

First Lutheran Church

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HOLY COMMUNION

Good Shepherd Sunday

Time after Easter

Sunday ☩ April 21, 2024 ☩ 10:00 am

Christ the shepherd

The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

David Schack

OPENING HYMN "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

ELW 362
Verses 1,2,7,8



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
 2 Praise we Christ, whose love di - vine gives his
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured death's dread
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal



our vic - to - rious king, who has washed us in the tide
 sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty and love



flow - ing from his wound - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
 through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
 eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty victim from the sky,
 hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie;
 you have conquered in the fight,
 you have brought us life and light.
 Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
 This alone can sin destroy;
 from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
 newborn souls in you to be.
 Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,
 now no more the grave enthrall;
 you have opened paradise,
 and your saints in you shall rise.
 Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give,
 Savior, by whose death we live,
 Spirit, guide through all our days:
 Three in One, your name we praise.
 Alleluia!

Text: Latin hymn, 17th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814–1868, alt.
 Music: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT, Bohemian Brethren, *Kirchengeseng*, 1566

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
 the wellspring of grace,
 our Easter and our joy. **Amen.**

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism,
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning
your voice thundered over the deep
and water became the essence of life.

Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.

The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.
Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea
into freedom's land.

In a desert pool the Ethiopian official
entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,
freeing us to live as Easter people.

We rejoice with glad hearts,
giving all honor and praise to you,
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep,
you seek the lost and guide us into your fold.
Feed us, and we shall be satisfied;
heal us, and we shall be whole.
Make us one with you,
for you live and reign with the Father
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

WELCOME AND HOSPITALITY

TIME FOR CHILDREN

The children are invited to come forward; parents are welcome to come with their children.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

READING

Salvation in the name of Jesus

Acts 4:5-12

Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he can proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.

The next day the rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.'

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd

The cantor sings the refrain, the assembly responds, and sings when indicated.



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READING

Love in truth and action

1 John 3:16-24

Jesus' death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God's commandments.

We know love by this, that Jesus Christ laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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The assembly stands and sings the refrain, the cantor sings the verse, the assembly repeats.



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep-a-rate us from the love of God.



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep-a-rate us from the love of God.

GOSPEL

Christ the shepherd

John 10:11-18

In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said: ¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

The gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“The King of Love, My Shepherd Is”

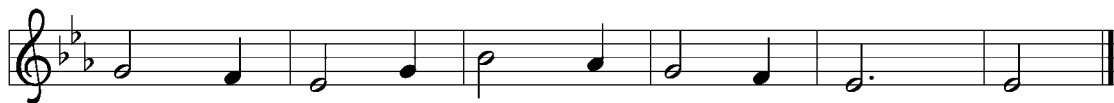
ELW 502



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.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–1877
 Music: ST. COLUMBA, Irish tune

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APOSTLES' CREED

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We have been made God's people through our Baptism into Christ.

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our risen Lord be with you all.
And also with you.

OFFERING “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us” arr. James Biery

The offering basket is at the door of the sanctuary, you may place your offering there as you leave.

Offertory "The Disciples Knew the Lord Jesus"

The bread and wine are brought forward, the assembly stands and sings as the procession reaches the chancel. The cantor begins and invites the assembly to repeat.

