

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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Jesus Is Trustworthy and True



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Welcome to Worship

Thank you for joining us for worship today! We are honored that you are with us. We pray that the Word of God you hear will strengthen your faith and increase your love for the Lord! Please fill out a "Welcome to Worship" card (found in the hymnal racks) and place it in an offering plate, located near the sanctuary doors, as you leave worship. If you are a guest, know that we are thankful you have joined us and hope that you will join us again soon.

Prepare for Worship

To prepare for worship, read through the service focus and the Scripture readings. Ponder the words of the Psalm of the Day. Spend time in prayer, using the prayers on the inside cover of the hymnal or on pages 255-258. For those intending to receive the Lord's Supper, read through the "Christian Questions" on pages 295-296. Consider reading through portions of the Small Catechism on pages 286-293.

Today's Focus for Worship – Jesus Is Trustworthy and True

The world is full of talkers who never put their words into action. When Jesus speaks, how do we know we can trust him? Simple. Jesus followed up his words with action. Jesus promised he would die to save us from your sin. He did. Scripture promised the Savior would rise from the dead, proving that payment for sins was complete. It happened. Jesus always does what he says. His every promise is fulfilled. Jesus is our Good Shepherd. All shepherds use words, calling to the sheep, hoping they will follow. What sets the Good Shepherd apart is that his words are followed by action, including his willingness to lay down his life for his sheep. Because he lives, we know Jesus is trustworthy and true.

Serving at Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Kenneth Rodrigue

Preacher: Pastor Kirk Lahmann

Accompanist: Allison Sorensen

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The Service

Setting Nine (Scandinavian melodies)



Opening Hymn

Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep | 551
Please stand to sing the final stanza.

Invocation

Matthew 18:20; 28:19-20

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

Confession and Absolution

Psalm 32:1-2

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie*

Matthew 15:22; 17:15; Mark 10:47

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Amen.

Glory Be to God *Gloria in Excelsis*

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

Tune: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG



1 To God on high be glo - ry and peace to all the earth,
2 O Lamb of God ex - alt - ed, you take all sin a - way;



for God has shown his fa - vor in Je - sus' ho - ly birth!
ex - tend to us your mer - cy and hear us as we pray.



Al - might-y God and Fa - ther, our hum - ble thanks we bring;
With God the Ho - ly Spir - it, at God the Fa - ther's throne,



we wor - ship you, we bless you, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
you reign, O Christ, for - ev - er, for you are Lord a - lone!

The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.



Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Acts 13:15-16a, 26-39

¹⁵After the reading from the Law and the Prophets, the leaders of the synagogue sent word to them, saying, "Brothers, if you have a word of exhortation for the people, please speak."

¹⁶Standing up, Paul motioned with his hand and said:

²⁶"Fellow children of Abraham and you God-fearing Gentiles, it is to us that this message of salvation has been sent. ²⁷The people of Jerusalem and their rulers did not recognize Jesus, yet in condemning him they fulfilled the words of the prophets that are read every Sabbath.

²⁸Though they found no proper ground for a death sentence, they asked Pilate to have him executed. ²⁹When they had carried out all that was written about him, they took him down from the cross and laid him in a tomb. ³⁰But God raised him from the dead, ³¹and for many days he was seen by those who had traveled with him from Galilee to Jerusalem. They are now his witnesses to our people.

³²"We tell you the good news: What God promised our ancestors ³³he has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising up Jesus. As it is written in the second Psalm:

"You are my son; today I have become your father."

³⁴God raised him from the dead so that he will never be subject to decay. As God has said,

"I will give you the holy and sure blessings promised to David."

³⁵So it is also stated elsewhere:

"You will not let your holy one see decay."

³⁶“Now when David had served God’s purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his ancestors and his body decayed. ³⁷But the one whom God raised from the dead did not see decay.

³⁸“Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. ³⁹Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin, a justification you were not able to obtain under the law of Moses.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

I Will Live in the House of the LORD | 23-A

Second Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰And they cried out in a loud voice:

“Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”

¹¹All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying:

“Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!”

¹³Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?”

¹⁴I answered, “Sir, you know.”

And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵Therefore,

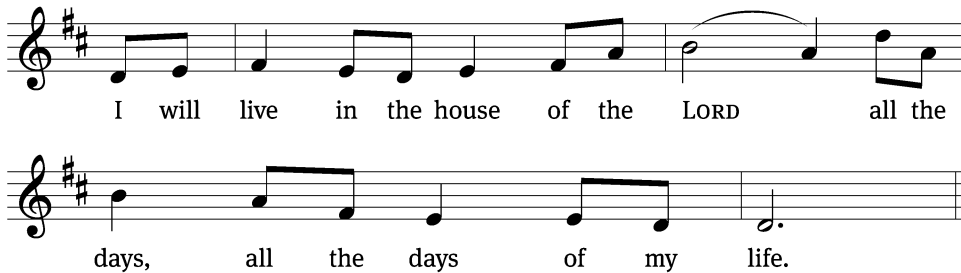
“they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them,’ nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; ‘he will lead them to springs of living water.’

‘And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel

John 10:22-30

²²Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon’s Colonnade. ²⁴The Jews who were there gathered around him, saying, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.”

