



The Fourth Sunday of Easter
St. John's Lutheran Church
Red Bud, Illinois
April 21-22, 2018



THE PRELUDE: (*Sunday*) "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb" *arranged by J. Wayne Kerr*

(*Saturday*) "Sheep May Safely Graze" and "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb" *Bell Choir*

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN: 710 "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"

Divine Service Four, page 203ff.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION: page 203 (*please stand if you are able*)

We Share God's Peace With and Greet One Another

INTROIT: Psalm 23



The LORD is my shepherd;	I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures.	He leads me beside still waters.
He re- stores my soul.	He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
Even / though I walk	through the valley of the shad- / ow of death,
I will fear no evil, for You are with me;	Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.
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 for- ever.
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.

KYRIE: (*sung*) Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS: "Glory to God in the Highest" page 204

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

L: The Lord be with you. C: 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*)

THE FIRST READING:

Acts 4:1-12

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."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL

Christ has risen from the dead. **God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor,**
 He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands; **He has put all things under His feet.**

THE EPISTLE READING:

1 John 3:16-24

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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(*please stand if you are able*) **ALLELUIA:** (page 205) (*sung*)

Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL:

John 10:11-18

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10th chapter. **C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

(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.”

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: Creed

(8 a.m.) **The Apostles’ Creed: page 192** (5 p.m. & 10:30 a.m.) **The Nicene Creed: page 191**

(8 a.m.) **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE SONG:** (tune: “The Church’s One Foundation”)

**Oh, Lord, how can I tell You Just what You mean to me?
In ev’ry vale I go through, Your shepherd’s love I see.
When I am lost and helpless, And stumbling in despair,
You come and gently lift me With arms of tender care.**

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

SERMON: (5 p.m. and 8 a.m.)

(10:30 a.m.) “Salvation is in the Name of God’s Son, Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd”

Acts 4:12; 1 John 3:23, John 10:14

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (please stand if you are able)

(Each petition ends “Let us pray to the Lord” and we respond, “Lord, have mercy.”)

HEALING AND COMFORT: Alvin Moeller, Wilma Wagner, Eunice Stumpf, C. John Prigge, Edward Luttman, Pearl Luttman, Barbara Korves, Jane Donjon, Scott Dilley; *Family and Friends of St. John’s Members:* Lori Voges, Rev. Mike and Melanie Maddick, Dwain Schrader, Brenda Manning, Derrick DeWilde, Donna Sandersfeld, Dan Krebel, Caleb Oakley, Jeff Theobald, Robin Steinmann, Bobby Wood, Kate Snyder, Jeff Westbrook, Peggy Koen, Mel Heinemann. *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, Jacob Adams, Donald Roberts, Casey Vallett, Matthew Kraus, Paul Craft, Jr., Dustin Krack, Austin Scheibe, Trevor Buckner; Navy- Brad Koester, Carl Muehler; Air Force- Brian Hubbard, Jason Nehrt, Curt Hatten, Terry Koester, David Livingston, Matt Sabo, Ryan Kozarich, Tanner Hackstadt, Ched Wagner; Marines- Alex Renner, Cody Koch, Tailor Neuhaus, Josh Butterworth, Garrett Carnahan, Brent Knop, Thomas Lewis

+thanksgiving for the birth of a son, Jase Kaleb, toe Kaleb and Kayla Matzenbacher on April 16

+thanksgiving for the birth of a daughter to Scott and Ginger (Neff) Nagel on Wednesday, April 18

+thanksgiving for the 50th wedding anniversary of Elroy and Carolyn Stellhorn on April 20

+favorable weather for farming and safety in the fields

+safety for those traveling on the 8th grade class trip to Washington DC

+those receiving pastoral calls and vicarage assignments through our seminaries this week

(please be seated) **OFFERING:** “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” arranged by John A. Behnke

The 8 a.m. service continues with the Lord’s Prayer, Closing Prayer and Benediction.

(10:30 a.m.) **The Rite of Confirmation** page 272ff.

(Parents and sponsors please stand when your child comes forward for the blessing.)

(5 p.m. and 10:30 a.m.) **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT:** page 203ff.

PREFACE AND SANCTUS: page 208

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD’S PRAYER: page 209

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD and the PAX DOMINI: page 209

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: “Amen.”**

THE AGNUS DEI: page 210

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: (please be seated)

(10:30 a.m. only) **689 “Let Me Be Thine Forever”**

711 “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

864 “Shepherd of Tender Youth”

“The Shepherd’s Staff (tune: “Crown Him With Many Crowns”)

- 1. Strong is the Shep-herd’s staff, to com-fort, guide and lead;
In pas-tures green He leads us now – sup-plies our ev-‘ry need.
We see the Shep-herd’s staff; our call from God a-bove,
To nour-ish well His sheep and lambs, to tend His flock in love.**
- 2. God-less and dead-ly wolves seem now to have their day,
Cor-rupt-ing ten-der heart and minds would lead our youth a-stray.
How awe-some then our task, a chal-enge for our days,
To guard and guide our Shep-herd’s lambs, in His own right-eous ways!**
- 3. Hear now the Shep-herd’s voice, His prom-ise strong and clear;
“I know My own, My own know Me; My flock need nev-er fear.
Safe in My Fa-ther’s hand, no one can steal from Me
The lambs once bought with My own blood, are Mine e-ter-nal-ly!”**

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NUNC DIMITTIS: “Song of Simeon” page 211

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT: page 212

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION: page 212

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

THE POSTLUDE: “Shepherd of Tender Youth”

arranged by Kenneth T. Kosche

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