Assembly



The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

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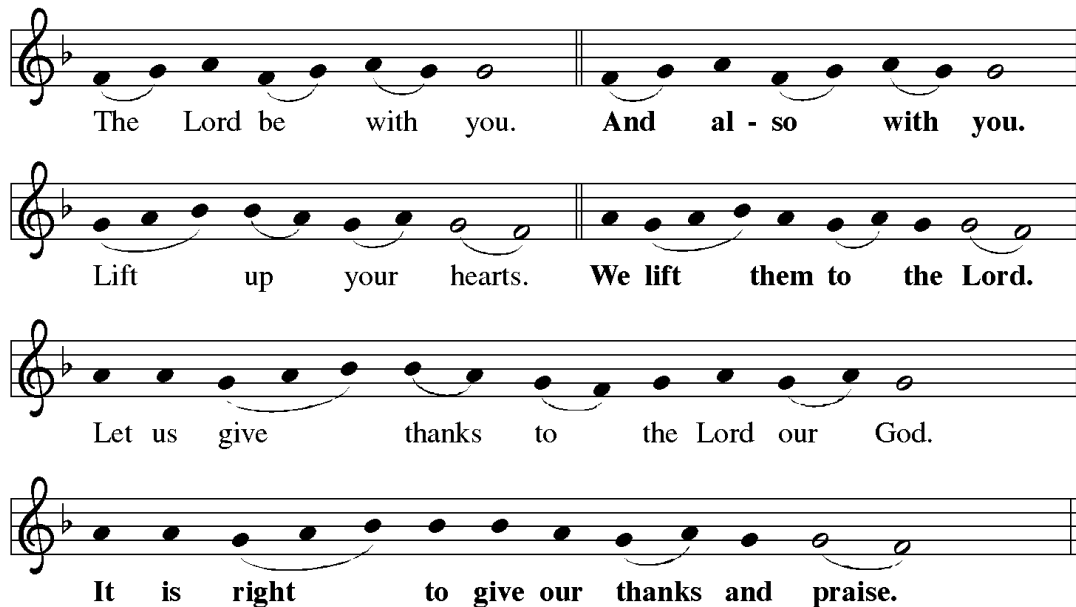
Offertory Prayer

Risen One,
you call us to believe and bear fruit.
May the gifts that we offer here
be signs of your abiding love.
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Dialogue and Preface



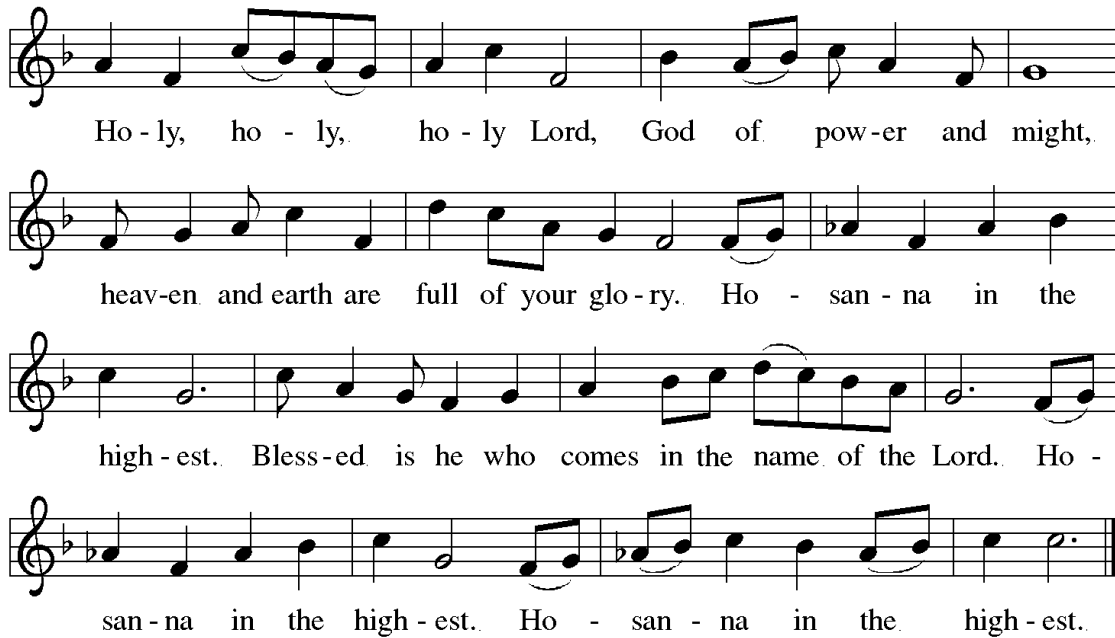
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We praise you, O God. **We praise you, O God.**

We bless you, O God. **We bless you, O God.**

We thank you, O God. **We thank you, O God.**

Words of Institution

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table,
and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift... in your church, without end. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to the Table

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.

