

**\*PEACE**

The Peace of the Risen Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

**OFFERTORY**

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” Arr. Virgil Thomson

**\*OFFERING SONG**

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful” ELW Hymn 184

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

Risen One,  
you call us to believe and bear fruit.  
May the gifts that we offer here  
be signs of your abiding love.  
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,  
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.  
**Amen.**

**MEAL**

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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

...with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts  
of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

**SANCTUS: “Holy, Holy, Holy”**

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...we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

...let the church say “Amen!”  
**Amen.**

...all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**\*LORD’S PRAYER**

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**\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*At the direction of the usher, please come forward by the center aisle  
and return by the side aisles. Gluten-free bread is available upon  
request, and you may choose wine (white) or alcohol-free juice (red).  
To receive communion at your seat, simply notify an usher. All who  
seek to receive Jesus in bread and cup are welcome to dine at this  
table.*

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

“Lamb of God” ELW Page 154  
“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us” ELW Hymn 789

**\*TABLE BLESSING**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and  
keep you in God’s grace. **Amen.**

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Shepherding God,  
you have prepared a table before us  
and nourished us with your love.  
Send us forth from this banquet  
to proclaim your goodness  
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,  
our redeemer and friend.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING**

**\*BLESSING**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power,  
the Christ of unending joy,  
and the Spirit of Easter hope  
✠ bless you now and always.  
**Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN**

“God Be With You Till We Meet Again” ELW Hymn 536

**\*DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE**

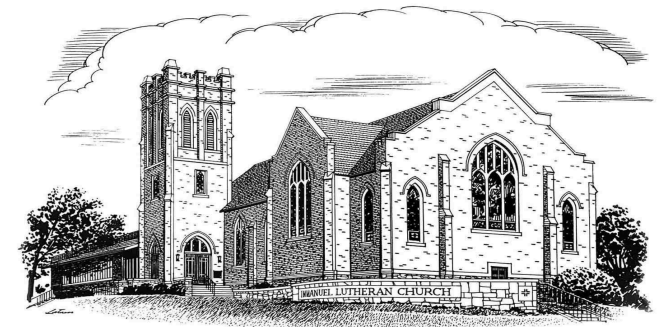
"The King of Love My Shepherd Is," by David P. Dahl (b. 1937)  
Based on ELW 502

## Welcome to Worship

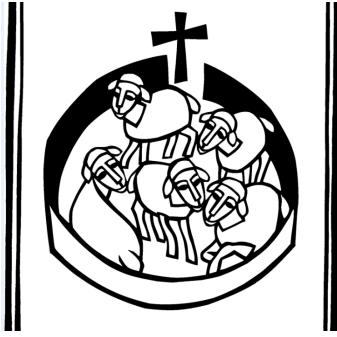
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# Fourth Sunday of Easter

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**April 21, 2024**  
**10:00 a.m.**



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Find page numbers in the front of the ELW  
(red hymnal), and hymns in the back.

Setting 4 begins on page 147

**Bold**=All

\*Please stand as you are able

### PRELUDE

"Toccata in D Major (Pastorale)," by Josef Seger (1716-1782)

### GATHERING

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

#### \*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.  
**Amen.**

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism,  
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.  
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning  
your voice thundered over the deep  
and water became the essence of life.  
Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.  
The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.  
Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea  
into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official  
entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John  
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.  
By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection  
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,  
freeing us to live as Easter people.  
We rejoice with glad hearts,  
giving all honor and praise to you,  
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

#### \*GATHERING HYMN

"The Risen Christ"

ELW Hymn 390

#### \*GREETING

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the  
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE

"This is the Feast"

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#### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us  
into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be  
whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and  
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### WORD

#### FIRST READING: Acts 4:5-12

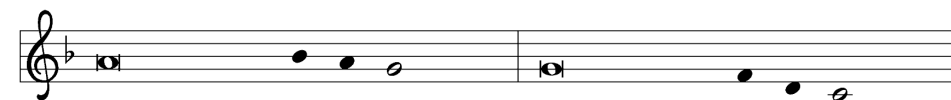
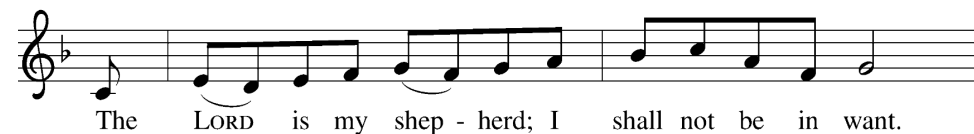
5The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem,  
6with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who  
were of the high-priestly family. 7When they had made the prisoners  
stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did  
you do this?" 8Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them,  
"Rulers of the people and elders, 9if we are questioned today because of a  
good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man  
has been healed, 10let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of  
Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of  
Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the  
dead. 11This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;  
it has become the cornerstone.'

12There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under  
heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

#### PSALMODY: Psalm 23



1The Lord | is my shepherd;  
I shall not | be in want.

**2The Lord makes me lie down | in green pastures  
and leads me be- | side still waters.**

3You restore my | soul, O Lord,  
and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.

**4Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I  
shall | fear**

**no evil;**

**for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort  
me. R**

5You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

**6Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of  
my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the | Lord forever. R**

#### SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24

16We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and  
we ought to lay down our lives for one another. 17How does God's love  
abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in  
need and yet refuses help?

18Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and  
action. 19And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will  
reassure our hearts before him 20whenever our hearts condemn us; for  
God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. 21Beloved, if  
our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; 22and we  
receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments  
and do what pleases him.

23And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of  
his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us.  
24All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them.  
And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given  
us.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

#### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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#### \*GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] 11"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down  
his life for the sheep. 12The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does  
not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs  
away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. 13The hired hand  
runs away because a hired hand does not care 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. 16I have other sheep that do not belong to 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 in order to take it up again. 18No one takes it from me, but I lay it  
down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to  
take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### SERMON

#### \*HYMN OF THE DAY

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

ELW Hymn 502

#### \*NICENE CREED

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#### \*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

... Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray,  
trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living  
Lord.  
**Amen.**