

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 8, 2022

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Pastor: It is Good Shepherd Sunday, and the familiar twenty-third Psalm is echoed throughout our worship. Our Lord went through the valley of the shadow of death in our place, leading from death to eternal life. There is work to do before we get to eternity, for following our Shepherd entails confessing our faith even when death's shadow falls on us. It means vigilance against wolves attacking amid Christ's flock, as Paul warns in the First Reading. But in his vision, John tells us that Christ is now the victorious Lamb on His eternal throne. We can be confident that what we believe by faith we shall know by experience in the unending joy of the Father's house.

(Please stand)

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN

"Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense" *LSB* 741 vs 1, 2, 7 & 8

**Jesus Christ my sure defense
And my Savior now is living
Knowing this my confidence
Rests upon the hope here given
Though the night of death be fraught
Still with many an anxious thought**

Jesus my Redeemer lives
Likewise I to life shall waken
He will bring me where He is
Shall my courage then be shaken
Shall I fear or could the Head
Rise and leave His members dead

Laugh to scorn the gloomy grave
And at death no longer tremble
He the Lord who came to save
Will at last His own assemble
They will go their Lord to meet
Treading death beneath their feet

O then draw away your hearts
From all pleasures base and hollow
Strive to share what He imparts
While you here His footsteps follow
As you now still wait to rise
Fix your hearts beyond the skies

INVOCATION

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

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 23:1, 6b; Revelation 7:17*

Pastor: The LORD is my shepherd;

People: I shall not want.

Pastor: For the Lamb in the midst of the throne

People: will be their shepherd,

Pastor: and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

People: And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

(Please be seated or kneel for the confession and absolution)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Pastor: Lord, our God,

People: 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.

Pastor: 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.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

(Please stand)

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT *Psalm 78:70–72; 79:13; 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.

HYMN

“I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb” *LSB 740 vs 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

Pastor: He chose David His servant and took him from
the sheepfolds;

**People: from following the nursing ewes He brought
him to shepherd Jacob His people, Israel His
inheritance.**

Pastor: With upright heart he shepherded them

People: and guided them with his skillful hand.

Pastor: But we Your people, the sheep of Your pasture,
will give thanks to You forever;

**People: from generation to generation we will recount
Your praise.**

HYMN

“I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb” *LSB 740 vs 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**

Pastor: 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.

**People: I am the good shepherd. I know My own and
My own know Me, and I lay down My life for the
sheep.**

HYMN

"I Am Jesus' Little Lamb" LSB 740 vs 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**

Pastor: Lord, have mercy on us.

People: Lord, have mercy on us.

Pastor: Christ, have mercy on us.

People: Christ, have mercy on us.

Pastor: Lord, have mercy on us

People: and grant us Your peace. Amen.

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**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd, who has gone victoriously through death and into eternity for us,

People: **lead us through whatever trials may befall us here in time until we join to praise You in our Father's house;**

Pastor: for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

FIRST READING *Acts 20:17–35 ESV*

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

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

necessities and to those who were with me. In 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.'"

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

GRADUAL *adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

Pastor: Christ has risen from the dead.

**People: God the Father has crowned Him with glory
and honor,**

Pastor: He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;

People: He has put all things under His feet.

EPISTLE *Revelation 7:9–17 ESV*

After 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, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And 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, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and

ever! Amen.” Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” I 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. “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. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For 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.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

(Please stand)

THE TRIPLE HALLELUJAH (sung)

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Pastor: Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him.

People: Alleluia. I am the good shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me. Alleluia.

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

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

HOLY GOSPEL *John 10:22–30 ESV*

At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. So 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.” Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name bear witness about me, but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me,^[a] is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. I and the Father are one.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Amazing Grace” LSB 744

**Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now am found
Was blind but now I see**

The Lord has promised good to me
His Word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

Through many dangers toils and snares
I have already come
His grace has brought me safe thus far
His grace will lead me home

Yes when this flesh and heart shall fail
And mortal life shall cease
Amazing grace shall then prevail
In heaven's joy and peace

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun

SERMON TEXT John 14:15–21 ESV

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me.

And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

++ SERMON ++

“AN ORPHAN NO MORE”

Mother’s Day Sermon

Text: John 14:15–21

(Please stand)

HYMN

“Renew Me, O Eternal Light” *LSB* 704 vs 1 & 3

**Renew me, O eternal Light,
And let my heart and soul be bright,
Illumined with the light of grace
That issues from your holy face.**

**Create in me a new heart, Lord,
That gladly I obey your Word.
Let what your will be my desire
And with new life my soul inspire.**

CREED

Nicene Creed

People:

**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 ✕ of the world to come.
Amen.**

(Please be seated or kneel for the prayer)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *Psalm 23*

Pastor: 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:

People: The LORD is my shepherd.