Music during Communion

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

ELW 484

Refrain



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



- 1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,



Refrain

so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav'n - ly food.
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997
Music: BICENTENNIAL, Robert E. Kreutz, 1922–1996
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Post Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Shepherding God,
you have prepared a table before us
and nourished us with your love.
Send us forth from this banquet
to proclaim your goodness
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,
our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope
✝ bless you now and always.

Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Build a Longer Table”

ACS 1062

As the cross passes your pew, turn and face the entrance to the sanctuary for the dismissal.



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
Christ tears down our fenc - es: all are wel - come here.
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984
Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol
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DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

B. Wayne Bisbee

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SERVING TODAY

Pastor Kristine Stedje	<i>presider</i>
Dan Moore	<i>assisting minister</i>
Yvonne Hazlett	<i>organist, handbell director</i>
Enola Peters	<i>cantor</i>
Mike VanBeest	<i>sacristan</i>
Andrew Hagan	<i>crucifer</i>
Ian Hertenstein	<i>reader</i>
Stacy Hagen	<i>communion minister</i>
Gary Troth	<i>usher</i>
Larry and Cheri Joslin	<i>greeters</i>
Jay and Lisa Schenzel	<i>coffee fellowship</i>

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WORSHIP. WELCOME. SERVICE.

Announcements

Welcome to worship at First Lutheran Church. We are a **welcoming** congregation who **worships and serves** the God we love.

Holy Communion will be served today standing in the chancel by intinction. Gluten-wafers are available, simply ask your server. All are welcome at Jesus' banquet feast.

Soup Kitchen: Another month and another chance to volunteer at our local Soup Kitchen. First Lutheran is scheduled to serve on Wednesday, April 24th, at 4:00 pm. Volunteers are needed! Candy - 251-9411.

WELCA Bakeless Bake Sale

Please consider giving a generous gift to First Lutheran Church Women for worthwhile projects. Through our greeting card sales we were able to carpet our main hallway, buy a new vacuum, remodel bathrooms and various small needs of our church.

Your contributions will be accepted on Sunday, April 28 and Sunday, May 5 at the Lutheran World Relief Table in the narthex, or anytime in the next several weeks at the church office or by mail. If you find it convenient to mail in your donation, please send your check made out to FLCW, in care of Marlus Mammen, 3015 Pierce Street, Sioux City, IA 51104.

WORLD HUNGER...50th Anniversary

The bulletin board envelope fundraising is off and running with over half the envelopes selected after last Sunday's worship! Already over \$200 has been donated. A collection envelope will be placed in the office for donations, or your donation can be placed in the offering. Donations may be cash or checks and they can be for more than the amount requested in the numbered envelope. On **Sunday, May 5** we will gather all donations contributed and send the gift to the ELCA. There is potential to raise over \$1000 for this project.

Save The Date.....**Thurs. May 9, 6:00-8:00pm.** Bed Building opportunity with **Sleep In Heavenly Peace**. No previous experience required! Please contact Brian Thiele at [253-1111](tel:253-1111) for more information. We will have a sign-up sheet in the narthex for volunteers. In addition, donations will be accepted for new twin size bedsheets, comforters, blankets, and pillows for the beds. This is a Congregational Life sponsored event.

Request from Congregation Council

This is a very large facility and needs many eyes to see repairs which need to be identified, improved, and completed! We would appreciate it if you notice any concerns to bring them to the attention of the council. The council will review and prioritize your suggestions and provide a status. Thank you for your service to this congregation. **Richard Storm, Congregation Council Representative for Facilities**

Weekly Schedule, First Lutheran Meetings and Activities

Today, April 21

Coffee fellowship following worship, Fireside Room

Wednesday, April 24

9a-11:30a Food Pantry, Volunteers: Ann Doellinger, Enola Peters

6p Handbells, Choir Room

7p Choir, Choir Room

Thursday, April 25

1p Adult Bible Study, Fireside Room

Friday, April 26

9a Quilters, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 28

10a Worship in-person, livestream and radio

11a Coffee fellowship and "Recovery Café," Fireside Room