



The Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21, A+D 2024



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DIVINE SERVICE

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Lutheran Service Book

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, Lays Down His Life for the Sheep

The Lord Jesus is “the good shepherd” who “lays down his life for the sheep” (John 10:11). His life is not taken from Him, but He lays it down willingly, of His own accord, because He knows and loves the sheep. As the One sent by the Father, He has the “authority to lay it down” and the “authority to take it up again” (John 10:18). So has He done, and now He continues to love and serve as the Good Shepherd of the sheep by the voice of His Gospel. He thus calls all people into the fold of His Church, so that there may be “one flock, one shepherd” (John 10:16). That is why the apostles “were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead” (Acts 4:2). Since “there is salvation in no one else,” His voice rings out to this day through the preaching of His name, “for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12). His voice comforts our hearts against all condemnation and gives us courage to “love one another” and “to lay down our lives for the brothers,” as He laid down His life for us (1 John 3:16, 23).

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome

Confession and Absolution

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

Stand

Invocation

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Exhortation

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- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

LSB 184

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Absolution

LSB 185

- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all

of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Stand

Service of the 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.

the sheep.

Gloria Patri

LSB 186



C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

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

LSB 186



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

P Glory be to God on high:



C and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



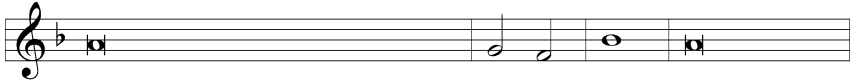
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



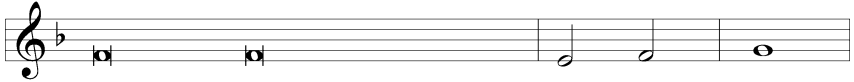
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



G And with thy spir - it.

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.



G A - men.

First Reading*Acts 4:1–12*

- A** The First Reading for The Fourth Sunday of Easter is from the fourth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles.

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."

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

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle*1 John 3:16–24*

- A** The Second Reading is from the third chapter of the First Epistle of John.

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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

488 He Is Arisen! Glorious Word

He is a - ris - en! Glo - rious Word! Now rec - on - ciled
is God, my Lord; The gates of heav'n are o - pen.
My Je - sus did tri - um - phant die, And Sa - tan's ar -
rows bro - ken lie, De - stroyed hell's fierc - est weap - on.
O hear what cheer! Christ vic - to - rious, Ris - ing glo - rious,
Life is giv - ing. He was dead but now is liv - ing!

Holy Gospel*John 10:11–18***P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, 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 be to Thee, O Christ.**Nicene Creed**

C 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 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.

Sit

709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Sermon

Stand

783 Take My Life and Let It Be

st. 6

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its trea - sure store;
 Take my-self, and I will be Ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The notes are simple, mostly quarter and eighth notes, with a final double bar line at the end of the second staff.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-79
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 Text and tune: Public domain

Sit

Gathering of Tithes & Offerings

If you are submitting a prayer request on a prayer card, kindly hand it directly to the usher. Do not place it into the offering plate.

Stand

Prayer of the Church

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P ... let us pray to the Lord:**C** Lord, have mercy.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface*LSB 194***P** The Lord be with you.**C** And with thy spir - it.**P** Lift up your hearts.**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.**C** It is meet and right so to do.**Proper Preface (Full)**

P It is truly meet, 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 195



Q Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

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P 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



Q For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

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 ✠ 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."

Pax Domini*LSB 197*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei*LSB 198*

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

Distribution of Christ's Body and Blood

Members of other Christian denominations who are present may come forward to receive a blessing from the Pastor during the distribution. It is requested that you cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you desire this blessing.

Silent Prayer Just Before Communing: *Dear Savior, at your gracious invitation, I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

Silent Prayer Just After Communing: *Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament. I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace the forgiveness of sins unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.*

641 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

749 There Is a Balm in Gilead

Stand

The Dismissal

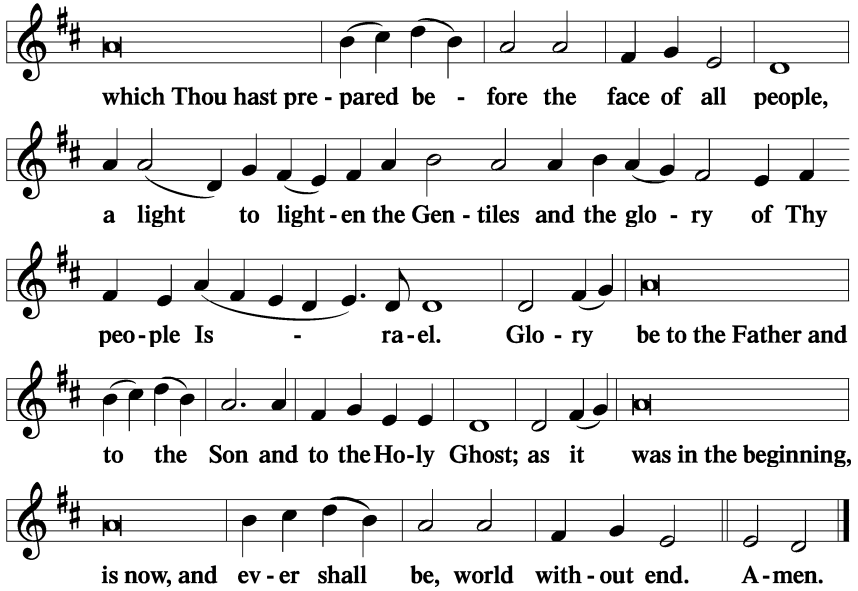
P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

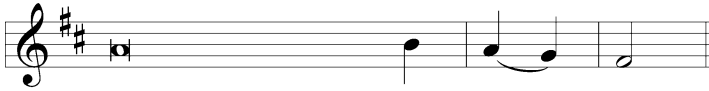


which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

200

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

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 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.



