

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*"Known and Loved" – John 10:11-18*

8:30 AM, SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024



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# *We warmly welcome you in the name of Jesus!*

*We are always glad to have you worship with us.*

*If you do not have a regular church home,  
we invite you to make our church home yours.*

- † Our worship services are on Sunday mornings at 8:30 and 11:00 AM. We also invite and encourage you to join us in Sunday School and Bible Study at 9:45 AM.
- † Assisted hearing devices, children's bulletins, and large print service folders are available -- please ask an usher for one.
- † While we encourage children to be present in worship, the upstairs cry room opposite the elevator is available for you.
- † Our worship services can now be viewed on the church's Facebook page (live or after the service), as well as on our YouTube channel. *The Lutheran Hour* can be heard on Sundays at 9:00 AM at KAWZ (102.7FM).

## *Prayer before worship:*

*O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.*

**AS WE GATHER** Flocks of sheep can number in the hundreds or even thousands. An annual trek from winter quarters to summer pastures and back again at a location in rural Idaho consistently draws hundreds of spectators to a location where the sheep must cross a major highway to reach their destination. Keeping track of two or three thousand sheep on the move is quite a task! Jesus, our Good Shepherd, knows how to care for not just thousands but millions of His sheeplike people. The prophet Isaiah says of the Lord God that He "will tend His flock like a shepherd" (40:11). Assured and reassured that we are part of His flock, we travel through life following the guidance of our caring Shepherd!

## **DIVINE SERVICE SETTING 5**

*This Chorale Service follows the tradition of Luther's German Mass (1526), in which parts of the liturgy for Holy Communion are replaced with hymns (metrical paraphrases).*

### **Confession and Absolution**

**Prelude and Ringing of the Bell**

**Welcome and Opening Prayer**

## Opening Hymn

## Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

LSB 904

Please stand for final Trinitarian verse. △



1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at Your Word We are gath - ered  
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est  
3 Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light of Light, from  
△ 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, Lord, Praise to You and



all to hear You. Let our hearts and souls be stirred  
dark - ness shroud - ed Till Your Spir - it breaks our night  
God pro - ceed - ing, O - pen now our heart and mind;  
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we may trust Your Word,



Now to seek and love and fear You, By Your teach - ings,  
With the beams of truth un - cloud - ed. You a - lone to  
Help us by Your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry Your  
Con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, While we here be -



sweet and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love You sole - ly.  
God can win us; You must work all good with - in us.  
Church now rais - es; Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.  
low must wan - der, Till we sing Your prais - es yon - der.

Text (sts. 1–3): Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–84; (sts. 1–3): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.; (st. 4): Geistesreiches Gesang-Büchlein, 1707, Berlin; (st. 4): tr. unknown, alt.

## Invocation / Opening Sentences

*John 12:26; Ephesians 4:15; Psalm 25:1–3, 5, 10; 106:48*

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

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

**People:** Amen.

**Leader:** Jesus said: “If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there will My servant be also. If anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.”

**People:** **Speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ.**

**Leader:** To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in You I trust.

**People:** **Indeed, none who wait for You shall be put to shame.**

**Leader:** Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation.

**People:** **All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.**

**Leader:** Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting!

**People:** **And let all the people say, “Amen!” Praise the LORD!**

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## Confession and Absolution

Leader: Let us confess our sins to God, our Father.

**People:** O Lord God Almighty, we confess that we are sinful human beings by nature and by deed. We have not put You first at all times. We have not followed in the ways You have set forth for us. We have not always been thoughtful caretakers of Your creation and have not shared its bounty on all occasions. We have not kept our thoughts, words, and deeds fully pure and honorable. We have sinned in ways we know and in ways we do not even recognize. We have not honored those in authority and have not without reservation encouraged them. We have not completely put the best construction on all things and on all people. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Forgive us all our sins, and finally by Your grace, bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ 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.

## Sharing of the Peace

*The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*

# Service of the Word

## Kyrie

[tune: ST. ANNE]

Have mercy on Your people, Lord.  
Have mercy, Christ, our King;  
Renew us by Your mercy, Lord;  
Accept the prayers we bring.

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## Hymn of Praise

[tune: DIADEMATA]

Worthy is Christ our Lord,  
The Lamb for sinners slain,  
Whose blood has set His people free,  
Who over all now reigns.  
To Him be glory now,  
To Him be pow'r and might,  
To Him be wisdom, honor, strength;  
The Victor in the fight.

