

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 8, 2022



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER May 8, 2022

WHO TO BELIEVE THESE DAYS?

PRESERVICE MUSIC “You Are My All in All” (arr. Ham) & “Lamb of God” (arr. Larson)

A Reminder: Please be respectful to our brothers and sisters who use the time prior to worship for quiet meditation on God's Word. - Thank you!

7:30 AM **740 I AM JESUS' LITTLE LAMB**

- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 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.

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10:00 AM **HE HUNG UPON A CROSS** Sunday School Ages 2-Kindergarten

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

When I am afraid, I put my trust in You. *Psalms 56:3*

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalms 23:1, 6b; Revelation 7:17

- P** The LORD is my shepherd;
C I shall not want.
P For the Lamb in the midst of the throne
C will be their shepherd,

- P** and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.
C And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.
P I said I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
P Lord, our God,
C we confess that we have strayed from hearing the voice of Your Son, our Shepherd, who went through death to eternal life for us. We have failed to trust in You fully. We have sinned in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Forgive us and renew in us faith and trust. Grant us to hear anew our Shepherd's voice and to follow wherever He leads, until we see Him with You in Your eternal house.
P Fellow sheep within Christ's fold, our Lord Jesus was God's sacrificial Lamb and has gone through death, paying for the sins of all people, and He now reigns in eternity. Therefore, in His stead and by His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

550 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

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.

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**

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 a lamb of God. **REFRAIN**

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SALUTATION

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray. Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep,
C 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;
P 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.

FIRST READING

Acts 20:17–35

¹⁷Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. ¹⁸And 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, ¹⁹serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and

teaching you in public and from house to house, ²¹testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. ²²And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. ²⁴But 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. ²⁵And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. ²⁶Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, ²⁷for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸Pay 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. ²⁹I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. ³²And 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. ³³I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵In 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.'"

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. ²He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. ³He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. ⁴Even 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. ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

EPISTLE

Revelation 7:9–17

⁹After 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, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And 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, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." ¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I 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. ¹⁵"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. ¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷For 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."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:22–30

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

G Glory to You, O Lord.

²²At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴So 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.” ²⁵Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name bear witness about me, ²⁶but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My 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. ³⁰I and the Father are one.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

YET NOT I, BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME

What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to His
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing all is mine
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Savior He will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead,
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised, to overthrow the grave
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh, the chains are released, I can sing, I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath, I long to follow Jesus
For He has said, that He will bring me home
And day by day, I know He will renew me,
Until I stand, with joy before the throne.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
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Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
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SERMON “Who to believe these days?” John 10:22-30

CREED Early Service – Apostles’ Creed Late Service – Nicene Creed
(*Creed can be found in the back of the hymnal and on the screens*)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Psalm 23

- P** Let us pray for ourselves, the Church around the world, and all people in their various conditions. We pray for those who do not listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd, asking the Holy Spirit to give them opportunity to come to faith and join us in saying:
- C The LORD is my shepherd.**
- P** We pray for all who lack the food, clothing, and shelter that they need for a fully human life, asking our Father in heaven to meet their needs using His caring people, including ourselves, for we are confident:
- C I shall not want.**
- P** We pray for those falsely imprisoned or denied true justice, asking our Lord to free them and open doors of opportunity for them, as He so graciously has done for us:
- C He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.**
- P** We pray for all who are depressed in spirit or unsure of God’s will for them, asking the Holy Spirit to lift them up and guide them, that with us they may rejoice to say:
- C He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name’s sake.**
- P** We pray for those who are facing sudden crises or long-term ills, and all who are grieving the loss of loved ones, [*including . . .*], asking our risen Lord to lift their eyes to His eternal home so that they may each declare:
- C 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.**
- P** We pray for first responders and police at home and for armed forces deployed, asking our Father in heaven to guide and protect them, and for all who grow crops and tend herds that He would bless them with bountiful harvests so that they may thank Him, praying:
- C You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**
- P** Finally, we pray for ourselves and all who gather around Word and Sacrament, that the Holy Spirit would keep us firm in the faith so that we may joyfully profess:
- C Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever. Amen.**

Early service please continue with the Lord’s Prayer & Benediction

+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

LSB 208

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LORD'S PRAYER

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 210

C 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

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*For guests and visitors, we invite you to please read our statement
regarding the Lord's Supper on the inside cover of your bulletin.*

+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

LORD, I NEED YOU

*Solo – Lord, I come, I confess, bowing here I find my rest.
Without You, I fall apart, You're the One that guides my heart.*

CHORUS

Lord, I need You, oh I need You.
Ev'ry hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness,
Oh God how I need You.

