

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 7, 2017

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WELCOME GUESTS AND VISITORS

We're glad you're here! All in attendance are asked to please complete the **CONNECT** card located in the pew rack and read the statement concerning the reception of the Lord's Supper found on the **WORSHIP** card. Feel free to ask an usher for help or directions.

PRAYER cards and **CONNECT** cards will be picked up by the ushers during the sermon hymn.

NURSERY

Our nursery is located right past the double doors in the preschool wing on the right, which is across the hall from the coat room (to your right as you exit the Sanctuary). The Sanctuary audio is provided in that room, so you won't miss a thing.

AS WE GATHER

On this day, we remember with gratitude the gift of our risen Good Shepherd. King David, as a Psalmist, penned the words praising God for "tending" him through every detail of life. What details need attending in your life and the lives of those around you who need the Word of the Good Shepherd? Can you paint a picture of a sheep and a Shepherd, a person loving something precious to them, and share the truth that this is how God loves them? That's the privilege we have in sharing the Good Shepherd and His love.

DIVINE SERVICE

Our Divine Service today follows what can be considered a “creative” or “contemporary” order of worship. While it contains all of the essential elements of a liturgical Divine Service, it contains variety in what these elements look, feel, and sound like. The ORDER of WORSHIP below will lead you through the Divine Service in its entirety. We pray that it delivers your heart where you can receive the gifts God brings, and join the chorus of worshippers united in singing His praise.

ORDER of WORSHIP

CALL to WORSHIP

Praise Team

PSALM 23

REFRAIN:



The Lord is _____ my shep-herd; _ I shall not want.

C The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.
He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake. (REFRAIN)

C 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
forever. (REFRAIN)

C 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. (REFRAIN)

CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

Praise Team

ABSOLUTION

P Hear the Good News: "Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the Lord forever" (Psalm 23:6 *NIV*). The Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ, became the Lamb of God, shedding His blood on Calvary's altar for your forgiveness. Your sins – all of them – have been forgiven. As a called and ordained servant of the Good Shepherd, I forgive you all of your sins, in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of our Lord Jesus, the Good Shepherd, be with you always.

C Amen.

P You are welcome to greet one another as members of His flock.

(Greet your neighbor saying, "Peace be with you." Reply with "And also with you." It is not expected that you greet the entire assembly, rather reach those in your vicinity...)

SONG OF PRAISE: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

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| <p>1. Savior, like a shepherd lead us
Much we need Thy tender care
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us
For our use Thy folds prepare
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are</p> | <p>2. We are Thine, Thou dost befriend us
Be the guardian of our way
Keep Thy flock from sin, defend us
Seek us when we go astray
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus
Hear, O hear us when we pray
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus
Hear, O hear us when we pray</p> |
| <p>3. Thou hast promised to receive us
Poor and sinful though we be
Thou hast mercy to relieve us
Grace to cleanse and pow'r to free
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus
We will early turn to Thee
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus
We will early turn to Tee</p> | |

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd. Keep us from straying after other things that would harm our souls. Help us by Your Holy Spirit to hear and follow Your leading always, until that day when we are gathered with all Your sheep around Your throne in heaven. We ask this in Your name, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

SERVICE *of the* WORD

FIRST READING (*Sit*)

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were

Acts 2:42-47

being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the

proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts,

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 READING

1 Peter 2:19–25

For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. 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. 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. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. 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. 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. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

ALLELUIA and VERSE (*Stand*)

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le lu _ ia! ___ Al-le-lu-ia, ___ a - men.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:1–10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

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

“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. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” This figure of

speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. 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!**

NICENE CREED (*Printed on the inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE (*Sit*)

During Song of the Day the Ushers will come to collect the Prayer and CONNECT cards. Now is a great opportunity to make sure you are ready for that.

SONG OF THE DAY: "Constant One"

1. **In the moment I am hiding
Your love it seeks me out
You hold me and You know me
From the inside out from the inside out**
2. **It's amazing how You take me
Just for who I am
In the valleys on the mountains
I'm always in Your hands
I'm always in Your hands**

Praise Team

Chorus **Constant One endless is Your love
Like a river can't be stopped You're faithful
Constant One who is like You God
Your mercy's like the sun
Always rising over us**

Bridge **And there is no place that I could run that
You won't chase me down
You won't chase me down
And there is no place that I could hide that
I will not be found I will not be found**

SERMON

OFFERING

Our tradition on the first Sunday of the month, in honor of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League mite (coin) boxes, is to bring our tithes and offerings forward and to empty our coin boxes into the LWML collection box.

MUSIC DURING OFFERING "Lord, I Need You"

1. **Lord, I come, I confess. Bowing here, I find my rest.
And without You, I fall apart. You're the one that guides my heart.**
Chorus **Lord, I need You, oh, I need You. Ev'ry hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness; Oh, God, how I need You.**
2. **Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more. Where grace is found is where You are.
And where You are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me.
Where You are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me.**
(Bridge) **So, teach my song to rise to You When temptation comes my way.
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You. Jesus, You're my hope and stay.
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You. Jesus, You're my hope and stay.**

BLESSING of the QUILTS *(Please stand)*

- P We gather today in the name of our compassionate Savior, to give thanks for women like the Biblical Dorcas who use their willing hands to give comfort and life's necessities to those in need.
- C **We thank you, Father, for Dorcas of old and the women who follow in her footsteps, using their talent with needles and thread.**
- P To you, Merciful Lord, we give thanks for all the faithful women who, alone in their homes or in small groups, cut and sew together the colorful scraps of fabric to form tops of spectacular patterns and hues.

C Lord, we ask your blessings for these women as they create their labors of love.

P Lord, Source of all Comfort, we express our gratitude for the caring women who gather in members' homes and in church basements and fellowship halls to quilt, tie, and bind the "comforters".

C We thank you for the quilters and ask you to bind our hearts in love for the people these quilts will comfort in times of stress.

P Father, we now dedicate this rainbow of quilts to the glory of God and ask that you shower blessings upon the people of many colors who will use them for warmth, for shelter, for luggage, for sustaining life.

C Bless their work, O Lord, and may it draw people to you.

P For to you, O Lord, is the glory forever and ever.

C Amen

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Lord, our Good Shepherd, we praise You for Your great love for us. As the people of Your pasture, the sheep of Your hand, we are totally dependent on Your grace for everything we need to support our bodies and lives. How wonderful to know that with You as our Shepherd,

C we shall not be in want.

P Lord, our Good Shepherd, we long to be fed on Your Word, to find refreshment for body and soul, to be still before You as our God. For those who suffer, whom we name before You now...grant wholeness and restoration. Thank You for making us to lie down in green pastures, and for leading us beside still waters, for in doing so,

C You restore my soul.

P Lord, our Good Shepherd, the world in which we live entices us away from You. There are many voices that call to us that they might lead us astray--voices of the devil, the world, and our sinful flesh. For the sake of Your name,

C lead us in the paths of righteousness.

P The shadow of sickness and death forever follows us, for we are mortal. We name before You now those who are ill and those who grieve the loss of loved ones [*aloud and in our hearts...*]. But Lord, You promise that we will walk through the valley of the shadow of death, and that You will be there beside us, to comfort us. How wonderful it is to know that even at such times we will fear no evil,

C for You are with me.

P Lord, our Good Shepherd, enemies confront us each day--enemies of the cross, emissaries of Satan, who would work to hinder any good work, who would weaken our spirits, who would seek to drag us down into despair, enemies who would attack our good name, our health, our families, our values, and our faith. And there are enemies within our very selves--our sinful nature, our selfish ways--seeking to deceive our hearts and take us away from You. In the presence of these real enemies,

C You prepare a table before me. You anoint my head with oil. My cup overflows.

P Lord, our Good Shepherd, we know that as You lead and feed us, goodness, mercy and love will follow us all the days of our lives.

C And we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen.

SERVICE *of the* SACRAMENT

We welcome to the table of the Lord's Supper all those who believe and confess alongside this family the teachings of the Lutheran Church. For more on this, refer to the Worship card, located in each pew rack.

PREFACE (Stand)

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts before His throne.

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.

