

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**  
Olney, Maryland  
APRIL 25, 2021 | 11:00 AM

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**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**

**+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +**

*(Stand)*

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

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

**C** **Amen.**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** 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.

**C** **Amen.**

**HYMN**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

LSB 700 sts. 1-3



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of  
 2 Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to  
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; Let us



heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us Thy  
 ev - 'ry trou - bled breast; Let us all in  
 all Thy life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re -



hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.  
 Thee in - her - it; Let us find Thy prom - ised rest.  
 turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.



Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un -  
 Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha  
 Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve Thee



bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with  
 and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as  
 as Thy hosts a - bove, Pray and praise Thee



Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
 its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.

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## + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

### INTROIT

*Psalm 95:1-7a; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b*

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 salvation!

**Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;**

**let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

For the Lord is a great God,

and a great King above all gods.

**In his hand are the depths of the earth;**

**the heights of the mountains are his also.**

The sea is his, for he made it,

and his hands formed the dry land.

**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 beginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

I am the good shepherd.

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

### KYRIE

*LSB 152*

**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**A** 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 mercy.**

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

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C Amen.**

# THIS IS THE FEAST

*Refrain*



**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
5 For the Lamb \_\_\_\_\_ who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** 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 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.

**C** **Amen.**

*(Sit)*

## **FIRST READING**

*Acts 4:1–12*

<sup>1</sup>As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, <sup>2</sup>greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. <sup>3</sup>And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. <sup>4</sup>But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

<sup>5</sup>On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. <sup>12</sup>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.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

*Psalm 23; antiphon: v. 6*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not want.

**<sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures.  
He leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>He restores my soul.  
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

**<sup>4</sup>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.**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

**<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

**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

*1 John 3:16–24*

<sup>16</sup>By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. <sup>17</sup>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? <sup>18</sup>Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

<sup>19</sup>By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; <sup>20</sup>for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; <sup>22</sup>and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>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.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

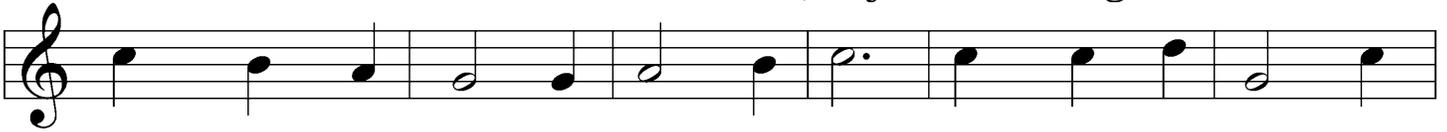
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*(Stand)*

**ALLELUIA**

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing

LSB 475 sts. 1, 3-4



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph  
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry That love, that life which  
 4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, And sing to - day with



of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:  
 can - not die, And sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
 one ac - cord The life laid down, the life re - stored:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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**HOLY GOSPEL***John 10:11-18*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>11</sup>[Jesus said:] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. <sup>18</sup>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.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*(Sit)*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### HYMN OF THE DAY

#### The Lord's My Shepherd

The Lord's my Shepherd I'll not want  
He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green He leadeth me  
The quiet waters by  
He leadeth me, he leadeth me  
The quiet waters by

#### Verse 2

My soul He doth restore again  
And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness  
E'en for His own name's sake  
Within the paths of righteousness  
E'en for His own name's sake

#### Verse 3

Yea though I walk in death's dark vale  
Yet will I fear no ill  
For Thou art with me and Thy rod  
And staff me comfort still  
For Thou art with me and Thy rod  
And staff me comfort still

#### Verse 4

My table Thou hast furnished  
In presence of my foes  
My head Thou dost with oil anoint  
And my cup overflows  
My head Thou dost with oil anoint  
And my cup overflows

#### Verse 5

Goodness and mercy all my life  
Shall surely follow me  
And in my Father's heart always  
My dwelling place shall be  
And in my heart for evermore  
Thy dwelling place shall be

