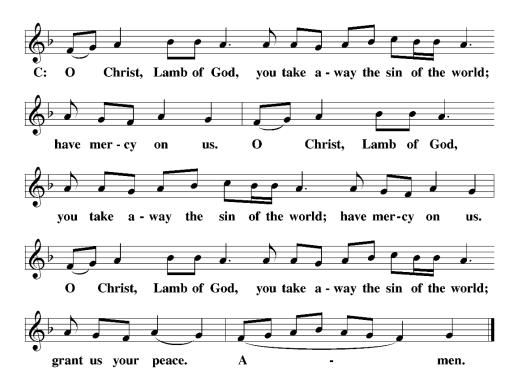
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.





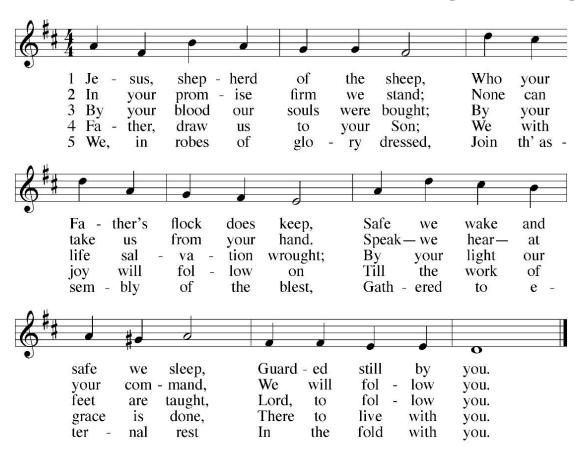
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DISTRIBUTION

Holy Communion is celebrated today. Mindful of the Scriptural teaching concerning church fellowship, we practice close (or closed) communion. Communicant members of this congregation, or another congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod), are encouraged to commune this morning. Guests are asked to speak with our pastor, before the service, if they wish to commune.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 436)

Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep



Text: Henry Cook, 1788-1868, alt.

Tune: CAPETOWN (777 5) Friedrich Filitz, 1804-76, alt.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 515)

Shepherd of Tender Youth

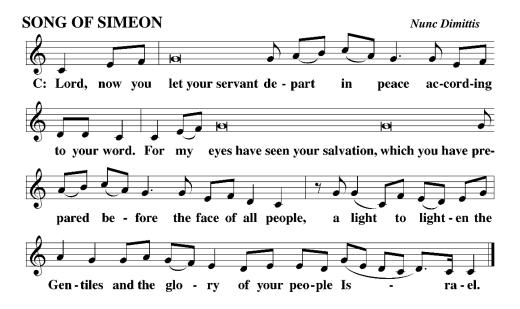


Text: attr. Clement of Alexandria, c. 170-c. 220; tr. Henry M. Dexter, 1821-90, alt.

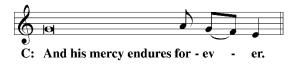
Tune: OLIVET (664 6664) Lowell Mason, 1792-1872, alt.

THANKSGIVING

STAND



M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



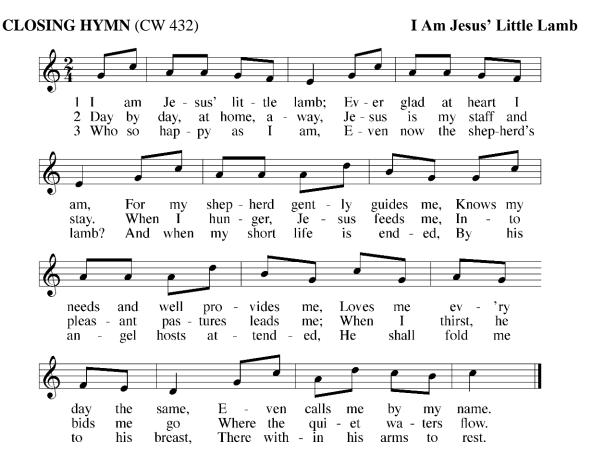
M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



BE SEATED



Text: Henrietta L. von Hayn, 1724-82; tr. composite.

Tune: WEIL ICH JESU SCHÄFLEIN BIN (77 88 77) Choralbuch . . . Brüder-Gemeinen, Leipzig, 1784.

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Personal Prayers for Worship

Before Communion:

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.

After Communion:

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

O living Bread from heaven, how richly you have fed your guest! The gifts you now have given have filled my heart with joy and rest. Lord, grant me that thus strengthened with heavenly food, while here my course on earth is lengthened, I serve with holy fear. And when you call my spirit to leave this world below, I enter through your merit where joys unmingled flow.

