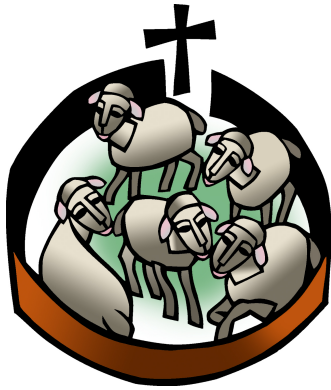


# LARGE PRINT EDITION



## HOLY COMMUNION

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

Good Shepherd Sunday

April 21, 2024 + 9:30 am

*Christ the Good Shepherd*

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***Christ is the shepherd will die for wandering sheep***

*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 sister or brother in need.*

## GATHERING

*The disciples urged Jesus strongly, saying,  
"Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over."  
So he went in to stay with them.*

## PRELUDE

"Christ the Redeemer"

*arr. Tom Birchwood*

*At the sound of the bell please stand and face the worship leaders.*

## EASTER PROCLAMATION

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!



## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*(hymn)* ELW 369

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today: Alleluia!”

*stanzas 1, 2, 4*

- 1 Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!  
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!  
offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!  
at the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!**
- 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!  
sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!  
now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!**
- 4 Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!  
all your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!  
now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!**

Text: attr. Wipo of Burgundy, d. c. 1050; tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1807-1882, alt.

## GREETING

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

**C** And also with you.

## HYMN OF PRAISE TO THE RISEN CHRIST *setting 3, ELW p. 140*

“This Is the Feast”

*REFRAIN:*

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set  
us free to be people of God. *REFRAIN***

**Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and  
glory are his. *REFRAIN***

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. REFRAIN**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. REFRAIN**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray.

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.

**C Amen.**

*The presider continues with words of welcome.*

## **WORD**

*Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, Jesus interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.*

## **CHILDREN'S WORD**

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

## **READING FROM THE EARLY CHURCH**

*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 is able to proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.*

*Luke writes:*

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their 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 questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let 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. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is

‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;  
it has become the cornerstone.’

<sup>12</sup>There 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.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**

Psalm 23 ICEL

*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (23:1)*

A The Lord is my shepherd, I need nothing more.

**C You give me rest in green meadows,  
setting me near calm waters, where you revive my spirit.**

A You guide me along sure paths, you are true to your name.

**C Though I should walk in death's dark valley, I fear no evil  
with you by my side, your shepherd's staff to comfort me.**

A You spread a table before me as my foes look on.

**C You soothe my head with oil; my cup is more than full.**

A Goodness and love will tend me every day of my life.  
**C I will dwell in the house of the Lord as long as I live.**  
**C Give praise to the Father Almighty;  
to the Son, Jesus Christ, the Lord;  
to the Spirit who dwells in our hearts;  
both now and forever. Amen.**

## SECOND 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. <sup>17</sup>How 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?

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

<sup>23</sup>And 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. <sup>24</sup>All 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.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION & PROCESSION

*tune: ELW 386*

*The assembly stands and welcomes the gospel, singing:*

**C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Jesus gave his life for us, Rose from death victorious.**

**We have heard our shepherd's voice! Alleluia!**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

## 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.

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

*Jesus says:*

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The 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. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care 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>I 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. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No 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 the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ!**

*The refrain is repeated as the procession reverses.*

*tune: ELW 386*

**C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*(hymn)* ELW 502

**“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”**

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his  
and he is mine forever.**
- 2 Where streams of living water flow,  
my ransomed soul he leadeth  
and, where the verdant pastures grow,  
with food celestial feedeth.**
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
but yet in love he sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid,  
and home, rejoicing, brought me.**
- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill,  
with thee, dear Lord, beside me,  
thy rod and staff my comfort still;  
thy cross before 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

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**A** With the whole church, let us proclaim our Easter faith.