## SERMON

*(Stand)*

### APOSTLES' CREED

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

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**



**Christ as the good shepherd**  
Lucas Cranach the Younger

♩ = 60

VERSE

A $\flat$  E $\flat$  A $\flat$  B $\flat$  E $\flat$ /G

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my  
 2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of  
 3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the  
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the

3 A $\flat$  E $\flat$ /G Fm<sup>7</sup> A $\flat$ /B $\flat$  E $\flat$  A $\flat$  E $\flat$  A $\flat$

light, my strength, — my song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id  
 God in help - less babe! This gift of love and right - eous -  
 world by dark - ness slain; Then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious  
 pow'r of Christ — in me; From life's first cry to fi - nal

6 B $\flat$  E $\flat$ /G A $\flat$  E $\flat$ /G Fm<sup>7</sup> A $\flat$ /B $\flat$  E $\flat$  E $\flat$ /G

Ground, firm through the fier - est drought — and storm. What heights of  
 -ness, scorned by the ones He came — to save. Till on that  
 Day, up from the grave He rose — a - gain! And as He  
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of

9 A $\flat$  E $\flat$ /G B $\flat$ <sup>sus</sup> B $\flat$  E $\flat$ /G A $\flat$  Cm<sup>7</sup> B $\flat$ <sup>sus</sup> B $\flat$  A $\flat$

love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease. My Com - fort -  
 cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is - fied. For ev - 'ry  
 stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me; For I am  
 hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His hand; Till He re -

13 E $\flat$  A $\flat$  B $\flat$  E $\flat$ /G A $\flat$  E $\flat$ /G Fm<sup>7</sup> A $\flat$ /B $\flat$

-er, my All in All, here in the love of Christ — I  
 sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ — I  
 His and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood — of  
 -turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ — I'll

INSTRUMENTAL

16 E $\flat$  B $\flat$ m<sup>7</sup> Fm<sup>7</sup> E $\flat$  E $\flat$ <sup>sus</sup> E $\flat$

stand.  
 live.  
 Christ.  
 stand!

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### LORD'S PRAYER

**C** 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.

### CANTICLE

We Raise to You Our Heartfelt Praise

*J.S. Bach*

We raise to You our heart-felt praise, and thank You God, through all our  
All glo-ry to the Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit, three in  
days. With an-gel ar-mies, we a-dore and bless— You now—and e-ver-more.  
one. Who is, Who was, Who e'er shall be, im-mor-tal, bles-sed Tri-ni-ty!

### PRAYER FOR GOOD COURAGE

**P** Lord God, You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go but only that Your hand is leading us and Your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

### BENEDICAMUS

*LSB 212*

**A** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

LSB 166

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

(Sit)

## HYMN TO DEPART

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE



1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy Like the wide-ness  
2. For the love of God is broad-er Than the mea-sures  
3. Trou-bled souls, why will you scat - ter Like a crowd of



1. of the sea; There's a kind - ness in his jus - tice  
2. of our mind, And the heart of the E - ter - nal  
3. fright - ened sheep? Fool - ish hearts, why will you wan - der



1. Which is more than lib - er - ty. There is plen - ti - ful re -  
2. Is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were but more  
3. From a love so true and deep? There is wel - come for the



1. demp-tion In the blood that has been shed; There is  
2. sim - ple We should take him at his word, And our  
3. sin - ner And more grac - es for the good; There is



1. joy for all the mem-bers In the sor - rows of the Head.  
2. lives would be thanks - giv - ing For the good-ness of our Lord.  
3. mer - cy with the Sav - ior, There is heal - ing in his blood.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DISMISSAL

- P** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**G** **Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE



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## + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

*(Stand)*

### **PREFACE**

*LSB 208*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**P** 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 ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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 ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### **PAX DOMINI**

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

**C** **Amen.**

### **DISTRIBUTION**

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

**Amen.**

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

**Amen.**

*(In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:)*

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

**C** **Amen.**