

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sat. April 24, 2021, 6:00 p.m. & Sun. April 25, 2021, 8:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

\* indicates congregation stands

**We welcome all people in the Name of Jesus Christ!**

**John 3:16-17**

Prelude

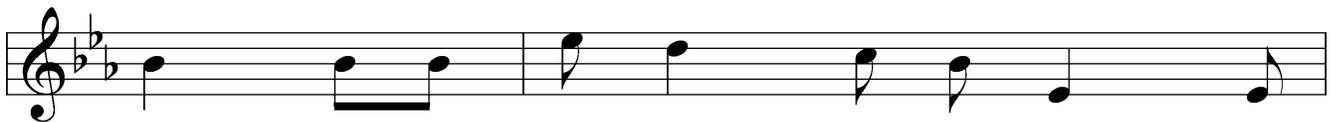
Pastoral Greeting

Opening Hymn

Have No Fear, Little Flock *LSB 735*



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; Have no fear, lit - tle  
2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; Have good cheer, lit - tle  
3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; Praise the Lord high a -  
4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; Thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, For the Fa - ther has cho - sen To  
flock, For the Fa - ther will keep you In  
bove, For He stoops down to heal you, Up -  
God, For He stays close be - side you, In



give you the King - dom; Have no fear, lit - tle flock!  
His love for - ev - er; Have good cheer, lit - tle flock!  
lift and re - store you; Praise the Lord high a - bove!  
all things works with you; Thank - ful hearts raise to God!

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\* **Invocation**

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

**All: Amen**

## \* Opening Sentences

*1 John 3:16a, 24; John 10:11, adapted*

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Leader: By this we know love,

**All: that He laid down His life for us.**

Leader: "I am the good shepherd," says the Lord.

**All: The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.**

Leader: Whoever keeps His commandments abides in God, and God in him.

**All: And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.**

## \* Confession and Absolution

*Psalms 23; John 10:11*

Leader: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures.

**All: Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd, we confess to You that we have been ungrateful for all You give us to sustain our bodies and lives. Forgive us, Good Shepherd.**

Leader: He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

**All: Like sheep, we are distracted and tend to wander and scatter. We forget who we are as baptized children of God and fail to respond to Your shepherding in our lives. Forgive us, Good Shepherd.**

Leader: 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.

**All: We confess that in difficult times of life, we sometimes struggle to be confident in Your presence and protection, seeking to find our own comfort. Forgive us, Good Shepherd.**

Leader: 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.

**All: As we journey through this sinful world, we overlook the goodness and mercy that flow into our lives from You. Forgive us, Good Shepherd.**

Leader: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become

the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our ✠ Lord Jesus Christ.

**All: Amen.**

### \* Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray together,

**All: 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. Amen.**

### First Reading

Acts 4:1–12 NIV

#### ***Peter and John witness before the council.***

Leader: The First Reading is from the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter of Acts.

The priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to Peter and John while they were speaking to the people. They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people, proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead. They seized Peter and John and, because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day. But many who heard the message believed; so the number of men who believed grew to about five thousand.

The next day the rulers, the elders and the teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and others of the high priest's family. They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: "By what power or what name did you do this?"

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. Jesus is

“the stone you builders rejected,  
which has become the cornerstone.’

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

I John 3:16–24 NIV

### ***Love one another.***

Leader: The Epistle is from the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter of 1 John.

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him. And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. The one who keeps God’s commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## \* Holy Gospel

John 10:11–18 NIV

### ***Jesus the Good Shepherd.***

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**All: Glory to You, O Lord**

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to 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 authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Hymn of the Day

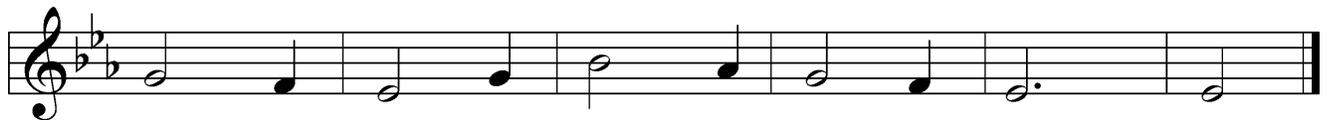
## The King of Love My Shepherd Is *LSB 709*



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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## Sermon

Rev. Dave Poedel

## \* Catechism

*Explanation of the First Article*

Leader: Shepherds provide for all the needs of their flock. Out of His love, our creating God provides not only for our spiritual needs of faith and forgiveness, but also for all that we need for our physical, emotional, and social well-being. Believing in God the Father as creator of all is the focus of the Small Catechism's explanation of the First Article of the Apostles' Creed, which we confess together:

**All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

Leader: What does this mean?

**All: I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.**

**He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.**

**He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.**

**This is most certainly true.**

*Offerings will be received at the end of the service  
as you exit the Sanctuary.*

The Lord is my Shepherd I shall not want  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures.  
He leadeth me beside the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul.

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.  
Even tho' I walk thru the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil.  
For Thou art with me, Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies.  
Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
All the days of my life,  
And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

## \* Prayer of the Church

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

You are the Good Shepherd who laid down His life for us out of love. Help us to hear Your voice, follow where You lead, and receive what You provide through Your grace and mercy; let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Good Shepherd and Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the times we fear our enemies and the powers against us, remind us that we belong to You and no one can snatch us from Your hand. We bring before the Lord the part of Your flock here in this place and others whom we love in their time of need, [*especially . . .*]. Carry them as lambs in a shepherd's arms through the difficult paths ahead. Give all wisdom to know the faithful path we are to take, and shepherd us through every trial, trouble, and temptation; let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Good Shepherd and Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: Give us courage that we not live in captivity to our fears; guide those who lead us in this and every land; provide peace, justice, and freedom for people everywhere. In our busy days, give us time to reflect upon the goodness of

God and to experience joy in the security and peace You provide us, that we find contentment and peace in You; let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Good Shepherd and Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: Protect and defend the members of our armed forces and the public workers who keep our communities safe. Defend us from our enemies, and teach us to rely on Your provision, the true protector of us all; let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Good Shepherd and Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: That we do not forget those in need but share with all the Lord has entrusted to us and to display the kind of love shown and known that has no end; let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Good Shepherd and Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: That we recall the saints of old, who put their trust in the Lord, that we also be found faithful when He returns in glory; let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Good Shepherd and Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: That as we gather at the Table of the communion of saints for the forgiveness of sins, having faith to receive His gifts for the nourishment of our lives of faith now and to the life that is to come; let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Good Shepherd and Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

### \* Lord's Prayer

**All: 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

Closing Hymn

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us *LSB 711*



1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; Much we  
2 We are Yours; in love be - friend us, Be the  
3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and  
4 Ear - ly let us seek Your fa - vor, Ear - ly



need Your ten - der care. In Your pleas - ant pas - tures  
guard - ian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin de -  
sin - ful though we be; You have mer - cy to re -  
let us do Your will; Bless - ed Lord and on - ly



feed us, For our use Your fold pre - pare.  
fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.  
lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
Sav - ior, With Your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have  
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us  
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly  
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have



bought us; we are Yours. Bless - ed Je - sus,  
chil - dren when we pray. Bless - ed Je - sus,  
let us turn to You. Bless - ed Je - sus,  
loved us, love us still. Bless - ed Je - sus,



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bles - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to You.  
bles - ed Je - sus, You have loved us, love us still.

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## Benediction

Leader: 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.

**All: Amen.**

## Postlude

Please wait to be ushered out by row so we may be practice social distancing  
and kindly take your bulletin home to prevent reuse.  
Thank you for worshipping with us!

### WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

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