

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Divine Service 4

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2020

Jesus said...



*"I am
the
Door"*

*Whoever enters through
Me will be saved.
He will come in and go out,
and find pasture."*

John 10:9



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Holy Cross Lutheran Church

(Missouri Synod)

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Sunday Worship Services.....8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Bible Classes and Sunday School.....9:25 a.m.

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***Reaching lost souls with the Gospel:
Nourishing and equipping the saints for life and ministry!***

Prayer for Fourth Sunday of Easter

O Jesus, our Good Shepherd, You see us, Your sheep, as frightened and alone, as tired and lonely. You became one of us. You, the Son of God, came to find us. You stood between us and Satan on the bloody hill of Calvary. As death clamped its jaws around Your heart, You suffered alone, abandoned by Your Father, so that we could live forever safe in the Father's family. Now You live to ever nourish and defend us. You, our Good Shepherd, care for us—soul and body—in Your Word, at Your altar, directly and through other people. We thank You for those who serve us in Your name: those people You use to touch, heal, restore, and strengthen us. We pray that all those who work in Your name remain faithful, having, by Your grace, hearts quick to hear and obey Your voice. Thank You, heavenly Father, for the comfort You have given us in "the Shepherd [who] dies for the sheep who love to wander." Amen.



Confession and Absolution

911 Lord, This Day We've Come to Worship



1 Lord, this day we've come to wor-ship; Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost,
2 In the pow'r of res-ur-rec-tion We have come to praise the Lord,
3 May Your Word en-rich our spir-it, Give us strength to do Your will,
4 As we meet our bless-ed Sav-ior At the Ta-ble of the Lord,
5 Cel-e-brate the res-ur-rec-tion In the church and sing His praise,



Grace us with Your bless-ed pres-ence; Bless-ed Sav-ior, be our host.
Cel-e-brate His bless-ed sup-per, And to learn His ho-ly Word.
Show the king-dom we'll in-her-it, When at last our voice is still.
May this bod-y bro-ken for us Strength and com-fort, Lord, af-ford.
Till we come to true per-fec-tion: Serve the Lord through all our days.



Refrain
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia,



Al-le-lu-ia, praise the Lord! Al-le-lu-ia,



al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, praise the Lord!

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Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**



Service of the Word

Kyrie

Mark 10:47

C **Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also 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 **Amen.**

Sit

First Reading: Acts 2:42–47

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle: 1 Peter 2:19–25

For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He

committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand



Holy Gospel: John 10:1–10

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.



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.**

Sit



711 Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us



1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; Much we
2 We are Yours; in love be - friend us, Be the
3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and
4 Ear - ly let us seek Your fa - vor, Ear - ly



need Your ten - der care. In Your pleas - ant pas - tures
guard - ian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin de -
sin - ful though we be; You have mer - cy to re -
let us do Your will; Bless - ed Lord and on - ly



feed us, For our use Your fold pre - pare.
fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.
lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Sav - ior, With Your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have



bought us; we are Yours. Bless - ed Je - sus,
chil - dren when we pray. Bless - ed Je - sus,
let us turn to You. Bless - ed Je - sus,
loved us, love us still. Bless - ed Je - sus,



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Sermon

"The Door of the Sheep"

Text: See the Holy Gospel Reading

Stand

Prayer of the Church

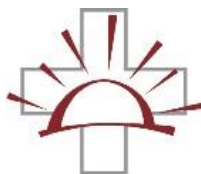
After each portion of the prayer:

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Sit

Lord's Prayer

- 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.



Benedicamus and Benediction

Psalm 103:1

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.
- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

585 Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, with us a - bide, For round us
2 In these last days of great dis - tress Grant us, dear
3 To hope grown dim, to hearts turned cold Speak tongues of
4 May glo - rious truths that we have heard, The bright sword



falls the e - ven - tide. O let Your Word,
Lord, true stead - fast - ness That we keep pure
fire and make us bold To shine Your Word
of Your might - y Word, Spurn Sa - tan that



that sav - ing light, Shine forth un - dimmed in - to the night.
till life is spent Your ho - ly Word and Sac - ra - ment.
of sav - ing grace In - to each dark and love - less place.
Your Church be strong, Bold, u - ni - fied in act and song.

5. Restrain, O Lord, the human pride
That seeks to thrust Your truth aside
Or with some man-made thoughts or things
Would dim the words Your Spirit sings.
6. Stay with us, Lord, and keep us true;
Preserve our faith our whole life through—
Your Word alone our heart's defense,
The Church's glorious confidence.

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Soli Deo Gloria!

(To God alone be the glory.)

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