## The Lord’s Day 11:00 a.m. May 8, 2022

# The Fourth Sunday of Easter

# Mother’s Day

***The Good Shepherd Cares for His Sheep***

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came from the Father and became flesh among us in order to rescue us, His sheep. He laid down His life for us and took it up again in order to give us eternal life. By the preaching of His Gospel, He calls His sheep to Himself and keeps them with Him forever. As they hear His voice and follow Him, *“they will never perish”* (John 10:28), for *“no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand”* (John 10:29). In the same way, faithful pastors (literally, “shepherds”) *“care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood”* (Acts 20:28), *“testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ”* (Acts 20:21). Therefore, with all the company of heaven, the Good Shepherd gathers His flock in worship, as they cry: *“Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”* (Rev. 7:10).

PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Reader:In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** **Amen.**

PSALM 23 *read by all*

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.**

**He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:**

**He leadeth me beside the still waters,**

**He restoreth my soul:**

**He leadeth me in the 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 thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.**

**Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:**

**Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.**

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

**and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen.**

THE OPENING SONG

*“Spirit Song”*

**O let the Son of God enfold you with His Spirit and His love,**

**Let Him fill your life and satisfy your soul.**

**O let Him have the things that hold you**

**And His Spirit, like a dove,**

**Will descend upon your life and make you whole.**

*Chorus*

**Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.**

**Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.**

**O come and sing this song of gladness**

**As your hearts are filled with joy,**

**Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name.**

**O give Him all your tears and sadness,**

**Give Him all your years of pain,**

**And you’ll enter into life in Jesus’ name.**

*Chorus*

**Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.**

**Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.**

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FIRST READING *Acts 20:17-35*

Now from Miletus Paul sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. And when they came to him, he said to them: “You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all, for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

Reader: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING** *Revelation 7:9-17*

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. “Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Reader: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**People:** **Thanks be to God**

*“To Him Who Sits on the Throne”*

**To Him who sits on the throne and unto the Lamb,**

**To Him who sits on the throne and unto the Lamb**

**Be blessing and honor and glory and power forever,**

**Be blessing and honor and glory and power forever.**

*Repeat.*

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(Stand)

Gospel reading *John 10:22-30*

At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.” Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

CONFESSION OF SINS *LSB 151*

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION LSB 151

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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

NICENE CREED

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sits at the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Sit*

**CHILDREN’S TALK**

HYMN of The Day lsb 711

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

1 **Savior, like a shepherd lead us;  
 Much we need Your tender care.  
In Your pleasant pastures feed us,  
 For our use Your fold prepare.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
 You have bought us; we are Yours.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
 You have bought us; we are Yours.**

**2 We are Yours; in love befriend us,  
 Be the guardian of our way;  
Keep Your flock, from sin defend us,  
 Seek us when we go astray.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
 Hear us children when we pray.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
 Hear us children when we pray.**

**3 You have promised to receive us,  
 Poor and sinful though we be;  
You have mercy to relieve us,  
 Grace to cleanse, and pow’r to free.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
 Early let us turn to You.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
 Early let us turn to You.**

**4 Early let us seek Your favor,  
 Early let us do Your will;  
Blessèd Lord and only Savior,  
 With Your love our spirits fill.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
 You have loved us, love us still.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
 You have loved us, love us still.**

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SERMON The Flock of Jesus Hears His Voice and He Knows Them. John 10:27

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE  *The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying “Peace be with you,” as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matthew 5:22-24, Ephesians 4:1-3).*

*Stand*

Prayers "Lord, in Your mercy. . .hear our prayer.

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.**

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

**LORD’S SUPPER**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C Amen.**

*Sit*

**SONGS DURING DISTRIBUTION**

*“Only By Grace”*

*Chorus*

**Only by grace can we enter; only by grace can we stand,**

**Not by our human endeavor, but by the blood of the lamb.**

**Into your presence you call us; you call us to come.**

**Into your presence you draw us,**

**And now by your grace we come.**

**now by your grace we come.**

*Verse*

**Lord, if you mark our transgressions, who would stand?**

**thanks to your grace we are cleansed by the blood of the Lamb.** *Repeat Verse. Then Sing Chorus.*

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*“O Lamb of God”*

**Your only Son, no sin to hide,**

**But You have sent Him from Your side**

**To walk upon this guilty sod,**

**And to become the Lamb of God.**

**Your gift of love they crucified,**

**They laughed and scorned Him as He died,**

**The humble King they named a fraud**

**And sacrificed the Lamb of God.**

*Refrain:*

**O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,**

**I love the holy Lamb of God,**

**O wash me in His precious blood,**

**My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God.**

**I was so lost, I should have died,**

**But You have brought me to Your side,**

**To be led by Your staff and rod**

**And to be called the Lamb of God.** *Refrain:*

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*“Jesus, Please Watch Over Us”*

**As we step from the edge of morning,**

**Feet can’t tell where to take us;**

**Here’s a light that will shine forever,**

**Here’s the light that will guide us.**

**Jesus, please watch over us.**

**Jesus, please take care of us.**

**Trouble comes, and we search for safety,**

**We forget that you hold us;**

**Fill our minds so that we remember,**

**Say once more that you love us.**

**Jesus, please watch over us.**

**Jesus, please take care of us.**

**Danger meets us at every moment,**

**Death is never in hiding;**

**You are stronger than any danger,**

**You are stronger than dying.**

**Jesus, please watch over us.**

**Jesus, please take care of us.**

**In Your life is the Father’s welcome,**

**In Your death there is freedom;**

**Be our life and our death forever,**

**Be our new resurrection.**

**Jesus, please watch over us.**

**Jesus, please take care of us.**

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*Stand*

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**Benediction**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His favor upon you and give you T peace.

**People: Amen**

**THE Closing SONG** *“Ancient Of Days”*

**Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto the Ancient of Days,**

**From ev'ry nation, all of creation, bow before the Ancient of Days.**

*Chorus*

**Ev'ry tongue in heaven and earth shall declare Your glory,**

**Ev'ry knee shall bow at Your throne in worship.**

**You will be exalted, O God,**

**And Your kingdom shall not pass away, O Ancient of Days.**

*Repeat from beginning*

*Bridge*

**Your kingdom shall reign over all the earth,**

**Sing unto the Ancient of Days.**

**For none can compare to Your matchless worth,**

**Sing unto the Ancient of Days.**  *Chorus.*

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Go in peace and serve the Lord.