

**The Fourth Sunday of Easter
Good Shepherd Sunday**

Jesus is our Good Shepherd. He is the One who cares for us. We are the sheep, the people of His pasture. He cares for us. He loves us. He watches over us every day. He lays down His life for the sheep.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

INVOCATION, EASTER ACCLAMATION AND PSALM

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Leader: Alleluia! He is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep."

People: I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. *John 10:7,10*

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

People: He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside quiet waters, He restores my soul.

Leader: He guides me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

People: 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.

Leader: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

People: Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. *Psalm 23*

Leader: Alleluia! He is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

SONG *“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”*

**Savior, like a Shepherd lead us; Much we need Thy tender care.
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us; For our use Thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us; Thine we
are.**

**Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, Thine we
are.**

**We are Thine; do Thou befriend us; Be the Guardian of our way.
Keep Thy flock; from sin defend us; Seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.**

**Thou hast promised to receive us, Poor and sinful tho' we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse, and power to
free.**

**Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Early let us turn to Thee;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Early let us turn to Thee.**

**Early let us seek Thy favor; Early let us do Thy will.
Blessed Lord and only Savior, With Thy love our beings fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us; love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us; love us still.**

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THE 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.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

Cong: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING

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.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

Cong: Thanks be to God.

SONG *“Open The Eyes of My Heart, Lord”*

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord

Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see you, I want to see you.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord

Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see you, I want to see you. Chorus

To see You high and lifted up

Shining in the light of Your glory

Pour out Your power and love

As we sing holy, holy, holy.

Bridge

Holy, holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy

I want to see you.

Repeat Bridge.

The Best of the Best (BOB) 180

Stand

THE GOSPEL READING

John 10:1-10

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.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord

Cong: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree,

People: so that we might die to sins and live for
righteousness. *1 Peter 2:24*

Pastor: In repentant faith, we confess our sins.

People: We confess to You that we are by nature sinful. We have sinned by our selfish thoughts, our hurtful words and our unloving actions. We have been like sheep who have gone astray. We have resisted Your Holy Spirit. Do not hold our sins against us, but for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray, forgive us. Amen.

Pastor: Jesus bore our sins in His body on the cross; by His wounds, we have been healed. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. Thanks be to God.

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

The 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

THE CHILDREN'S TALK

THE SERMON SONG *"I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"* *LSB 740*

I am Jesus' little lamb, ever glad at heart I am;
For my Shepherd gently guides me,
Knows my need and well provides me,
Loves me ev'ry day the same, even calls me by my name.

Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my staff and stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me,
Into pleasant pastures leads me;
When I thirst, He bids me go where the quiet waters flow.

Who so happy as I am, even now the Shepherd's lamb?
And when my short life is ended,
By His angel host attended,
He shall fold me to His breast, there within His arms to
rest.

THE SERMON "They Devoted Themselves to the Breaking of the
Bread" Acts 2:42

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SHARING OF THE PEACE

(Following the prayers, 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))

(Sit)

OFFERING

(Stand)

THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

P The Lord be with you. *(2 Timothy 4:22)*

C And also with you. *(Colossians 3:1)*

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *(Psalm 136)*

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying: *(prayer by pastor)*.

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might:

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. *(Isaiah 6:3)*

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. *(John 1:29)*

LORD'S PRAYER *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION are said by the pastor. *(Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25)*

P Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, *(John 1:29)*

C Have mercy on us.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. *(John 20:19)*

C And also with you.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Music during distribution

"Come to the Table"

Come to the table of mercy, prepared with the wine and the bread;

All who are hungry and thirsty, come and your souls will be fed.

Chorus:

Come at the Lord's invitation, receive from His nail-scarred hand;

Eat of the bread of salvation, drink of the blood of the Lamb.

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"Jesus, Name Above All Names"

**Jesus, Name above all Names,
Beautiful Savior, Glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us,
Blessed Redeemer, Living Word.**

**Jesus, Loving Shepherd,
Vine of the Branches, Son of God,
Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor,
Lord of the universe Light of the world.**

**Jesus, Way of Salvation, King of kings, Lord of lords,
The Way, the Truth, and the Life, Mighty Creator,
My Savior and Friend.**

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"As The Deer"

**As the deer panteth for the water,
So my soul longeth after Thee.
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship Thee.**

Refrain:

**You alone are my strength, my shield;
To You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship Thee.**

**You're my friend and You are my brother
Even though You are a King.
I love You more than any other,
So much more than anything. *Refrain***

**I want You more than gold or silver,
Only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joygiver
And the apple of my eye. Refrain**

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

C Amen.

BENEDICTION *(Numbers 6:24-26)*

P 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 peace.

C Amen.

THE CLOSING SONG

“Soon and Very Soon”

**Soon and very soon we are going to see the King!
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King!
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King!**

No more crying there....

No more dying there....

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Go in peace and serve the Lord.