Pastor: 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:

People: I shall not want.

Pastor: 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:

People: He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

Pastor: 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:

People: He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Pastor: We pray for those who are facing sudden crises or long-term ills, and all who are grieving the loss of loved ones,..... *including those sheep on our hearts and minds fat this present moment*, asking our risen Lord to lift their eyes to His eternal home so that they may each declare:

People: 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.

Pastor: 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:

People: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Pastor: 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:

People: 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.

(Please stand)

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

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

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: (spoken) **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

People: (spoken) **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, whose Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, went through the valley of the shadow of death so that we might follow Him to Your eternal home in heaven. 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 singing:

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, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we ask that You keep us strong in faith for the days ahead. Grant that we follow Your Lamb through death to eternal life, when faith turns to sight and we celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in Your eternal banquet hall. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

THE 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

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

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

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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.**

PAX DOMINI

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

People: (spoken) **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 HYMNS

“Have No Fear, Little Flock” *LSB 735*

**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!**

**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;**

**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.**

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

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

**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**

**My table Thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes
My head Thou dost with oil anoint
And my cup overflows**

**Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me
And in God's house forevermore
My dwelling place shall be**

(Please stand at the conclusion of the distribution for the blessing
followed by the Post-Communion Canticle)

THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to
life everlasting.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

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 without end. Amen**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, we give thanks for the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation we have received in this Sacrament.

People: Keep us strong in the faith that nothing shall separate us from You as we follow our Good Shepherd, who has led the way to the eternal banquet;

Pastor: 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: (spoken) Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The blessing of God Almighty—the Father who sent His own Lamb to rescue us, the ✠ Son, whose voice we hear as our Good Shepherd, and the Holy Spirit, who nourishes our faith and trust in all the promises of God—be upon you, now and forever.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

HYMN

“Children of the Heavenly Father” *LSB 725*

**Children of the heav'nly Father
Safely in His bosom gather
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given**

**God His own doth tend and nourish
In His holy courts they flourish
From all evil things He spares them
In His mighty arms He bears them**

**Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord His children sever
Unto them His grace He showeth
And their sorrows all He knoweth**

**Though He giveth or He taketh
God His children ne'er forsaketh
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor

Marie Brown, Organist

Ken Kosmalski, Elder & Reader

Bill Switter, David Brown & Kathy King, Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elders and Council meetings

Tuesday elders at 6:30pm and council at 7:00pm

Quilting dates:

Saturday, May 21, 2022 9am to 2pm

Thursday, June 2, 2022 9am to 2pm

Tuesday May 17, 2022

Senior Awareness Day #2 Planning Meeting at 1pm

Future dates to save and place into your calendars

Confirmation day June 5, 2022,

Church celebration dinner following service

all members are invited!

Meat and dessert will be provided

Bring a dish to pass

Senior Awareness Fair

Tuesday, June 14th, 2022

here at Mount Hope Lutheran church!

10am till 2pm

15 vendors with information, food, speakers, fellowship.

Free admission!

Golf Outing

September 24th, 2022

Tell your friends and invite them!

Details to follow!!

Attendance

Sunday May 1st 9:30 am 55

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

Kelley & Jon Corona – May 11th

Birthdays

Doreen Crawford – May 8th

Janet Witte – May 8th

Linda Hurst – May 9th

Jon Corona – May 12th

For the Shut-Ins

Dorothy MacTavish, at home

George Morton, at home

Carmell Faulk, at home

Phyllis Witte, at home

Melvin Kimbrough, at home

Lynn Mayfield, at home

For Those Who Are Sick or Healing

Helen Wentz, Paul Utsai's neighbor, suffering from a broken ankle;

Master Chief Starlet, Lanning Wadelte, friend of Kim Armstrong, chronic illness;

Gene Orlandi, suffering from Alzheimer's, cousin of Laurie Pignanelli, and his wife Donna MaKing, decision to put Gene into Nursing home;

Mike Horn, nephew and Katie, a friend of Laurie Pignanelli;

The family of Laurie's Cousin Nancy, who was called to glory;

Brandon Lissett – Nancy Dajos Neighbor's nephew, fore healing after a relapse and is back in the hospital on a respirator.

Rita Merkey, mother of Patti McNeil, who fell recently and broke her hip;