P It is truly good, right, and wholesome in body and soul to give thanks to You, our Heavenly Father. You sent Your Son, the Good Shepherd, into this world to die in our place and then rise again in victory on Easter Sunday. Through His death, He has taken our penalty for sin, and by His resurrection He has opened the gates of righteousness.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

PEACE OF THE LORD

P The peace of the Lord, our good Shepherd, be with you always.

C **Amen.**

P Welcome to the table of the Lord.

AGNUS DEI (*Remain standing*)



Lamb of God_ You take_ a-way the sins of the world_ have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God_ You take_ a-way the sins of the world_ have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God_ You take a - way_ the sins of the world_ grant us ___ peace.

DISTRIBUTION (*You may be seated, awaiting instruction from the ushers*)

SONGS:

“Jesus Messiah”

Praise Team

1. **He became sin, Who knew no sin;
That we might become His Righteousness;
He humbled himself, and carried the cross.
Love so amazing, Love so amazing.
(to CHORUS)**

Chorus
**Jesus Messiah; Name above all names;
Blessed Redeemer; Emmanuel.
The Rescue for sinners,
The Ransom from Heaven;
Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.**

2. **His body the bread, His blood the wine
Broken and poured out, all for love.
The whole earth trembled, And the veil was torn.
Love so amazing, Love so amazing.
(to CHORUS)**

Bridge
**All our hope is in You,
All our hope is in You;
All the glory to You, God,
The light of the world. (to CHORUS)**

“Come Thou Fount”

Praise Team

**Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory Fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore Thee; May I still Thy goodness prove.**

Hither to Thy love has blest me; Thou has brought me to this place;
And I know Thy hand will bring me safely home by Thy good grace.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, Bought me with His precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now like a fetter Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.

"Good Good Father"

1. I've heard a thousand stories
Of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper
Of love in the dead of night and You
Tell me that You're pleased and that
I'm never alone

Chorus You're a good, good Father,
It's who You are, it's who You are,
It's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am, it's who I am
It's who I am

2. Oh and I've seen many searching for
Answers far and wide, but I know we're all
Searching for answers only You provide
because
You know just what we need before
We say a word

Praise team

Bridge Because You are perfect
in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
To us

3. Oh this Love so undeniable
I, I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable
I, I can hardly think as You
Call me, deeper still as You
Call me deeper still as You
Me deeper still into love
Love, love

Ending

You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray. Our Lord Jesus, in this precious Sacrament, You have given us Your body and blood in this bread and wine. Through it we have received forgiveness and strength to live a life of faith. Strengthen us as we leave here, following You, our Good Shepherd. May all we say and do bear witness to all that we are indeed the sheep of Your pasture. We pray this in Your name, for You ever live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit as one God, now and forever.

C Amen

BENEDICTION

P To Him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy--- to the only God, our Savior, be glory, majesty, power, and authority;

C through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

P The Lord bless you and keep you;

the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you;

the Lord bestow His favor upon you, and give you His † peace, now and forevermore.

C Amen.

CLOSING SONG: "I Will Follow"

1. **All Your ways are good**

All Your ways are sure

I will trust in You alone

Higher than my sight

High above my life

I will trust in You alone (to CHORUS)

Chorus **Where You go I'll go**

Where You stay I'll stay

When You move I'll move

I will follow You

Whom You love I'll love

How You serve I'll serve

If this life I lose

I will follow (You) (2nd time to BRIDGE)

2. **Light into the world**

Light into my life

I will live for You alone

You're the One I seek

Knowing I will find

All I need in You alone

In You alone (to CHORUS)

Bridge **In You there's life everlasting**

In You there's freedom for my soul

In You there's joy unending joy

And I will follow (to CHORUS)

Ending **Yeah I will follow You yeah**

I will follow You yeah

I will follow You yeah

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SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE

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	<u>Today - May 7</u>	<u>Next Week - May 14</u>	<u>Sunday School Teachers - May</u>
Acolyte	Blake Schlueter	Maddie Garn	3yr-K Amey Scherer
Assistant	Mark Dalchow	Loren Green	1st-3rd grade Renee Taden
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Ushers	Ron Patch	Rick Taden	7th-12th Chris & Lisa Mobley
	Loren Green	Kevin Luckert	
	Carl Hunker	Paul Meyer	
	Nickole Loomis	Jason Moore	
Greeters	Chris & Dusti Donbrock	Gary & Nancy Holbrook	
Cookies	Tim & Lupe Meyer	Barb Vainner & Larry Parks	
Counters	Mobley & Neuendorf	Taden & Meyer	

IN OUR PRAYERS

Cancer patients: Amy; Anne; Becky (Rumens) Boyd; Barb Brand; Rob Eickmann (Bob's son); Melvin Gallatin; Laura Graves; Dan Hemker; Ed James; Lisa; Marilyn Meyer; MaryJane; Alan Walters; Clarence Walters; Ward Yearling; Rusty Zimmerman.

Family & Friends: Ted Guenther; Rhonda Kollmorgen; Kasey Mlujeak; Linda Pawelczyk; Doreen Robinson; Cheryl Rosch; Vivian; Carol Yearling.

Shut-ins: Linda Pawelczyk; Cheryl Rosch; Sally Uhrig; Carol Unroe.

Those in military service: Lance Bonkoske; Andrew Hatfield; Jeffrey Kaepp; Tristan Karl; Thomas Lenz; Joe Meyer; Lisa Meyer; Devan Paugh; Chelsea Seegmiller; Heath Taner.

Bereaved: family and friends of Robert Rutz.

ABUNDANT BLESSINGS

Offerings—Sunday 4/30-\$2,812.60 (Includes Direct Payment); Windows-\$15; Lent-\$10; reimbursements-\$138; Total-\$2,975.60.

Worshippers— Sunday 4/30: 9am-96; 11:30am-19. Sunday School: kids-15; teachers-4; Bible Study-20.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Please have all announcements to the office by 12noon on Wednesdays.

Endowment Spring Fund Drive is underway! Please consider a gift to the fund. Special envelopes will be placed in mailboxes 5/7/17. Envelope collection on 5/14/17 and 5/21/17. Questions? See committee members Gene Neuendorf, Patty Pipe, Dan Johnson, Liz Donbrock, Ron Patch. Thank you!

Ladies' Event Tickets TODAY is the last day to purchase your tickets in the Narthex after 9:00 worship, or from Donna Hobday or Laura Oswood. Numbers of tickets may be limited so get yours now. We must turn in our numbers to the caterer, so sales end TODAY, without exception.

Plant Orders arrived Friday, May 5. If you ordered plants from the Youth Group, please pick them up today in the Narthex. Thank you so much!

Small Group Hosts There will be a meeting TODAY, May 7, to discuss how things are going, address any difficulties, and share some new information. Please plan to attend.

Operation Christmas Child Collect for May: combs, small hair brushes. Please bring your donations to the green collection box in the corner of the Ingathering Station.

Photo Directory Don't forget to make an appointment to have your picture taken May 22 or 23 and to turn in your family bio to the office.

LWML Meeting 12 noon, Tuesday, May 9. All women are invited to bring their lunch to the Fellowship Hall. Dessert and coffee are provided. There will also be a Bible Study and a meeting.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday 5/7 9:00am Worship - Holy Communion
 10:30am Education Hour
 11:30am Worship - Holy Communion
 12:30pm Confirmation Class
 1:30pm Choir Practice
 3:00pm Youth Hangout @ church
 6:30pm Small Group HOST Meeting
Monday 5/8 2:30pm Fellowship Team Meeting
Tuesday 5/9 12:00pm LWML lunch & meeting
Wednesday 5/10 Pastor @ conference
 9:30am Staff Meeting
 1:00pm Service Team Meeting
 7:00pm Youth Hangout & Pizza
Saturday 5/13 9:00am Men's Bible Study
 10:00am Book Club
Sunday 5/14 9:00am Worship - Holy Communion
 10:30am Education Hour
 11:30am Worship - Holy Communion
 12:30pm Confirmation Class

Education Hour - 10:30am
Sunday School
Children - Downstairs Classrooms
Youth (7-12 grade) - Youth Room
Bible Studies
Pastor Aaron - Fellowship Hall

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