



**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**St. John's Lutheran Church**  
**Red Bud, Illinois**  
**May 11-12, 2019**



**PRELUDE:** "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb" *arr. by J. Wayne Kerr*  
**THE RINGING OF THE BELL** calls us to holy worship.

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

*Divine Service Three, page 184ff.*

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:** pages 184-185 (*please stand if you are able*)

*We Share God's Peace With and Greet One Another*

**INTROIT: John 10:14-15; Psalm 78:70-72; 79:13**



**I am the good | shepherd.\***

**I know My own and My own know Me, and I lay down My life | for the sheep.**

**He chose David to be His / servant\***

**and took him from the | sheepfolds;**

**He brought him to shepherd Jacob His / people,\***

**Israel His in- | heritance.**

**With upright heart he shep- | herded them\***

**and guided them with his | skillful hand.**

**We Your people, the sheep of Your / pasture,\***

**will give thanks to You for- | ever;**

**from generation to gener- / ation\***

**we will re- | count Your praise.**

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;*

*as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

**KYRIE:** (page 186) (*sung*)

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

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS:** pages 187-189

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: 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*)

(10:30 a.m.) **ANTHEM:** "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" *Choir and Violin (Brandon Nehrt)*

**THE FIRST READING:**

**Acts 20:17-35**

Now from Miletus Paul sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. And when they came to him, he said to them: "You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God.

Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which He obtained with His own blood. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

P: 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 SECOND READING:**

**Revelation 7:9-17**

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple; and He

who sits on the throne will shelter them with His presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and He will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.” P: This is the Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

**ALLELUIA:** (page 190) (*sung*) (*please stand if able*) “**Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia.**”

**THE HOLY GOSPEL:**

**John 10:22-30**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter. C: (*sung*) **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around Him and said to Him, “How long will You keep us in suspense? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly.” Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father’s name bear witness about Me, but you do not believe because you are not part of My flock. My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. I and the Father are one.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: (*sung*) **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

**OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: Creed**

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

(*please be seated*)

(5 p.m. and 8 a.m.) **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE SONG: 740 “I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”**

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

**SERMON:** “Pastors, Pay Careful Attention to...” Acts 20:28-32

(*please stand if you are able*) **OFFERTORY:** pages 192-193

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

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

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

**HEALING AND COMFORT:** Fern Schnepel, Lorine Reinhardt, C. John Prigge, June Lawrence, Jean Menke, Ed Luttman, Lisa Klopper, Lou Ann Gerlach, Larry Ebers, Jane Donjon, Donna Wetzell, Ray Kaaz, Susie Harms, Kendall Liefer; *Family and Friends of St. John’s Members:* Lori Voges, Brenda Manning, Derrick DeWilde, Kate Snyder, Henry Hunter, Harlow Leedle, Alice Proctor, Brett Montroy, George and Ruth (Schrieber) Hecht, Ruby Liefer, Chas Walter, Tommy Davidson, Rev. Herb Mueller, Jr., Tina Aubuchon, Keith Dial. *Help us keep this list current!*

**MILITARY:** (*Please call with names.*) **Army-** Nathan Koen, Jonathan Koen, Casey Vallett, Tim Healy, Jacob Adams, Donald Roberts, Matthew Kraus, Paul Craft, Jr., Dustin Krack, Austin Scheibe, Trevor Buckner, Jessica DeMarco, Jeremiah Brandt; **Navy-** Brad Koester, Carl Muehler; **Air Force-** Brian Hubbard, Jason Nehrt, Curt Hatten, Terry Koester, David Livingston, Matt Sabo, Ryan Kozarich, Tanner Hackstadt; **Marines-** Alex Renner, Cody Koch, Tailor Neuhaus, Josh Butterworth, Brent Knop, Thomas Lewis

+our mothers, especially those who raised us in the Christian faith  
+favorable weather for farming and safety for those who work in the fields this week  
+thanksgiving for the birth of a son, Henry George, to Lucas and Valerie Liefer on Wednesday  
+those who mourn: the families of Mike Vallett and Thomas Herzog

*The 5 p.m. and 8 a.m. services continue with the Lord’s Prayer and a Closing Prayer.*

(10:30 a.m.) **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT:** page 194ff.

**PREFACE:** page 194 **SANCTUS:** page 195 **LORD’S PRAYER:** page 196

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD and PAX DOMINI:** page 197

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: (*sung*) **Amen.**

**THE AGNUS DEI:** page 198

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:** (*please be seated*)

**ANTHEM:** “The Mighty Hills of God” (arr. by Robert Graham) *Choir*

**711 “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”**

**740 “I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”**

**864 “Shepherd of Tender Youth”**

**NUNC DIMITTIS:** “Song of Simeon” pages 199-200

**THANKSGIVING:** pages 200-201

**SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS:** pages 201-202

**BENEDICTION:** page 202

**CLOSING HYMN:** “A Christian Wife and Mother” (tune: “The Church’s One Foundation”)

**1. A Chris-tian wife and moth-er, God’s gift from heav’n a-bove**

**To mem-bers of her fam-’ly a source of con-stant love,**

**A help-mate to her hus-band in good and e-vil days,**

**A bless-ing to her chil-dren in e’er so man-y ways.**

**2. She looks with love and fa-vor up-on her chil-dren fair,**

**As pre-cious gifts from heav-en God gave in-to her care.**

**With Chris-tian ad-mo-ni-tion and nur-ture in the Lord**

**She trains them well and wise-ly with Scrip-ture’s full ac-cord.**

**3. Thank God for Chris-tian moth-ers, re-mem-ber them today,**

**And call up-on your Sav-ior to bless their earth-ly stay.**

**They are a na-tion’s for-tress, a strong-hold in the home,**

**We hon-or and sa-lute them now and in life to come.**

**THE POSTLUDE:** “Arfon”

*arranged by Wilbur Held*

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