**C** 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**

*Prayers are offered for the Church, the earth, the nations, and those in any need.  
each petition concludes:*

God of grace,

**C** hear our prayer.

## **MEAL**

*When Jesus was at the table with them, he took bread,  
blessed and broke it and gave it to them.*

*Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him.*

## PEACE

P The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

*The assembly is invited to share the peace of Christ with one another.*

## OFFERING

*When bread and wine are broken and shared in the Lord's Supper an offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Please leave your offerings in the baskets in the aisles or give online. During this time, the table is set. Please stand as the offering procession reaches the chancel. Thank you for your generosity.*

"Lord Be My Shepherd"

*Almon C. Bock*

### Offertory Prayer

A Let us pray together.

**C Risen Christ, receive these gifts,  
with our hopes, dreams, and prayers.**

**Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread,  
that our eyes may be opened  
to see your presence among us,  
and our lives filled  
with the new life of your resurrection. Amen.**

*The assisting minister pours out the wine.*

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.**

P ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*(setting 3, p. 144)*

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name  
of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

*The presider continues with the Great Thanksgiving:*

P ...we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

P ...in your holy church, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*Lord's Prayer (1789)*

**C Our Father who art 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.**

**Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to Communion**

**Communion**

**"Lamb of God"**

*setting10; ELW page 208*

**C O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of the world away;  
you suffered death our lives to save;  
have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of the world away;  
you set us free from guilt and grave;  
have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of the world away;  
eternal peace with God you made;  
give us your peace, we pray.**

*silence for reflection concludes the communion*

### **Prayer after Communion**

**A Let us pray.**

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

## **SENDING**

*That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem.*

*They told what had happened on the road and  
how he had been made to known to them in the breaking of the bread.*

### **SENDING DIALOG**

**A We have heard the holy and saving gospel  
of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**C We have celebrated with joy the Easter mysteries.**

A We have been nurtured at the holy table  
and baptized into the priesthood of Christ.

**C We offer ourselves now to the Lord of all creation  
in thanksgiving for all that God has done for us.**

P Go out from this Easter assembly  
to proclaim the mighty works of the Lord.

**C Let us bear God's creative and redeeming word  
to all the world.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SERVING OPPORTUNITIES**

### **BENEDICTION**

P May the risen Christ bring you all joy and peace in believing,  
that you may abound in hope. Almighty God, Father, + Son,  
and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

*(hymn) ELW 385*

*"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing"*

*stanzas 1, 3, 4*

**1 Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!**

**Now is the triumph of our king!**

**To all the world glad news we bring:**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**3 Praise we in songs of victory**

**that love, that life, which cannot die,**

**and sing with hearts uplifted high:**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord,**

**and sing today with one accord,**

**the life laid down, the life restored:**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Text: Cyril A. Alington, 1872-1955, alt.

## DISMISSAL

A Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

A Go in peace. Share the good news.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

“Fanfare For a Festival”

*arr. Carl Simone*

*Prayer and anointing for healing are offered today after the postlude.*

*Meet Pastor C at the baptismal font.*

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## SERVING TODAY

Pastor Foy Christopherson, *presiding*

Audrey Erickson, *assisting minister*

JoAlice Boatright, *reader*

Youth *crucifer, butterfly banner; bell trees*

Ruth Bills, *director of music & worship*

Chancel Choir

Erik Ruser, Myrna Flatland, *technology desk*

Janell Partyka, *sacristan/altar guild*

Al Erickson, Patrick Kutzer, *ushers*

Rich Feist, *bus ministry*

Doug and Linda Jones, *coffee hosts*

**Chancel flowers** this weekend are given to the glory of God.

*If you wish to donate flowers sign up in the narthex or call the church office.*

*This service is being streamed live on the internet.*

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## **SERVING OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

Contact the coordinator below to volunteer to accomplish these projects:

<b>OPPORTUNITY</b>	<b>COORDINATOR</b>	<b>DUE</b>
Roadside cleanup	Better Together	April 21, Earth Day
Dramatized 1 <sup>st</sup> reading – 2 readers	Pastor C/Ruth	Sunday, April 28 Ethiopian diplomat
Spring cleaning day		Saturday, May 4, 9 am
Dramatized 1 <sup>st</sup> reading – 3 readers	Pastor C/Ruth	Sunday, May 12 Ascension
FMSC Pack at the Park	Audrey Erickson	May 22, morning
Vacation coverage	Madeline	End of May & June 3
Salty Carmel teams	Pastor C	Sign up in narthex
MCCC Board secretary	Brenda W; C Pudney	open position
Finance team	Karen Moeller	
“Dust the wallpaper”	Steve: spring cleaning	pick a room, any room