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## Salutation and Collect of the Day

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

Leader: 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

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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.

**People: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**Anthem**

**A Faithful Shepherd Is My Lord**

by J. G. Nageli

**First Reading**

*Peter and John are brought before the Jerusalem Council.*

**Acts 4:1–12**

Reader: 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.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm**

*Psalm 23*

Leader: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

*Men/boys: He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.*

*Women/girls: He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.*

**ALL: 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.**

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

*Women/girls: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.*

**ALL: 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.**

**Epistle Reading**

*Followers of Christ are called to love in deed and in truth.*

**1 John 3:16–24**

Reader: 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 him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

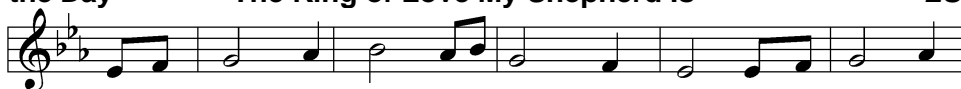
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### Hymn of the Day

### The King of Love My Shepherd Is

LSB 709



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness  
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed  
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in  
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant  
love He sought me And on His shoul - der  
Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.  
pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.  
com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore 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!**

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*Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.*

## Holy Gospel

*Jesus prays for and about His disciples.*

**John 10:11–18**

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

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

Pastor: [Jesus said:] “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: Praise to You, O Christ.** *Please be seated.*

## Sermon

**“Known and Loved”**

**John 10:11-18**

*Stand.*

## Creedal Hymn

**In God We Believe**

[tune: ST. DENIO]

**In God we believe: the Creator whose pow’r  
In mercy has brought us for worship this hour.  
He graciously grants us our years and our days  
And blesses with kindness our work and our ways.**

**In Jesus, the Savior, our hope is secured.  
True God and true man once the cross He endured  
To grant our lives wholeness, forgiveness of sin.  
With hearts freed from guilt, we know true peace within.**

**God’s Spirit at work in our lives we confess;  
With power and truth the Church now He does bless.  
As saints, God’s forgiven, one day we shall then  
Be living in glory forever. Amen.**

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## Prayer of the Church

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord, beseeching Him for the needs of ourselves and others.

Trusting in God’s loving response, we pray for the church and all who are called to lives of service to God’s people, asking that the Lord will bless His undershepherds and all who care for His flock.

**People: Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We pray for ourselves, that the Holy Spirit guide us into gracious ways and instill in us a holy confidence in the goodness of our God, aiding us in our prayers. With thanks for

the faithful examples set by those whose earthly journeys are complete and whose witness to Christ yet inspires us, let us pray to the Lord:

**People:** **Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We pray for the blessing of God upon our nation and its leaders that we may lead peaceable lives, and we pray for the needs of ourselves and others for healing and restoration, for solace and comfort, [*especially . . .*].

**People:** **Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: These things and all else that we should have asked grant us according to Your gracious will, O Lord, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**People:** **Amen.**

*Be seated.*

**Offering** *During this time, we invite you to sign and pass the Friendship Book. All communicants are invited to read and prayerfully consider the following.*

**We believe that...**

- † *Holy Communion is a Sacrament since it was instituted by Christ Himself.*
- † *We are truly worthy and well prepared to partake of Holy Communion when we repent of our sins and have faith in these words, "Given and shed for you for the remission of sins."*
- † *We receive the bread and wine and the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ when, as repentant, true believers we partake of Holy Communion.*

**Our Savior Lutheran Church practices close communion.**

**What does this mean?**

**Confirmed members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are welcome to commune with us. If you are not a confirmed member of our church or one of our sister congregations, we encourage you to speak to the pastor about preparing to participate in communion at Our Savior.**

- † *Children and those not communing are welcome to come forward for a blessing (indicated by folded hands), or to remain seated for individual prayer. When the wine is offered, communicants have the choice of an individual cup or the common cup. Individual cups containing DARK WINE are alcohol-free for those with medical need only, please.*

**Offertory—Adult Handbells**

**Joyful Rhythm**

by K. McChesney

## **Service of the Sacrament**

*Please stand.*

### **Preface**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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



Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Lord our God. You call us to be Your people and invite us to bring our cares to You in prayer. You did so love the world that You sent Your only Son to be our Redeemer. By His sacrificial life and death and glorious resurrection He has brought us salvation and has shown us the path to life eternal. Pour upon us now the gift of the Holy Spirit that we may receive the body and blood of our Lord with true devotion in this sacred fellowship of Your pilgrim people. Grant us a foretaste of the feast to come, heavenly Father, that we may with increased faith joyfully await a blessed eternity in Your glorious presence.

