

# **The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

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# † Call to Worship †

## Hymn # 711 "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"



1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; Much we  
 2 We are Yours; in love be - friend us, Be the  
 3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and  
 4 Ear - ly let us seek Your fa - vor, Ear - ly

need Your ten - der care. In Your pleas - ant pas - tures  
 guard - ian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin de -  
 sin - ful though we be; You have mer - cy to re -  
 let us do Your will; Bless - ed Lord and on - ly

feed us, For our use Your fold pre - pare.  
 fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.  
 lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
 Sav - ior, With Your love our spir - its fill.

Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have

bought us; we are Yours. Bless - ed Je - sus,  
 chil - dren when we pray. Bless - ed Je - sus,  
 let us turn to You. Bless - ed Je - sus,  
 loved us, love us still. Bless - ed Je - sus,

bless - ed Je - sus, You have bought us; we are Yours.  
 bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us chil - dren when we pray.  
 bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to You.  
 bless - ed Je - sus, You have loved us, love us still.

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

### Invocation

*LSB 151 Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
 C **Amen.**

### Easter Acclamation

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
 C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

### Psalms 118:24

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P <sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made;  
 C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

## Exhortation

*LSB 151 1 John 1:8–9*

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.*

## Confession of Sins

LSB 151

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 Is this your confession? If it is then repeat after me:

Yes, it is. / I confess my sins. / And I pray for God's mercy.

## Absolution

*LSB 151 (Alt.) [John 20:19–23]*

P Upon this, your confession, I announce the grace of God to all of you. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you “all your sins.” As a called and ordained servant of Christ, by His authority, and by His command, I therefore forgive you “all your sins” in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

## † Service of the Word †

## Psalm 23 (A Psalm of David)

<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.**

## This Is the Feast

*LSB 155 Revelation 5:12–13; 19:5–9*

Refrain  
 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.

## Kyrie

LSB 152 Mark 10:47

- P In peace let us pray to the Lord.  
 C **Lord have mercy.**
- P For our President, Vice-President, Congress, Judiciary, Governors and all public servants that they may have wisdom and that our land may be healed let us pray to the Lord.  
 C **Lord have mercy.**
- P For those who mourn the passing of loved ones, that they may be comforted, and for those who cry out in distress, that their prayers may be heard, and for the people of God, that we may do the work of the Lord in helping our neighbor let us pray to the Lord.  
 C **Lord have mercy.**
- P For the ill, for those needing and waiting for medical care, and for those in fear of illness, that God would give them strength and that our doctors, nurses and medical workers may be blessed to bring healing let us pray to the Lord.  
 C **Lord have mercy.**
- P For the lonely and isolated, that they may hear the word of God and find in Him a heavenly Friend, and that God may bind us together to give friendship and encouragement to one another let us pray to the Lord.  
 C **Lord have mercy.**
- P That we may rededicate our lives and our days to the things of the soul, the promises of God, and God-pleasing works of love, that our neighbor may be blessed and we may know the joy of discipleship let us pray to the Lord.  
 C **Lord have mercy.**
- P For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger and pestilence let us pray to the Lord.  
 C **Lord have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

### Collect of the Day

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.

### First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

<sup>42</sup>And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup>And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup>And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

### Epistle: 1 Peter 2:19-25

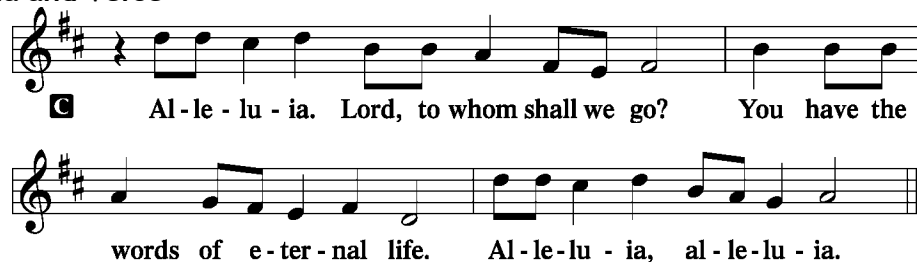
<sup>19</sup>For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. <sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>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. <sup>25</sup>For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

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### Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156



### Holy Gospel: John 10:1-10

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>[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. <sup>2</sup>But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.”*

<sup>6</sup>This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. <sup>7</sup>So Jesus again said to them, *“Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”*

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
C Praise to You, O Christ.