Gluten Free communion wafers: Gluten free communion wafers are available during the Lord's Supper. They are placed on the baptismal font at the start of communion. If you would prefer this wafer, please pick it up as you approach the altar.

Bible Studies this week

Sunday 9:15 am: Adult Bible study, sanctuary

Tuesday 9:00 am: The Gospel of John, downstairs

Wednesday evening Bible study will resume in May.

Thursday 6:30 pm: Bible Information Class, downstairs

Friday 6:00 am (Breakfast 6:00, Bible study 6:45): Matthew DeForest Family Restaurant (505 W. North Street, DeForest)

Divine Call: On April 7, Pastor Jenswold received a divine call to Beautiful Savior in Cincinnati, Ohio. This call is to help start a mission church in the Cincinnati area. Please keep Pastor and Sue in your prayers. Pastor Jenswold welcomes any words of council and wisdom from the congregation as he deliberates this call.

Quarterly Open Forum Next Sunday April 28 at 9:15 am

Agenda:

- Strategic Ministry Plan update
- Pastor Update
 - Opportunity to provide feedback on the call Pastor Jenswold has received.
 If you have an opinion on whether Pastor should stay or take the call this would be a good opportunity to provide that feedback.
- Summer service
 - Opportunity to provide feedback on whether we should have one or two services this summer.
- Treasurer position
 - Introduction of a concept to move this from a council position to a paid position that reports to council.
- Financial update
- 2024/2025 Budget
 - o Early opportunity for feedback as the budget is being created.



Sunday April 21: Fourth Sunday of Easter, Good Shepherd Sunday Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 with Holy Communion 9:15 am: Adult Bible study and Sunday school

Teens join adult Bible study today.

- Pastor Jerry Ewings
- Pianist: Ava Wilson
- Councilman: Jim Miller (8:00) and Phil Boll (10:30)
- Ushers 8:00 am: Bob Degnan, Kourtney Zech, Kayden Zech
- Ushers 10:30 am: The Holzman Family
- Counters: Bob Degnan and Roger LaGrange
- Altar Guild: Bonnie Punzel and Reagan Oughton
- A/V & Recording: Devin Anderson
- Refreshments: Elaine Wilson

Sunday April 28: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 with Holy Communion

9:15 am: Teen Class and Sunday School

9:15 am: Open Forum, *sanctuary*

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Jennifer Boll
- Councilman/elder: Dave Olson (8:00) and Mitch Myhre (10:30)
- Ushers 8:00 am: Ryan Jaeger and Aaron Oughton
- Ushers 10:30 am: Joshua Hodkiewicz and Greg Zeman
- Counters: Roger LaGrange and Greg Zeman
- Altar Guild: Bonnie Punzel and Reagan Oughton
- A/V & Recording: Jen Olson
- Refreshments: Volunteers needed

Happy Birthday: We wish God's blessings to Bonnie Gotzion (4/23), Lori Kalscheuer (4/25), Ben Kerl (4/25), Sammi Nelson (4/27), Pam Timm (4/27) and Steve Tobison (4/27) who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Anniversary: We wish God's blessings to Leona & Roger LaGrange (4/21) and Matthew & Shannon Garrett (4/24) who celebrate their wedding anniversaries this week.

In Our Prayers: Fred Bakken, Roger LaGrange, Peter Leege, Marilyn Lund, Rose Lund, Peg Schroeder, John Schueman and Steve Tobison who are experiencing difficulties.

A special prayer for all our men & women who are serving in the Armed Forces. Among them are Carter Chavez (grandson of John & Sherry Hill), Shannon & Matthew Garrett and John J. Schueman (son of Bonnie & John Schueman).

Looking ahead:

- April 1: Food drive begins for DeForest/Windsor Food Pantry
- **April 22:** Patchwork blankets, 12 3 pm
- April 28: Quarterly Open Forum, 9:15 am in sanctuary
- April 29: Patchwork blankets, 12-3 pm and 6-8 pm.
- May 9: Ascension Worship at Lord of Love, 6:30 pm
- **July 18:** Red Cross Blood Drive, 12:00 5:00 pm
- July 20: Breath New Life Into Your Sunday School Ministry! Conference in Wonewoc, WI (https://www.discipleshipwwd.org/2024-sunday-school-conference) 8:30 2:00 pm (Refreshments start at 8:00.)