

ELM GROVE EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

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A warm welcome to our guests! Regardless of whether being in church is new to you or just being at Elm Grove Lutheran is new to you, you enter not as a stranger but as a guest of God. This is His house, and He is your heavenly Father. He created you and sent His Son to live, die, and rise again for you. Therefore, come into His presence expecting to hear words of free and full forgiveness. Come, knowing that you are more than conquerors through Him who loved you. And, please come again. If you have no church home and are looking for one, please speak with one of the pastors. They are eager to help.

The Fourth Sunday of Easter – Good Shepherd Sunday

First Communion

Sunday, May 12, 2019 – 10:45 a.m.

Preparatory Prayer: "Most High God, I owe You great thanks that in the sacred mystery of the Supper, You feed me with the body and blood of Your Son. What in heaven or on earth is more precious and excellent than this divine body, personally united with Your Son? Where is there a more certain testimony and pledge of Your grace than in the precious blood of Your Son, poured out for my sins on the altar of the Cross? This, the price of my redemption, You give to me as the firmest testimony of Your grace toward me. Amen." (from Johann Gerhard's *Sacred Meditations on Divine Mercy*, p. 86)

Divine Service - Setting 2

Pre-service

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us – Sondra K. Tucker

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

The King of Love My Shepherd Is – David Cherwien

Hymn of Invocation

The King of Love My Shepherd Is – LSB 709

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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LSB p. 167

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

Psalm 78:70-72; 79:13 (Antiphon John 10:14, 15b)

P: I am the good shepherd.

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

P: He chose David his servant and took him from the sheepfolds;

C: from following the nursing ewes he brought him to shepherd Jacob his people, Israel his inheritance.

P: With upright heart he shepherded them

C: and guided them with his skillful hand.

P: But we your people, the sheep of your pasture, will give thanks to you forever;

C: from generation to generation we will recount your praise.

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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Kyrie LSB pp.168-169

Hymn of Praise *This is the feast... LSB pp. 171-172*

Salutation and Collect of the Day LSB p. 172

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First Reading Paul's farewell to the elders in Ephesus Acts 20:17-35 (p. 929)

Psalmody Psalm 23

P: The LORD is my shepherd,

C: I shall not want.

P: He makes me to lie down in green pastures.

C: He leads me beside still waters.

P: He restores my soul.

C: He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

P: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,
for you are with me,

C: your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

P: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies,

C: you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

P: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

C: And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

**ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Epistle The white-robed saints in glory Revelation 7:9-17 (p. 1032)

Alleluia and Verse LSB 173

Holy Gospel The Shepherd and His sheep John 10:22-30 (p. 896)

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Hymn of the Day *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want – LSB 710*

Sermon *"The Good Shepherd"*
Psalm 23

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Nicene Creed LSB p. 174

Prayer of the Church

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The Offering

The King of Love My Shepherd Is – Robert A. Hobby

Those who are not communing may place their cards in the offering plate.

Offertory

What shall I render... LSB p. 176

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

EGLC Communion Statement

The Lord’s Supper is celebrated here in the glad confidence that those who commune actually eat and drink the true Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in, with, and under the bread and the wine. Only those communicants who believe this and who repent of their sins receive forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Those who do not believe this or who do not repent of their sins will commune to their harm. Because Holy Communion is a confession of the specific teachings of the faith which is confessed in this congregation, those who are not in agreement with this understanding of the Lord’s Supper, or who belong to a religious community that is not in Altar & Pulpit Fellowship with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, are requested to consult with the presiding minister before communing.

The Preface – Agnus Dei

LSB pp. 177-180

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Distribution

Hymns during Communion

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us – LSB 711

For All the Faithful Women – LSB 855 (Stanzas 1, 13, 3, 4)

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Post-Communion Canticle

Thank the Lord – LSB p. 181

Post-Communion Collect

LSB p.183

Benediction

LSB p. 183

Closing Hymn

I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb – LSB 740

Postlude

I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb – J. Wayne Kerr

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ALTAR PARAMENTS: White, the color of light and joy, adorns our chancel today. Christ, the Lamb of God, is victorious over sin, death, and the devil and so we rejoice.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Placed by Michael & Carrie Marble in loving memory of Elmer & Ruth Schmidt, Russ & Rose Marie Marble, Lyle & Judith Arnold, and Auntie Loretta. *"I know that my Redeemer lives..."*.