²⁵Jesus answered, “I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father’s name testify about me, ²⁶but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. ²⁷My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father’s hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

The King of Love My Shepherd Is | 552

Sermon

Revelation 7:9-17

The Good Shepherd Is the Glorious Lamb

Stand

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Be seated

Anthem (8:00)

Prayer for Parents

Sung by the Preschool and Kindergarten

Thank you, Lord for Mother, for her loving, helping hand.
No matter what I say or do, she loves me as I am.
O thank you, thank you, Lord, for Mother's loving ways.
O thank you, thank you, Lord; I'll love her now and always.

Thank you, Lord, for Father, for he knows just what to do.
He watches o'er me as I grow and leads me straight to you.
O thank you, thank you, Lord, for Father's loving ways.
O thank you, thank you, Lord; I'll love him now and always.

Thank you, Lord for parents; after all is said and done,
They are your voice on earth today; they guide me in my work and play;
O bless them, Lord, in ev'ry way, for the sake of your dear Son. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Psalm 23:1, 4

Jesus, you are both our loving Shepherd and the Lamb who sits on the throne. To you be blessing and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and might forever and ever.

Lord our Shepherd, in you we lack nothing. We will fear no evil, for you are with us.

Let us hear your voice, that we are not allured by the madness of the world but follow you closely on your righteous path.

Lord our Shepherd, in you we lack nothing. We will fear no evil, for you are with us.

Bring more and more people to join that multitude that no one can count from every nation, tribe, people and language. Let your Word of salvation reach the ends of the earth through the witness of your people.

Lord our Shepherd, in you we lack nothing. We will fear no evil, for you are with us.

Shepherd those who shepherd your people. Feed them in the green pastures of your Word and refresh them in the quiet waters of your cleansing grace that they may faithfully feed and tend your lambs and sheep.

Lord our Shepherd, in you we lack nothing. We will fear no evil, for you are with us.

Like sheep we have all gone astray. Graciously forgive our sins and restore our souls by your Holy Spirit that we may remain in your Word and in steadfast faith.

Lord our Shepherd, in you we lack nothing. We will fear no evil, for you are with us.

In your great mercy wipe away every tear from the eyes of those who are sad, sick, or in the shadow of death. Spread the tent of your protection over them and assure them that no one can snatch them from your hand.

Lord our Shepherd, in you we lack nothing. We will fear no evil, for you are with us.

Our Father in heaven, from whom every family in heaven and on earth receives its name, you describe your tender comfort as being like a mother's comfort. We give you thanks for providing love and care through our mothers. Give Christian mothers strength and wisdom from your Word, that they may glorify you in all they do and be a blessing to their children.

Lord our Shepherd, in you we lack nothing. We will fear no evil, for you are with us.

Lord Jesus Christ, good Shepherd of the sheep, you came to seek the lost and gather them to your fold. Have compassion on those who have wandered from you. Feed those who hunger, bind up those who are broken in heart and strengthen those who are weak that we rely on your care, find comfort in your love and abide in your guidance all the days of our lives; for your name's sake. **Amen.**

Offering

2 Corinthians 9:7

Offerings given in thanks to the Lord are brought to the Lord's altar. We ask all worshipers to fill out a "Welcome to Worship" card (found in the hymnal racks) and place it in the offering plates at the sanctuary doors following the service.

The Sacrament

Stand



Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136:1

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy *Sanctus*

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

Tune: KUORTANE



1 Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts on high,
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How blest is Christ our King,



your ev - er - last - ing glo - ry fills earth and sea and sky."
who died as our Re - deem - er, e - ter - nal life to bring!



Our voic - es cry, "Ho - san - na!" Lord, hear our hum - ble plea:
How blest are you, Lord Je - sus, now com - ing in God's name!



in mer - cy, come and save us; in love, come set us free.
"Ho - san - na in the high - est!" our grate - ful hearts pro - claim.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Matthew 26:26

Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin.

We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law, that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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.

Words of Institution *Verba*

Matthew 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

Lamb of God *Agnus Dei*

John 1:29

Tune: NAAR MIT ÖIE



1 Dear-est Je-sus, lov-ing Sav-ior, Christ, who takes all sin a-way,
2 Dear-est Je-sus, lov-ing Sav-ior, Christ, who takes all sin a-way,



Lamb of God, the world's Re-deem-er, hear us as we hum-bly pray:
Lamb of God, the world's Re-deem-er, hear us as we hum-bly pray:



in our dire and des-p'rate need, for your mer-cy, Lord, we plead.
let your mer-cy still in-crease; grant us par-don, grant us peace.

Be seated

Holy Communion Distribution

St. John's Lutheran Church practices Close Communion. We ask that only members of St. John's, or members of a church in fellowship with St. John's, come forward for Communion. Our pastoral staff would be happy to set up a time to discuss this, and any teaching of Scripture, with you.

Distribution Hymns

The Lord's My Shepherd; I'll Not Want | 555
Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness | 573
Alleluia! Jesus Lives | 455
The Day of Resurrection | 450

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Good Shepherd, let us hear your voice. Hold us tight in the palm of your hand and lead us on.
Wipe every tear from our eyes and take us at last to your Father's house forever; you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Blessing *Aaronic Benediction*

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.
Amen.

Be seated

Closing Hymn

I Am Jesus' Little Lamb | 804

