



Fourth Sunday of Easter

St. John's Lutheran Church—Sherburn, MN

Sunday, April 25, 2021

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

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*Welcome: We are happy that you have joined us for worship.
May your worship of the living Lord enrich your faith and fill
your life with the lively hope and lasting joy.*

4th Sunday of Easter - Our Good Shepherd

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Creative Worship

As We Gather

Of all the animals that could have been used to portray humanity, does it feel strange to be called a sheep? After all, it is not the most honorable creature. There are no defense mechanisms to escape a predator, no intimidating roar, and limited ability to fend for one's self when it comes to seeking nourishment, water, and safety. Yet these things reveal the point we are called to understand. It may not be good to be a sheep on our own, but it is great to be a sheep with a Good Shepherd to care for the flock. Jesus is our perfect shepherd who protects and defends, feeds and nourishes, leads and provides all we need in this body and life. Together as His flock, we are blessed to follow Him as by His Word and Means of Grace He leads us to streams of living water and paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" *LSB #549 vs 1,5,6,7*

Stand

Invocation

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

C **Amen.**

Opening Sentences *1 John 3:16a, 24; John 10:11, adapted*

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P By this we know love,

C **that He laid down His life for us.**

P "I am the good shepherd," says the Lord.

C **The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.**

P Whoever keeps His commandments abides in God, and God in him.

C **And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.**

Confession and Absolution *Psalm 23; John 10:11*

P The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures.

C **Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd, we confess to You that we have been ungrateful for all You give us to sustain our bodies and lives. Forgive us, Good Shepherd.**

P He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

C **Like sheep, we are distracted and tend to wander and scatter. We forget who we are as baptized children of God and fail to respond to Your shepherding in our lives. Forgive us, Good Shepherd.**

P 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.

C **We confess that in difficult times of life, we sometimes struggle to be confident in Your presence and protection, seeking to find our own comfort. Forgive us, Good Shepherd.**

P You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

C **As we journey through this sinful world, we overlook the goodness and mercy that flow into our lives from You. Forgive us, Good Shepherd.**

P Jesus, our Good Shepherd, hears our cries and says to us, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep." Receive the forgiveness won for You through Christ's laying down His life and rising from death in victory. As a called servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen. Thanks be to God.**

WORD

Introit *Psalm 23; 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 The LORD is my shepherd;

C **I shall not want.**

P He makes me 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 shall 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.**

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.**

Kyrie (Spoken)

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

Sit

Hymn of Praise: "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" LSB #821 vs 1-5

Stand

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. Risen Lord, You are the Good Shepherd who lays down His life for the sheep. They are Yours, and nothing will snatch them from Your hand. In the love You've shown and the perfect love we know through Your Spirit, empower Your flock to reach others, that all may be guided by Your shepherding grace; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

First Reading Acts 4:1–12

(Peter and John speak before the Council at the temple)

¹As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ²greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

⁵On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹²And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual *(Adapt. From Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:5-6)*

P Christ has risen from the dead.

C **God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor.**

P He has made him ruler over the works of his hands;

C **He has put everything under his feet.**

Epistle 1 John 3:16–24

(As Jesus showed God's love by laying down His life for us, we are to lay down our lives that our brothers and sisters would be blessed and saved)

¹⁶By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷But if anyone has the

world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

¹⁹By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²²and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴Whoever keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Verse *Romans 6:9; John 10:14*

C Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia, Jesus is the good shepherd. He knows His own and His own know Him. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel *John 10:11–18*

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹¹[Jesus said:] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and

I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

The First Article

Creation

ALL: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

P What does this mean?

All: I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

Children's message "The Big Bad Wolf"

Hymn of the Day "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" *LSB #711 vs 1-4*

Message "The Lord Is My Shepherd"

Offering

Offertory Hymn "Jesus Loves Me" *LSB #588 vs 1-2*

Prayers of the Church

Lord's Prayer

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.

C **Amen.**

Closing Hymn "Go, My Children, With My Blessing" vs 1-4 LSB #922

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Offering: We ask that you please put your offerings into the plate located at the back of the church before worship so when we bring the offerings up to the altar after the message, it can be included.

Fellowship: The Board of Parish Services invite you to stop by the fire-side room and enjoy a cup of coffee and donuts between the services. This is a great opportunity to visit and enjoy fellowship.

Quarterly Voters' Meeting is today at 9:15 a.m. sharp in the church sanctuary.

Confirmation Classes are held on Wednesdays at 3:45.

Confirmation Pictures: 8th graders will have confirmation pictures taken on Wednesday, (April 28). We ask that these confirmands please be at the church at 3:45 p.m. They will need to wear dress clothes and dress shoes for pictures. Please also remember to bring your picture form and money for pictures along with \$25.00 for robes.

Confirmation Sunday—May 2nd: On Sunday, May 2 we will confirm thirteen of our youth at the 10:30 a.m. service. We would like to keep the 10:30 service open for the confirmands and their families, and encourage other members to attend the 8:00 service.

A **confirmation reception** will be held on the 2nd for the confirmands and their families at 9:15.

No Sunday school and Bible class will not meet on Confirmation Sunday, May 2.

Newsletter will be printed this week. Please have all items for the newsletter into the office by Monday afternoon. Thank you.

LWML Sherburn Zone Spring Rally: You are invited to attend the LWML Spring Rally here at St. John's on Saturday, May 1. Registration will be at 9:00 a.m. with the Rally starting at 9:30. Speaker will be a representative from Camp Omega. Gifts from the Heart is money donations for Camp Omega to help them purchase a mini van.

Door Offering : The LWML Gifts from the Heart is for Camp Omega. We will take a door offering today for Camp Omega. The money will be used to help the Camp to purchase a mini van.

Sr. High FFF Next Wed., April 28 @ 6:30. Pastor will be discussing Demons and Spiritual Warfare and Chris Kahler discussing how these affect you in high school and especially college. Great night to be there! Bring friends. Spaghetti meal will be served.

Youth Fundraiser: "Flock a Friend"! Help support the youth with this fun fundraiser. Information and forms are located on the table in the front entry and St. John's youth group facebook page.

Take My Moments and My Days

Sunday, April 25: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship, 9:15 a.m. Voters' Meeting, 9:15 a.m. Sunday School

Wednesday, April 28 3:45 p.m. 8th Grade Confirmation Pictures, 3:45 p.m. 7th Grade Confirmation, 6:30 p.m. 9-12th Grade FFF

Saturday, May 1: 9:00 a.m. LWML Rally

Sunday, May 2: 8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion, 9:15 a.m. Confirmation Reception, 10:30 a.m. Confirmation Service

In Our Prayers: Bob Hoffmeyer, Joan Hartke, Karen Brolsma, Roberta Garbers

Coping With Cancer: Miriam Krueger, Diane Beseke, Shirley Skogerboe, Serena Johnson, Marlene Kuntz, Tom Wescott, Andrea Mileham, Cindi Crissinger, Lori Koerselman, Julie Krogman, Donna Nawrocki, Elsie Swanson, Shelly Callahan, Gary Maday, Ginny Anderson, Larry Norem, Lacy McNicol, Roger Spiegeler, Cyndi Johnson, Gloria Maschoff, Kay Groth, Perry Caven, Harv Baird

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Members Celebrating Birthdays This Week: Sandy Dressen, Brooke Eisenmenger, Larry Norem, Erik Ogren, Larry Johnson, Doug Winter, Marlin Bliesmer, Harvey Amborn, Tom Gregory, Lucille Meyer, Jenna Fraherly, Roberta Garbers, Terry Peterson, Jamie Williamson