Participants

Presiding Minister
Assisting Minister
Organist & Choir Director
Choir
Elder
Chancel Assistant
Usher team on duty

Pastor Skovgaard
Pastor Peters
Karla Bessert
Exultate Handbells
Jim Aldinger
Jim Olson

Christopher Avant, Frank Eichelberger, John Elvers, Julia Elvers,
Benjamin Ewert, Emily Ewert, Kirk Midtbo, Alex Morateck, Matthew Morateck,
Jacob Rentmaster, Joseph Rentmaster, Ken Schuppner, Nicholas Weinbauer

Altar Guild

Joan Knuteson, Heather Peters

About the Fourth Sunday of Easter
Theme: The Lord is My Shepherd
– *highlighting the Scriptures for the week* –

In condemning Jesus, the rulers of the people fulfilled the prophetic Word of God. (Acts) Crucified He was, and dead and buried. But God raised Him from the dead, and we now have the prophetic Word made more sure: there is Good News for all the world in the crucified and risen Lord. In heaven's courts angels, archangels, and all the company of heaven join in the eternal hymn: *Salvation belongs to God and to the Lamb*. (Revelation) With blood-washed robes the radiant multitude rejoice in their salvation; God Himself wipes away each tear from every eye. Even now, the sheep are safe within the fold of the Good Shepherd. (John) They hear His voice, and so follow Him on their eternal pilgrimage. No enemy can snatch them from the Father's hand, for they follow the Father's well-beloved Son.

WEEKLY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

Use the schedule below in your personal devotion. The first three readings are the lessons read today; the last three will be read next Sunday. The Wednesday reading is the psalmody for the week. Each day you may want to pray that Psalm or the prayer printed in our service folder today, followed by the suggested reading and your personal requests and Thanksgivings to our Heavenly Father.

Sunday	Acts 20:17-35 For what reason(s) did Paul summon the elders from Ephesus to meet him in Miletus? Why does he seem to be compelled to defend his ministry? What, according to Paul, was his motivation in everything that he did? For what purpose does he share this with the elders?
Monday	Revelation 7:9-17 What is the nationality of all who stand before the throne and in front of the Lamb in heaven? What is their perpetual song? How did they get their white robes? What is their eternal blessing? What are the gifts of God to all His saints in glory? Where do we get a foretaste of those gifts? What does this mean for you right now?
Tuesday	John 10:22-30 When does Christ promise to send the Holy Spirit? What does Christ promise the Spirit will do when He comes? To which Person of the Holy Trinity will the Spirit draw attention? What title does Jesus use to describe the Holy Spirit?
Wednesday	Psalm 23 How does a shepherd provide for his sheep? How does the LORD provide for His flock? How does water figure into the plan of our salvation? Why need not we fear when in danger of death? What table does the LORD set before us? Of what may we be confident all the days of our lives? Where will we dwell forever? What difference do these realities make for the challenges you are facing right now?
Thursday	Acts 11:1-18 Why did Peter go to Jerusalem? Who criticized him? Why? What was Peter's defense? How does this demonstrate that the gift of the Holy Spirit (faith) and water Baptism go together? What convinced Peter's critics? What does this mean for us today?
Friday	Revelation 21:1-7 What did St. John see coming down from heaven? What did she look like? What happens when God dwells with men? How did this happen when Jesus came to live on earth? How will this happen in fullness in eternity? What happens when God is (completely) our God? What will <u>not</u> be in heaven? What does this mean?
Saturday	John 16:12-22 When does Christ promise to send the Holy Spirit? What does Christ promise the Spirit will do when He comes? To which Person of the Holy Trinity will the Spirit draw attention? What title does Jesus use to describe the Holy Spirit?