



Fourth Sunday of Easter
St. John's Lutheran Church
 Red Bud, Illinois
May 6-7, 2017



THE PRELUDE: "Shepherd of Tender Youth"

arranged by Kenneth T. Kosche

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN: 711 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Divine Service One, page 151ff. (please stand if you are able)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION: page 151

We Greet and Share God's Peace With One Another

INTROIT: Psalm 95 and John 10



I am the good | shepherd.

I know / My own

and My own / know Me,

and I lay down My life | for the sheep.

Oh come, let us sing | to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal- | vation!

Let us come into His presence with thanks- | giving;

let us make a joyful noise to Him with | songs of praise!

For the LORD is a | great God, and a great King a- | bove all gods.

Oh come, let us worship and | bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our | Maker!

For He | is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep | of His hand.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning, is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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KYRIE: pages 152-153 (*we sing the responses*)

L: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mer-cy.

L: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mer-cy.**

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mer-cy.**

L: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mer-cy.

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: A-men.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: "This Is the Feast" page 155

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

L: The Lord be with you. **C: (sung) And also with you.**

L: Let us pray. **C: 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. (please be seated)**

(Sunday) **ANTHEM:** "Brother James' Air"

Choir

THE FIRST READING:

Acts 2:42-47

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.

And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL:

L: Christ has risen from the dead. **C: God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor,**

L: He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands; **C: He has put all things under His feet.**

THE EPISTLE READING:

1 Peter 2:19-25

For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in His steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in His mouth. When He was reviled, He did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but continued entrusting Himself to Him who judges justly. He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(please stand if able) **ALLELUIA and VERSE:** page 156 (sung)

Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL:

John 10:1-10

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10th chapter.

C: (sung) Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus said: “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what He was saying to them.

So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: (sung) Praise to You, O Christ.** (please be seated)

(10:30 a.m.) **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE SONG:** (tune: “Amazing Grace”)

The Lord’s my Shep-herd I’ll not want He makes me down to lie,

In pas-tures green He lead-eth me the qui-et wa-ters by.

Good-ness and mer-cy all my life shall sure-ly fol-low me

And in Thy house for-ev-er-more my dwell-ing place shall be.

HYMN OF THE DAY: 709 “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

SERMON: “Our Life as the Shepherd’s Sheep Living in the Flock of the Faithful” Acts 2:42-47

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: Creed

(5 p.m. & 8 a.m.) **The Nicene Creed: page 158** (10:30 a.m.) **The Apostles’ Creed: page 159**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(Each petition ends “**Lord, in Your mercy**” and we respond, “**hear our prayer.**”)

HEALING AND COMFORT: Nina Guebert, C. John Prigge, Fred Buch, Joan Prigge, Lois Mesnarich, Omar Koester, Darlene Lohman, Larry Ehlers, Peggy Sitzes, Austin Whelan, Molly Ellner; *Family and Friends of St. John’s Members:* Brenda Manning, Stephanie Jones, Debbie Kezely, Terry Heller, Steve Herriman, Lori Voges, Elaine Goetting, Harlan Burmester, Brian Ulione, Larry Berg, Joyce Wirth, Marianne Hunt, Jamie Brandt, Jennifer Dominique, Corey Koester, Tom Blevins, Edgar Wilson, Bobby Wood, Melvin Juelfs, Eric Frazier, Mary McConachie, Chuck Feltmeyer, David “Pete” Rahn. *Help us keep this list current!*

MILITARY: (Please call with the names to include in prayer.) Army- Nathan Koen, Jonathan Koen, Tim Healy, Christopher Dupertius, Thomas Goetting, Jacob Adams, Donald Roberts, Casey Vallet, Matthew Kraus, Paul Craft, Jr., Dustin Krack, Andy Pfeiffer, Austin Scheibe; Navy- Brad Koester, Carl Muehler; Air Force- Brian Hubbard, Jason Nehrt, Curt Hatten, Terry Koester, David Livingston, Matt Sabo, Ryan Kozarich, Christina Cavan, Tanner Hackstadt, Ched Wagner, Ted Knop; Marines- Alex Renner, Cody Koch, Josh Butterworth, Courtney Kueker, Garrett Carnahan, Brent Knop

+our 8th grade day school class and their parents as they return from Washington DC this weekend
+family of Farreol Koester who died in the Lord Monday and received her Christian burial Saturday
+the wedding of Lacy Deterding and Jamie Evancich on Saturday, May 13
+the birth of a daughter, Emma Sue, to Jeremy and Kim (Muench) Schlueter on April 28
+those suffering from flooding in our area; favorable weather for farming and safety in the fields

(please be seated) **OFFERING:** (Sat.) “Spring Ring!”

Bell Choir

(Sun.) “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

arranged by John Behnke

(please stand if able) **OFFERTORY:** pages 159-160

The 10:30 a.m. service continues with the Lord’s Prayer and a Closing Prayer.

(5 p.m. and 8 a.m.) **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT:** page 160ff.

PREFACE: page 160

SANCTUS AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING: page 161

LORD’S PRAYER AND THE WORDS OF OUR LORD: page 162

THE PAX DOMINI:

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

C: Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI: page 163

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: (please be seated)

(Sat.) “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Bell Choir

(8 a.m.) **ANTHEM:** “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

Choir

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

735 “Have No Fear, Little Flock”

864 “Shepherd of Tender Youth”

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: “Thank the Lord” page 164

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT: page 166

BENEDICTION: page 166

CLOSING HYMN: 740 “I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”

THE POSTLUDE: “I Am Jesus Little Lamb”

arranged by J. Wayne Kerr

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