**People: Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

Pastor: In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:

### **The Words of Our Lord**

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  $\text{†}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

Pastor: 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."

### **Sanctus**

[tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN]

**Sing holy, holy, holy Lord,  
The God on high by all adored:  
Holy Father, risen Savior,  
And Holy Spirit, yet one Lord.  
Hosanna, in the highest sing.  
From the Father He is coming  
With His blessing. Alleluia, alleluia!**

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# Pax Domini

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

People: Amen.

# Agnus Dei

[tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN]

Christ, Lamb of God, now ris'n above,  
Grant us Your mercy here in love.  
You have paid for all the world's sin  
And now beside the Father reign  
Where saints and angels praise Your name.  
Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy;  
Christ, have mercy; Grant us Your peace. Alleluia!

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**Distribution** *Please be seated. If you are communing, please follow the directions of the ushers.*

## Distribution Hymns

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

LSB 710



1 The Lord's my shep - herd, I'll not want; He makes me  
2 My soul He doth re - store a - gain And me to  
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I  
4 My ta - ble Thou hast fur - nish - ed In pres - ence  
5 Good-ness and mer - cy all my life Shall sure - ly



down to lie In pas - tures green; He  
walk doth make With - in the paths of  
fear no ill; For Thou art with me,  
of my foes; My head Thou dost with  
fol - low me; And in God's house for -

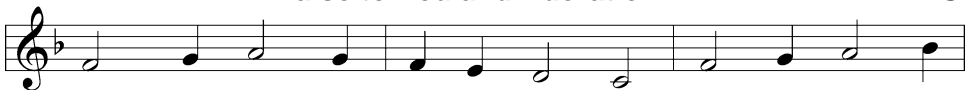


lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.  
righ - teous - ness, E'en for His own name's sake.  
and Thy rod And staff me com - fort still.  
oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.  
ev - er - more My dwell - ing place shall be.

Text: The Psalms of David in Meeter, 1650, Edinburgh, Tune: William Gardiner, 1770–1853, Text and tune: Public domain


## Praise to You and Adoration

LSB 692



1 Praise to You and ad - o - ra - tion, Bless - ed Je - sus,  
2 Hold me ev - er in Your keep - ing; Com - fort me in

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Son of God, Who, to serve Your own cre - a - tion, Came to  
 pain and strife. In my laugh - ter and my weep - ing Be with  
 share our flesh and blood. Guide me that I nev - er may  
 me through - out my life. Give me great - er love for You,  
 From Your fold or pas - tures stray, But with zeal and  
 And my faith and hope re - new In Your birth, Your  
 joy ex - ceed - ing Fol - low where Your steps are lead - ing.  
 life, and pas - sion, In Your death and res - ur - rec - tion.

Text: Thomas Hansen Kingo, 1634–1703; (st. 1): tr. Kristen Kvamme, 1866–1938, alt.; (st. 2): tr. Christian Worship, 1993  
 Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois  
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*Stand*

**Post-Communion Hymn**

[tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN]

**Thank we the Lord and sing His praise;  
 Tell ev'ryone what He has done.  
 Thus do we share and His name bear.  
 Now He recalls His promises  
 And leads His people forth in joy,  
 Shouting praises with thanksgiving.  
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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**Post-Communion Collect**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Pastor: Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ, assuring us thereby that we are truly members of His Body, the church. And we ask You to help us by Your Holy Spirit that we may continue in this fellowship and do the good works which You desire us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**People: Amen.**

**Benedicamus and Benediction**

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

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.

People: Amen.

### Closing Hymn

### Beautiful Savior

LSB 537



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of  
2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in  
3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the  
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd  
flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is  
spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines  
God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -



serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.  
pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.  
ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

Text: Münsterisch Gesangbuch, 1677, Münster; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904, Tune: Silesian, 19th cent., Text and tune: Public domain

### Silent Prayer

### Postlude

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*Our mission is to teach, love, and connect...teach all ages about Jesus, love one another as God loves us, and connect with others in a hurting world.*

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### Readings for next Sunday, 4/28

Acts 8:26–40

Psalm 150

1 John 4

John 15:1–8

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