*Lean Mean Body of Christ Machine*

*SIMPLIFY RE-CENTER OPEN UP*

*Becoming more nimble & flexible week by week*

## **Becoming the Story We Tell**

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### **GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY**

“Good Shepherd Sunday” comes each year on the fourth Sunday of Easter. This Sunday gets this nickname because the favorite image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd takes pride of place. Each year the appointed Psalm for this day is Psalm 23 – “The Lord is my shepherd...” The post-resurrection appearance stories come to an end with Good Shepherd Sunday, so in the remainder of the Easter season we will hear Jesus’ teaching us about new life with him.

In our three year cycle of Sunday Bible readings the gospel of John unfolds this image in the readings: Year A includes the gospel story (John 10:1-10) where Jesus is called the “gate” of the sheep. (The Middle Eastern shepherd slept in the gateway of the sheepfold to protect the sheep.) This year (Year B) we read the next portion of John’s gospel (John 10:11-18) where Jesus says, “I am the good shepherd” who lays down his life for the sheep. Next year (Year C) the story continues (John 10:22-33) as Jesus promises life to his sheep saying, “My sheep hear my voice. I know them and they follow me.”

The second reading also keeps the shepherd theme: *Follow the shepherd, even in suffering* (1 Peter 2:19-25), *Jesus Christ laid down his life for us* (1 John 3:15-24) and *A multitude sings before the Lamb* (Revelation 7:9-17) Well, the image flips from Jesus as shepherd to Jesus as lamb, but it’s close!

(You may have noticed that during the whole Easter season the first reading comes not from the Old Testament as usual, but from the book of Acts, as it unfolds the story of the early Christian community in the months immediately following Jesus’ resurrection.)

Favorite and familiar shepherd hymns dominate our congregational song: The King of Love My Shepherd Is; Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us; Have No Fear, Little Flock; Shepherd Me, O God; to name a few.

In our worship planning we try to make this day a Holy Baptism festival making use of the comforting and welcoming image of Jesus, tender shepherd, at the font. Jesus cares for his sheep and tenderly lays down his life for them. All belong to his sheepfold. Today is a good day to welcome them in.

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## WELCOME

**Everyone is welcome.** We are a faith community participating in the life of God, a life that is a gift to us and in which we are actively engaged. That gift compels us to be actively engaged in the neighborhoods of Northeast Minneapolis as well. We are a multigenerational community that proudly celebrates our history while joining together with younger generations to follow where God is leading. We

build our community through faith practices like prayer, dwelling in the Word and hospitality.

**Guests are welcome.** We are pleased you are worshiping with us today. If you would like more information about Mt. Carmel, please contact us at 612-781-2796, or email [pastor@mountcarmelmpls.org](mailto:pastor@mountcarmelmpls.org)

**Children are welcome** at all services. Worship bulletins for children and activity bags are available outside the sanctuary.

**Welcome to the Lord's Table.** All who come seeking Jesus are welcome at the Lord's Table. Please follow the guidance of the ushers and instructions in the order of service. During communion, ministers will bring bread and wine to you where you are seated if you require accessibility accommodation. Please inform the ushers. Communion may be received in one kind (only bread or only wine) from any station if wheat bread or alcohol presents a health concern. White grape juice is available by request at most liturgies from most communion stations.

**Welcome to the Holy Baptism.** All who come seeking Jesus are welcome to receive Holy Baptism. Please visit with any worship leader, staff member, hospitality volunteer, contact the church office, or complete an information card, indicating that you wish to be baptized. Our pastor will contact you.

### **Friends of Mt. Carmel...Stay connected**

Across the country and beyond there are many people who have a soft spot in



their heart for Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church – people who feel a connection both to the history and the ongoing mission of this congregation. If you're one of them, we invite you to join a new network of Friends of Mt. Carmel. Email [pastor@mountcarmelmpls.org](mailto:pastor@mountcarmelmpls.org) for more information or to join.

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