

# **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

April 25, 2021

## **THE SERVICE OF PREPARATION**

### **PRELUDE**

#### **THE RINGING OF THE BELLS**

Pastor: Good Shepherd Sunday evokes the comforting image of our risen Lord's mercy for us, His sheep. John says we see love displayed in the Good Shepherd's laying down His life for us. But there is another side to this Good Shepherd. For He is also the mighty Lord who destroyed sin and death by His resurrection from the dead. For with Peter and John before the temple officials, the same officials who had recently put Jesus to death, this resurrection faith translates into a boldness to witness and testify even in the face of threat of opposition. This day we praise our risen Lord, our Good Shepherd, by giving ourselves to "Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell everyone what He has done."

### **✠ PREPARATION ✠**

(Please stand)

#### **ENTRANCE HYMN**

"Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love" *LSB* 900 vs 1-4

**Jesus! Name of wondrous love,  
Name all other names above  
Unto which must ev'ry knee**

**Bow in deep humility  
Jesus! Name decreed of old  
To the maiden mother told  
Kneeling in her lowly cell  
By the angel Gabriel**

**Jesus! Name of priceless worth  
To the fallen of the earth  
For the promise that it gave  
“Jesus shall His people save”**

**Jesus! Name of mercy mild  
Given to the holy Child  
When the cup of human woe  
First He tasted here below**

## **INVOCATION**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and  
of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

## **OPENING SENTENCES** *LSB 711:1*

Pastor: Savior, like a shepherd lead us;

**People: Much we need Your tender care.**

Pastor: In Your pleasant pastures feed us,

**People: For our use Your fold prepare.**

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

(All are invited to kneel or remain seated)

*Silence for self-examination.*

Pastor: Blessed Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours.  
Hear our plea for Your mercy.

**People: Blessed Jesus, guardian of our way, keep us,  
Your flock, from sin, and seek us out when we go  
astray. For we have lost our way by letting sin  
reign in our thoughts, in our words, and in our  
deeds, both by what we have done and by what  
we have failed to do.**

**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.** *LSB 711:3*

**We now turn to You for forgiveness. Amen.**

Pastor: The Lord is your Shepherd, your merciful and mighty Savior. He has taken all your sin and weakness into Himself, taken it away by His merciful death on the cross. Now by the might of His resurrection 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.

**People: Amen.**

### **✠ WORD ✠**

**INTROIT** *Psalm 23; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b*

Pastor: 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 restores 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 forever. I am the Good Shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me, and I lay down My life for the sheep.

### **GLORIA PATRI** (sing)

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be  
world without end. Amen.**

### **KYRIE** (sing)

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us  
Christ, have mercy upon us  
Lord, have mercy upon us**

### **HYMN OF PRAISE**

*"This Is the Feast" LSB 155 vs 1,2 &3*

**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, blessings, 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**

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

**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**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** (sing) **And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:** O God of mercy, God of might, by Your Son's  
love He laid down His life for His sheep and by the

power of His holiness He gives us new life. Grant us to love You with our whole heart and boldly to proclaim His victory to the whole world; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** (sing) **Amen.**

### **FIRST LESSON** *Acts 4:1–12 ESV*

And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand. On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, 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. This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. 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.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE** *1 John 3:16–24 ESV*

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. 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? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. 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. Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

## **THE TRIPLE HALLELUJAH** (sung)

**People:** Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

**People:** (sung) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL** *John 10:11–18 ESV*

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 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. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. 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. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. 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.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** (sung) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **CREED** Nicene Creed

**All:** 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 shall 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 worshipped 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 of the world to come. Amen.**

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**“The King of Love My Shepherd Is” *LSB 709 vs 1-4***

**The King of love my shepherd is  
Whose goodness faileth never  
I nothing lack if I am His  
and He is mine forever**

Where steams of living water flow  
My ransomed soul He leadeth  
And where the verdant pastures grow  
With food celestial feedeth

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed  
But yet in love He sought me  
And on His shoulder gently laid  
And home rejoicing brought me

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

**+ SERMON +**

**“The Shepherd and the Door “**

**Text:** John 10:11–18 (The Gospel Lesson)

**Sermon Theme:** Jesus is both the Good Shepherd who protects his sheep and the Door that locks out those who threaten them.

**Sermon Goal:** That the each and every one will appreciate the protection given them by the Good Shepherd, while also understanding his judgment of those who threaten them.

**Outline:** Jesus Is Both the Good Shepherd Who Protects His Sheep and the Door That Locks Out Those Who Threaten Them.

- I. See how that works with false shepherds.
- II. Recall how it worked with Noah's ark.

III. Rest secure that it works to keep you safe.

## **HYMN**

“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want” *LSB 710 vs 1-3*

**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**

**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**

**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**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

O mighty, living Savior who knew our sin even before we were conceived, we praise You and give You thanks that You laid down Your life for us on the cross in order to open the kingdom of heaven through the forgiveness of sins for all believers. Draw us close to Yourself that we may follow You in peace and with good confidence. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: When we are called upon to endure opposition to Your mercy, give us the strength and might of faith that we may testify to Your love and deliverance.

Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Guide the rulers of this world and of our nation that Your people may live in peace and reflect Your love to all people. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: As You enabled Peter and John boldly to confess the risen Christ in the face of threats, support, strengthen, and fill all pastors with Your Holy Spirit in their merciful and mighty proclamation of the Savior.

Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: With the tenderness of a faithful, loving Shepherd, touch all those who cry to You for mercy. Grant healing to the broken and those who suffer bodily pains and illness. For those who are homebound and those afflicted in any way, we pray especially for those who are on our minds and hearts at this present moment

Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: With all those whom You have gently carried with Your holy angels into Your eternal presence and all the saints, we give You praise, honor, and worship. Enable us to endure in the faith to the day of the feast of victory in the resurrection of all.

Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

### PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

*Colossians 3:1*

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalm 136*

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: 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:

*(Please stand)*

**SANCTUS** (Sing) LSB 195

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth  
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory**

**Hosanna**

**Hosanna**

**Hosanna in the highest**

**Blessed is He**

**Blessed is He**

**Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord**

**Hosanna,**

**Hosanna**

**Hosanna in the highest**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him.

Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His life's blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal.

**People: Amen.**

## **WORDS OF OUR LORD**

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: 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 ✠ 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 ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

*1 Corinthians 11:26*

**People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in

the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**LORD'S PRAYER** (*Matthew 6:9–13*)

**People: 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 PEACE OF THE LORD**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People: Amen.**

**AGNUS DEI** (*Sung*) LSB 198

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God that takest away the sin of  
the world have mercy upon us**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of  
the world, have mercy upon us**



**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of  
the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

**"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**

(Please stand)

## **THE NUNC DIMITTIS** (sung) TLH p. 29-30

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant  
depart in peace according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast prepared before the face  
of all people, a light to lighten the  
Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be, world with-out end. Amen**

## **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: 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 in 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.

**People: Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

Pastor: 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.

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**People: Amen.**

## **HYMN**

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen” *LSB 474 vs 1-3*

**Alleluia! Jesus is risen!  
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!  
Splendor, the Lamb, Heaven forever!  
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!**

**Jesus is risen and we shall arise  
Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

**Walking the way, Christ in the center  
Telling the story to open our eyes  
Breaking our bread, giving us glory  
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise**

**Jesus is risen and we shall arise  
Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

**Jesus the vine, We are the branches  
Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree  
Heaven to earth, Christ to the People  
Gift of the future now flowing to me.**

**Jesus is risen and we shall arise  
Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

## **THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE**

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor

Marie Brown, Organist

Bill Switter, Elder

Jim Bumgarner, Reader

Gary Mason, Glenn Cairns, & Kim Armstrong, Ushers

# GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Women of Mt. Hope & Our Saviour:

Join us for a **Spring Tea Party** & bring a friend too

May 15th from 2pm to 4pm

Food, Fun, Fellowship & Prizes!

Please RSVP by May 12th

Check your church mailbox for a flyer and extra flyers  
will be on the temperature table.

We ask that ladies from the church to bring a desert to share.  
Please let Ruth or Sally know if you plan on bringing something.

## Mt Hope Preschool Registration

Know a 3 or 4 year old? We have open house the week  
of April 26<sup>th</sup> by appointment only.

Please see flyers on the Bulletin table.

## Looking for a car?

2002 Lincoln Town Car 4 door, 143,723 Miles,

No rust, well maintained, runs good

Asking \$4,900

Contact Frank at 313-383-4883

## Attendance

Sunday April 18<sup>th</sup>

9:30 am 36

## Prayer List

If sudden illness or the need for immediate prayers  
occurs, please feel free to contact our Prayer Chain  
leader, Joan Hafkesbrink, at 313.565.6871. Prayer  
requests will remain on the list for two weeks.

## **Anniversary**

### **Birthdays**

April Stover – April 26<sup>th</sup>

### **For the Shut-Ins**

*Gladys Hill, at Beaumont Commons*

*Ken Knick, at home*

*Dorothy MacTavish, at home*

*George Morton, at home*

### **For Those Who Are Sick or Healing**

**William Gebbink Jr**, Illness

**Gillan Rossi**, Request from Betty Glueck,  
Ill with Covid-19

**Christopher**, Recovering from COVID-19

**Family of Tyler Combs**, Josh Haney's Friend, Who was  
called to his eternal rest.

**Frances Ladach**, Fractured leg

**The Birth of Josephine Rose Brown**, parents are Brian  
and Julianne, grandparents Marie and Dave  
Brown.

**Lynn Cuckovich**, Niece of Gayle French, surgery on April  
5<sup>th</sup> for returning breast cancer.