### Apostles' Creed

C 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 T everlasting. Amen.

### Hymn # 709 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

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!

Sermon "Okay, So I'm a Sheep ..." John 10:1-10

Hymn # 735 "Have No Fear, Little Flock"

1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; Have no fear, lit - tle  
2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; Have good cheer, lit - tle  
3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; Praise the Lord high a -  
4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; Thank - ful hearts raise to

flock, For the Fa - ther has cho - sen To  
flock, For the Fa - ther will keep you In  
bove, For He stoops down to heal you, Up -  
God, For He stays close be - side you, In

give you the King - dom; Have no fear, lit - tle flock!  
His love for - ev - er; Have good cheer, lit - tle flock!  
lift and re - store you; Praise the Lord high a - bove!  
all things works with you; Thank - ful hearts raise to God!

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Prayer of the Church

Responses:

P O Lord, shepherd of our souls,  
C **hear our prayer.**

Final Petition:

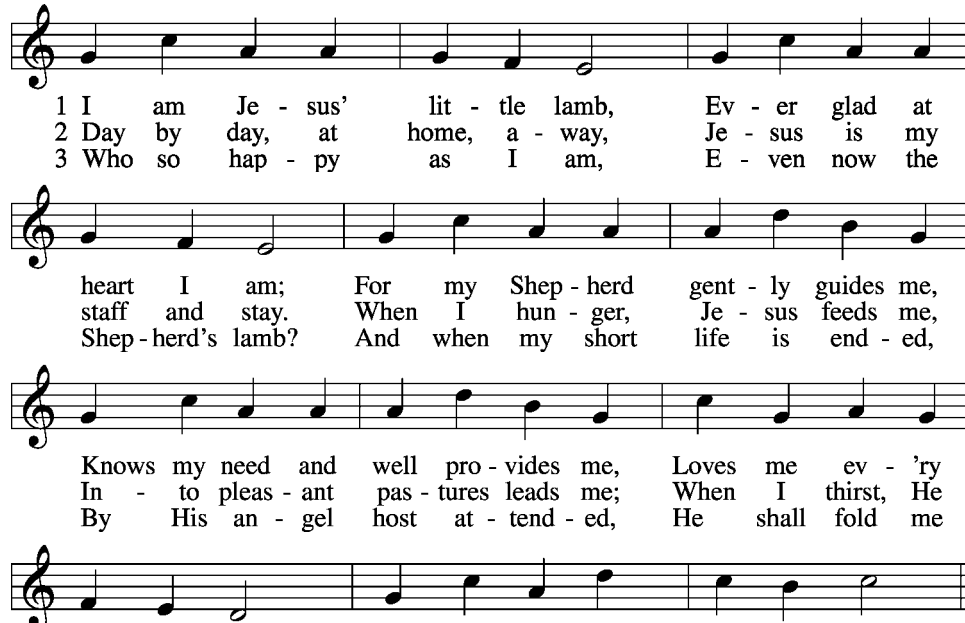
P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your  
mercy.  
C **Amen.**

Benediction

LSB 166 Numbers 6:24-26

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 T give you peace.  
C **Amen.**

## Hymn # 740 "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"



1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at  
2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my  
3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the

heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,  
staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,  
Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,

Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry  
In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He  
By His an - gel host at - tend - ed, He shall fold me

day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.  
bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.  
to His breast, There with - in His arms to rest.

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