

# 4/25/2021 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

## 709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

LSB 709

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is,  
Whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am His  
And He is mine forever.
- 2 Where streams of living water flow,  
My ransomed soul He leadeth  
And, where the verdant pastures grow,  
With food celestial feedeth.
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
But yet in love He sought me  
And on His shoulder gently laid  
And home rejoicing brought me.
- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
Thy cross before to guide me.
- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
Thine unction grace bestoweth;  
And, oh, what transport of delight  
From Thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so through all the length of days  
Thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise  
Within Thy house forever!

Public domain

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**G** **Amen.**

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

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

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

**G** **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.**

**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  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**G** **Amen.**

## Introit

*Ps. 23; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b*

I am the good | shepherd.\*

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life | for the sheep.

The LORD is my | shepherd;\*

I | shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green | pastures.\*

He leads me beside still | waters.  
He re- | stores my soul.\*  
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his | name's sake.  
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.  
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 for- | ever.  
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**  
I am the good | shepherd.\*  
I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life | for the sheep.

## Hymn of Praise

### This Is the Feast

LSB 155

**C** This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation.**  
**Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

### 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.

### First Reading

Acts 4:1–12

<sup>1</sup> As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them,  
<sup>2</sup>greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. <sup>3</sup>And they arrested

them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. <sup>4</sup>But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

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

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*adapt. from Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6*

Christ has risen | from the dead.\*

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor,

He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;\*

he has put all things un- | der his feet.

## Epistle

*1 John 3:16–24*

<sup>16</sup>By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. <sup>17</sup>But 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? <sup>18</sup>Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

<sup>19</sup>By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; <sup>20</sup>for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; <sup>22</sup>and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup>And 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. <sup>24</sup>Whoever 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.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia and Verse

### Common Alleluia and Verse

*LSB 156*

**C** Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

## Holy Gospel

*John 10:11–18*

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

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>11</sup>I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>He 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. <sup>13</sup>He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>And 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. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No 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.

- 1 God's own child, I gladly say it:  
 I am baptized into Christ!  
 He, because I could not pay it,  
 Gave my full redemption price.  
 Do I need earth's treasures many?  
 I have one worth more than any  
 That brought me salvation free  
 Lasting to eternity!
- 2 Sin, disturb my soul no longer:  
 I am baptized into Christ!  
 I have comfort even stronger:  
 Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.  
 Should a guilty conscience seize me  
 Since my Baptism did release me  
 In a dear forgiving flood,  
 Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?
- 3 Satan, hear this proclamation:  
 I am baptized into Christ!  
 Drop your ugly accusation,  
 I am not so soon enticed.  
 Now that to the font I've traveled,  
 All your might has come unraveled,  
 And, against your tyranny,  
 God, my Lord, unites with me!
- 4 Death, you cannot end my gladness:  
 I am baptized into Christ!  
 When I die, I leave all sadness  
 To inherit paradise!  
 Though I lie in dust and ashes  
 Faith's assurance brightly flashes:  
 Baptism has the strength divine  
 To make life immortal mine.
- 5 There is nothing worth comparing  
 To this lifelong comfort sure!  
 Open-eyed my grave is staring:  
 Even there I'll sleep secure.  
 Though my flesh awaits its raising,  
 Still my soul continues praising:  
 I am baptized into Christ;  
 I'm a child of paradise!

© 1991 Robert E. Voelker. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License .NET, no. 100011861.

### Sermon: 1 John 3:16-24 "Walk the True Talk"

#### 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 will 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 in 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  $\text{✠}$  of the world to come. Amen.

## Prayer of the Church

### Offering

### Offertory

LSB 159

- C** What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?  
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,  
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

### Preface

LSB 160

- 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.

- 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 161

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**G** **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.**

## The Words of Our Lord

LSB 162

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{†}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

LSB 163

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**G** **Amen.**

## Agnus Dei

LSB 163

**G** **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

## Distribution

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

**Amen.**

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

**Amen.**

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart  $\text{†}$  in peace.

**G** **Amen.**

## 735 Have No Fear, Little Flock

LSB 735

- 1 Have no fear, little flock;  
Have no fear, little flock,  
For the Father has chosen  
To give you the Kingdom;  
Have no fear, little flock!
- 2 Have good cheer, little flock;  
Have good cheer, little flock,  
For the Father will keep you  
In His love forever;  
Have good cheer, little flock!
- 3 Praise the Lord high above;  
Praise the Lord high above,  
For He stoops down to heal you,

Uplift and restore you;  
Praise the Lord high above!

- 4 Thankful hearts raise to God;  
Thankful hearts raise to God,  
For He stays close beside you,  
In all things works with you;  
Thankful hearts raise to God!

© 1973 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License .NET, no. 100011861.

### **LW #417 The Lord's My Shepherd, Leading Me**

1. The Lord's my shepherd, leading me To pastures newly green;  
Deep flow the waters of his care, His mercies unforeseen.  
He loves me so, he leads me to His pastures gently green.

2. My hungry soul he fills again With manna from above  
He sets my footsteps right again In pathways of his love.  
For his name's sake he nurtures me With manna from above.

3. Even within the vale of death I feel no threat'ning chill,  
His rod and staff protecting me, His love beside me still.  
His guardian love protecting me, I fear no threat of ill.

4. How he confounds my enemies By richly blessing me;  
His cup of promise overflows With generosity.  
Anointing me his chosen one, He richly blesses me.

5. I take my stand forevermore Within my shepherd's fold,  
Secure in his forgiving love. How gently strong his hold!  
He loves me so, he leads me to His blessings rich and bold.

Public Domain

### **710 The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want**

*LSB 710*

- 1 The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;  
He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; He leadeth me  
The quiet waters by.
- 2 My soul He doth restore again  
And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness,  
E'en for His own name's sake.
- 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
Yet will I fear no ill;  
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod  
And staff me comfort still.
- 4 My table Thou hast furnishèd  
In presence of my foes;  
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,  
And my cup overflows.
- 5 Goodness and mercy all my life  
Shall surely follow me;  
And in God's house forevermore  
My dwelling place shall be.

Public domain

### **711 Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us**

*LSB 711*

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.

Public domain

## Post-Communion Canticle

### Thank the Lord

LSB 164

**G** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.  
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

### Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; 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

LSB 166

**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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.  
**G** Amen.

## 740 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

LSB 740

- 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.

Public domain

### Acknowledgments

Divine Service, Setting One from Lutheran Service Book

Unless otherwise indicated, all scripture quotations are from *The Holy Bible, English Standard Version*, copyright © 2001 by Crossway Bibles, a division of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2006 Concordia Publishing House.