



## Good Shepherd Sunday

April 21, 2024

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

*Pastor Steve Resner*



**“I am the Good Shepherd.  
The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep”**

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*Divine Service 3*

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### **Welcome!**

We are happy that you are with us to hear the Word of God and His Gifts.

### **Holy Communion at Immanuel**

*This note is for guests, family, and friends who attend as visitors and have not been in table fellowship with us. We are blessed to have you in attendance with us and pray that you would seek to learn more about our practices.*

*Holy Communion is the fulfillment of the whole Service and the greatest mystery of our faith. We process to the Altar and remain standing. Upon being welcomed by the Pastor or Elder, it is proper to bow as a heartfelt worship of the God who manifests Himself in the sacred vessels of the Holy Eucharist. (It is also proper to bow before leaving the Altar.)*

*If you are not a member of the LCMS or of a church body in full, formal, fellowship with the LCMS, or have not been in table fellowship with us, we ask that you please abstain from eating and drinking the Body and Blood of Christ with us today. This is not meant in any way as a judgment on your faith, nor status as a Christian, nor a reflection upon your salvation. Rather, it merely acknowledges the real, sorrowful, schisms that persist among the various Christian denominations to this day. We pray God would end the schisms and that ALL Christians may one day have full, formal, unity. Until that day, however, this is our lamentable reality.*

*If you wish to come to the Altar for a blessing, you are most welcome to do so. Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you are not communing, but desire a blessing. The Pastor will gladly bless you with JOY in the Holy Spirit. If you desire to learn more about our practice of Holy Communion, we invite you to contact the church office to speak with the Pastor.*

### **PREPARING FOR CHURCH**

The fourth Sunday of Easter is 'Good Shepherd' Sunday. Jesus said, "I AM the Good Shepherd." In the Gospel of John, we have 7 "I AM" statements from Jesus. Each of them begins with 'I AM'. John is telling us that Jesus is the Great 'I AM' of the Old Testament. He is *Yahweh* in the flesh. But there is more to the story. In the original Greek, John uses this phrasing - *'Ego Emi'*. Each of these words are translated as 'I AM'. By doubling up, John is telling us in no uncertain terms that this Jesus is 'I AM who I AM' who is from the beginning.

Jesus is the 23rd Psalm in the flesh. He feeds us the 'green pastures' of His Word. He leads us to the 'still waters' in Holy Baptism. We walk 'through the valley of the shadow of death' as we pass from this earth to heaven. His 'rod and staff' are His Law and Gospel to teach and direct us. His 'prepared table' is Holy communion. 'Goodness and Mercy' is His love and compassion coming into the flesh to redeem us in our flesh.

## Welcome - Ringing of the Bell

### *CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION*

#### Opening Service 686 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*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** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### *SERVICE OF THE WORD*

#### Introit

I am the good shepherd.

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

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.

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

**C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.**

## Kyrie

LSB 186

**C** **Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

## Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

**P** Glory be to God on high:  
**C** **and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.  
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.  
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**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 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 23

Leader: The LORD is my shepherd.

**Women: I shall not want.**

Leader: I shall not want.

**Men: The Lord is my Shepherd.**

Leader: He makes me to lie down in green pastures.

**Women: I shall not want.**

Leader: He leads me beside the still waters.

**Men: The Lord is my Shepherd.**

Leader: He restores my soul.

**Women: I shall not want.**

Leader: He guides me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

**Men: The Lord is my shepherd.**

Leader: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

**Women: I shall not want.**

**Men: The Lord is my shepherd.**

Leader: I will fear no evil, for you are with me.

**Women: I shall not want.**

Leader: Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

**Men: The Lord is my shepherd.**

Leader: You prepare a table for me in the presence of my enemies.

**Men: The Lord is my Shepherd.**

**Women: I shall not want.**

Leader: You anoint my head with oil.

**Men: The Lord is my Shepherd.**

Leader: My cup overflows.

**Women: I shall not want.**

Leader: Surely Goodness and Mercy will follow me all the days of my life.

**Men; The Lord is my Shepherd.**

**Women: I shall not want.**

Leader: And I will dwell in the house of the Lord FOREVER!

**Women: I shall not want. I shall not want.**

**Men: The Lord is my Shepherd.**

## 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.

## Alleluia

*LSB 190*

**C** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

## Holy Gospel

*John 10:11–18*

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

**C** Glory be to Thee, 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 be to Thee, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

**Sermon Hymn 710 The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want**

**Sermon "By This We Know Love"**

*1 John 3:16*

**Offering**

## Offertory

LSB 192

- C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.  
Amen.

## Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray .... Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.  
**P** .... one God, now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

## *SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT*

### Preface

LSB 194

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spirit.  
**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** We lift them up unto the Lord.  
**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.  
**C** It is meet and right so to do.  
**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

LSB 195

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He  
that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

### Lord's Prayer

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

### The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

### Pax Domini

LSB 197

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



## Agnus Dei

198

- C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
- O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
- O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

## Distribution

**Distribution Hymns: The King of Love My Shepherd Is**

**His Mercy is More**

**This is The Feast**

**You Satisfy the Hungry Heart**

**I Am the Way and the Truth and the Life**

**The Risen Christ Doxology**

## Nunc Dimittis

199

- C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## Thanksgiving

LSB 200

- A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
- C** and His mercy endureth forever.
- A** Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.
- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And with thy spirit.

## Benedicamus

LSB 202

- A** Bless we the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

LSB 202

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.
- G** **Amen, amen, amen.**

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

Go in Peace and Serve the Lord ... **Thanks be to God!**

### *SERVING US TODAY*

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<i>Elders:</i>	<i>Troy Wolken &amp; Brad Engelbrecht</i>
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<i>Altar Guild:</i>	<i>Trish Carrender &amp; Kelly Mauzy</i>

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## OUR SHEPHERDS ARE CALLED TO...

- S** **Serve** the sheep of God's flock
- H** **Heal** the wounds of the sheep
- E** **Evangelise** and bring more to the flock
- P** **Pray** for the flock and for themselves
- H** **Hope**, and bring hope to others
- E** **Educate** the flock in the ways of Jesus
- R** **Reconcile** the sheep with God and each other
- D** **Dedicate** themselves to God and the flock
- S** **Search** for the lost sheep of God's flock

## **Sermon Notes - 4-21-24**

Where in the sermon did you hear the **Law** – bringing up the sinful nature of mankind and our need for a Savior?

Where in the sermon did you hear the **Gospel** – what God has done to free us from the troubles of the Law?

Where in the sermon did you hear the **Application** of God's Word for us – what actions should we take in response to God's grace toward us?

## Verse of the day!

2 Corinthians 12:9—"My grace is all you need, for my power is the greatest when you are weak." Psalm 73:26—"My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever." Nehemiah 8:10—"Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength

## What does this mean?

This means to us, that even in our hardest times, we can come to Jesus anytime. Jesus can fix you, and your character. Jesus proclaims he is capable of doing anything in our life. Jesus will answer our prayers in ways we may want, and in ways we might not.

## Jesus will answer