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more.
Where grace is found, is where You are.
Where You are, Lord I am free.

Holiness is Christ in me. **CHORUS**

BRIDGE – Solo

So teach my song to rise to You

When temptation comes my way.

When I cannot stand I'll fall on You;

Jesus You're my hope and stay. CHORUS 2X

ENDING

You're my one defense, my righteousness,

Oh God, how I need You.

Solo – My one defense, my righteousness, Oh God how I need You.

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YOU ARE MY ALL IN ALL

You are my strength when I am weak,

You are the treasure that I seek,

You are my all in all;

Seeking You as a precious jewel,

Lord, to give up I'd be a fool,

You are my all in all.

CHORUS

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,

Rising again, I bless Your name,

You are my all in all;

When I fall down, you pick me up,

When I am dry, you fill my cup,

You are my all in all. **CHORUS 2X**

ENDING Worthy is Your name!

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740 I AM JESUS' LITTLE LAMB

- 1 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.
- 2 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.

- 3 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.

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood.

G **Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end;**

P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

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.

G **Amen.**

LIVING HOPE

How great the chasm that lay between us,

How high the mountain I could not climb.

In desperation I turned to heaven

And spoke Your name into the night.

Then through the darkness

Your loving kindness tore through the shadows of my soul.

The work is finished, the end is written.

Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy?

What heart could fathom such boundless grace?

The God of ages stepped down from glory

To wear my sin and bear my shame.

The cross has spoken, I am forgiven.

The King of Kings calls me His own.

Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever.

Jesus Christ, my living hope.

CHORUS 2X

Hallelujah! Praise the One who set me free!

Hallelujah! Death has lost its grip on me.

You have broken ev'ry chain, there's salvation in Your name.

Jesus Christ, my living hope!

2X Then came the morning that sealed the promise.

Your buried body began to breathe.

Out of the silence, the roaring Lion

Declared the grave has no claim on me.

Jesus, Yours is the victory! **CHORUS 2X**

ENDING Jesus Christ, my living hope! God, You are my living hope!

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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Congregation at Prayer and Devotions for the Week

Invocation In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠ , and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Introit (found on front page)

Catechism Review (found on front page)

Meditation: Portals of Prayer, www.lhm.org/dailydevotions, Other

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday: Leviticus 8:1-13, 30-36; Luke 9:1-17
Monday: Leviticus 9:1-24; Luke 9:18-36
Tuesday: Leviticus 10:1-20; Luke 9:37-62
Wednesday: Leviticus 16:1-24; Luke 10:1-22
Thursday: Leviticus 17:1-16; Luke 10:23-42
Friday: Leviticus 18:1-7, 20-19:8; Luke 11:1-13
Saturday: Leviticus 19:9-18, 26-37; Luke 11:14-36

In Our Prayers This Week (as of Thursday morning)

Dean, Healing	Richard, recovering
Herb, health issues	William, 6-year-old, leukemia
Wes, health issues	Mary, Jan's sister-in-law, cancer
Del, health issues	Voss, infant recovering from an accident
Jack, ongoing health issues	Elgart, cancer
June, health issues	Lauren's mother
Mehria in the Middle East, safety	Shirley, health issues
Blake	Nancy, health issues
Al, health issues	Dave, health issues
Jim, cancer	Jim, Parkinson's
Tom, cancer	Steve, Guillain-Barre Syndrome
Lauren, cancer	Duane, cancer
Margo, health issues	Lois, recovery
Mike's mother - Jean, health issues	Amanda, recovery

Sidney, granddaughter of Steinke's with medical issues

For those in nursing homes, medical professionals, and those whose employment is in question.

For peace and humility to dwell in the hearts of the people of our world.

Christians and all people living in terror in the Middle East and throughout the world.

Our Savior Families: Abigail, Christopher & Family, Timothy & Family, Kathy, Adam & Susan

Hymn of the Week "How shall they hear, who have not heard" LSB 831

Collect (found on front page)

Apostles' Creed, Lord's Prayer, Benediction