C A - men.

Salutation*LSB 201***P** The Lord be with you.**C** And with thy spir - it.**Benedicamus***LSB 202***A** Bless we the Lord.**C** Thanks be to God.**Benediction***LSB 202***P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.

**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.**588 Jesus Loves Me****Acknowledgments**

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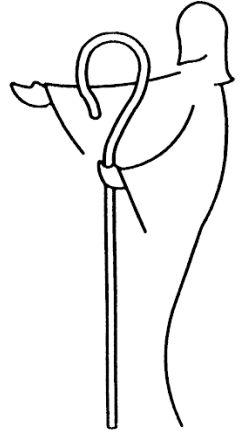
The Glad Spirit St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church

April 21, 2024

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

ST. PAUL'S FAMILY

Jeanette & Roberto Ramirez, Family Isabella, Antonio, Dominic
Richard & Janice Reichert
Nicole Reichert
Heather Reichert
Tiffany Reichert



BIRTHDAYS

Christopher Budde, 4/26

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

Brian Wiltjer, 4/25
Paulette Maurer, 4/26
William Rich Jr., 4/26

SPECIAL CONCERNS

Pray for Diane Akers, Norma Allen, Janice Abel, Sondra Budde, Jay Carey, Carmen Dampier, Judy Diekleman, Latricia Harris, Ed Hoeksema Jr., Chester Orendorff, Violet Rich, Dolly Tagenhorst, Warren Van Mynen, Gene Wiltjer, Ray Zander.

Serving in the Military – Austin Brandy, James Fluechtling, Nathan Lopez, and Robert Wisely.

Serving as First Responders – David Allen, Dave Bloom, Nathan Conway, Brianne Giba, Melanie Hudson, Brian Orth, Dana Tatgenhorst, Taylor VanDommelen and Dan Zander.

NEWS UPDATE

Trinity in Lansing will install Rev. Reese as their next Pastor-in-Christ. This Service of Installation will be held on Sunday, April 28 beginning at 3:00 p.m. There will be a dinner following the conclusion of the service. Please call their church office at 708.474.7997 to register your reservation for the dinner.



St. Paul Book Club will meet Wednesday May 15 at 10:00 am, to review *The Loser Club* by Yvonne Vincent. We always welcome new members. Book Club is in person and thru FB chat. Please let Deb know in advance so she can link you in.

Christ For You this week on KFUE.org: Study Isaiah 63-66 and Lutheran Service Book 487 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), study Proverbs 8-12 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and hear about Love Fulfilling the Law in the Apology of the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (4/27 at 10:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org and the KFUE Radio app!

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"Scripture and prayer are our strongest weapons to change hearts, and we must persist and never give up, no matter how disappointing things get with evil laws being enacted or evil intent coming our way." Virginia Flo, Director of Volunteer Relations, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

The Good Shepherd

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." John 10:11 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 10:11-18



P E P F E L D W S R L G F T T
T B F L O C K P K M I U W E J
Q V C Q K N O W F L F R I A Y
L N B F O O H P J O E Q U T I
Z G N L Q R I D Q V U C W N S
A A I G O O D S T E T S A L S
O S T M S J C N H S S D M L T
B F G S R C Y Y Z E V R S I K
D W E O H C A R E S E K H S A
A O Q J B E O T M V C P C T K
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N B G I S C U T E Q R A Y B S
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LISTEN

ATTACKS

SCATTERS

SHEEP

CARES

VOICE

LOVES

PEN

SHEPHERD

WOLF

GOOD

LIFE

FLOCK

RUNS

KNOW

GOD'S PEOPLE IN ACTION



ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

April 14th Attendance 19, 18 Communed, 5 Online

Envelopes	\$607.00	Weekly Missions	\$20.00
General Fund	450.00	NID	35.00
		Church Maint	60.00
		Social Ministry	60.00
Budgeted Total	1,057.00	Non-budgeted Total	\$175.00
Offering Needed	1,362.00		
Short	\$-305.00		



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today 9:30 am Worship Service
10:30 am Coffee &...

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday
Sunday

9:30 am Worship Service
10:30 am Coffee &...

SERVANT SCHEDULE

	Sun, Apr 21, 9:30 AM	Sun, Apr 28, 9:30 AM
Pastor	Pastor Dobberstein	Pastor Fluechtling
Usher		Louis Sella
Lay Reader	Dave Bloom	Norma Allen

DONATIONS



FOOD PANTRY



GENERAL FUND



Dear Food Basket Helpers,

Thank you for your support of our Food Basket program! We would like to provide some assistance for those in need. We will purchase Aldi gift cards for families in need of food. If you would like to donate to help purchase the gift cards it would be much appreciated.

Include your donations with your offering and mark your envelope Social Ministry.

This is a difficult time for all, but we still need to care for those less fortunate. Thank you for your continued support of this important ministry!

Social Ministry



BIBLE STUDY

Take My Life

BY ANNE BOERBOOM



We hope you have been enjoying this Bible Study. Each week the shares and prayers help us to feel connected to Jesus and each other. Grab your coffee and... let the study continue!

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April 21 Week 3

My Love and Myself

Sing or say Verse 6 of “Take My Life and Let It Be” as daily prayers. What does this verse encourage us to do?.

How are we called to serve God in verse 6?

Luke 10:27

How does it encourage us to love?

2 Corinthians 5:15

How does God use our lives according to this Bible verse?

What does Serving God look like to you?

783 Take My Life and Let It Be

- 3 Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only for my King;
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.

- 5 Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne.