

Welcome to Worship at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER—APRIL 25, 2021

11:00 A.M.

INTRODUCTION

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 sibling in need.

— GATHERING —

WELCOME & WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adorn your sacred space with flowers and other beautiful signs of life.

SABBATH REFLECTION “Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed” –Getty/Getty/Cash
Rachel Thornton, soloist; Helen Weiss Phelps, piano

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

ENTRANCE HYMN "Come, People of the Risen King" –Getty/ Getty/ Townend

VERSE

1. Come, peo - ple of the ris - en King, who de - light to bring Him
 2. Come, those whose joy is Morn - ing Sun, and those weep - ing through the
 3. Come, young and old from ev - 'ry land, men and wo - men of the

4
 praise; come all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morn - ing Star of
 night; come, those who tell of bat - tles won, and those strug - gling in the
 8
 faith; come, those with full or emp - ty hands, find the rich - es of His
 grace. From the shift - ing shad - ows of the earth, we will lift our eyes to
 fight. For His per - fect love will nev - er change, and His mer - cies nev - er
 12
 grace. O - ver all the world His peo - ple sing, shore to shore we hear them
 Him, where stead - y arms of mer - cy reach to gath - er chil - dren
 cease, but fol - low us through all our days with the cer - tain hope of
 call the truth that cries through ev - 'ry age: "Our God is all in

16
CHORUS
 in. Re - joice, re - joice! Let ev - 'ry tongue re - joice! One heart, one
 peace.
 all!"

22
 1., 2. Back to VERSE 3. Back to CHORUS
 voice; O Church of Christ, re - joice! voice; O Church of Christ, re - joice Re -

28
 4. Song Ending
 voice; O Church of Christ, re - joice! _____

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GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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. Amen.

—WORD—

CHILDREN'S HOMILY

FIRST READING: 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 can proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.

⁵The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let 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. ¹¹This Jesus is

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

¹²There 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.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 23 *(read responsively)*

¹The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

SECOND READING: 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.

¹⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How 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?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And 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. ²⁴All 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.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “Be Not Afraid”

ELW # 388

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

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BE NOT AFRAID

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GOSPEL: 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 St. John, the 10th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

[Jesus said:] ¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The 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. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired

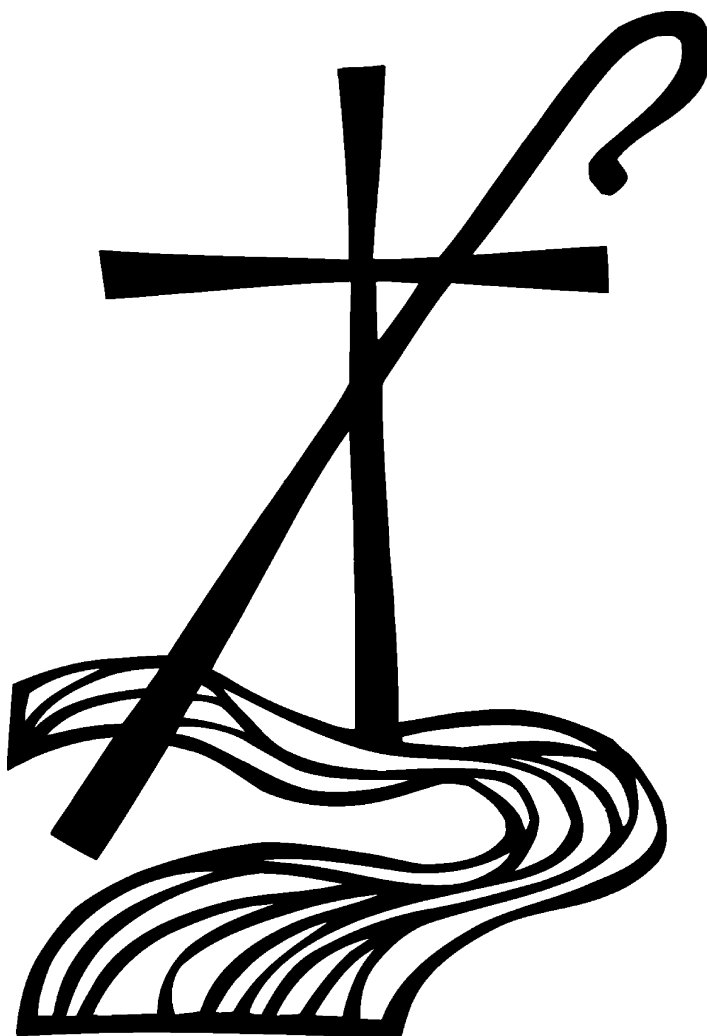
hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No 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.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY

Pastor Stephen Friedrich



SONG OF THE DAY "Forever Reign"

-Jason Ingram, Reuben Morgan

VERSE

1. You are good, You are good, when there's noth-ing good in me. You are
 2. You are peace, You are peace, when my fear is cri-p-pl-ing. You are
 love, You are love, on dis-play for all to see. You are light, You are light, when the
 true, You are true, e-ven in my wan-der-ing. You are joy, You are joy, You're the
 dark-ness clos-es in. You are hope, You are hope, You have cov-ered all my sin. —
 rea-son that I sing. You are life, You are life, in You death has lost its sting. —

9 1. Back to VERSE 2 2. to CHORUS **CHORUS**

2. You are Oh, I'm run-ning to Your
 arms, I'm run-ning to Your arms; the rich-es of Your love will al-ways be e-
 nough. Noth-ing com-pares — to Your em-brace; — Light of the world,
 — for-ev-er reign. — *end 2nd time* 3. You are more, You are more, than my
 words will ev-er say. "You are Lord, You are Lord!" all cre-a-tion will proclaim. You are
 here, You are here, in Your pres-ence I'm made whole. You are God, You are God, of all
 else I'm let-ting go. *back to CHORUS*

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APOSTLES' CREED

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With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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.**

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

—THANKSGIVING—

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MUSICAL OFFERING "Lamb of God (Your Only Son)"

– setting, T Crawford

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

A brief silence.

Loving Shepherd, you know your own and your own know you. Your voice calls us to your loving embrace. Strengthen your church throughout the world that we bear witness to your expansive love.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Gracious Shepherd, you are generous with the gifts of goodness and mercy. Today we rejoice with all of our young people who receive your gift of Holy Communion. Strengthen them through your body and blood to love you and to love their neighbors as themselves.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Hope-giving Shepherd, the nations and peoples are your heritage. Place into the hearts of all leaders and rulers the passion to serve. Crucify any desire to overpower others and give leaders joy in lifting up the lowly.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Abiding Shepherd, your love flows as we reach out to those around us. Move us with your Spirit, so that we lay down our lives for those in need. Help us love one another in truth and action.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Saving Shepherd, you restore us to wholeness. Help our community in our life together and give us vigor as a people of faith. In the midst of challenges and opportunities, fill us anew with you Holy Spirit.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Eternal Shepherd, you hold us securely in your loving hands. In the assurance of resurrection hope, we remember our loved ones who have died in you. Bring us, with them, to dwell in your house forever.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**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**

— SENDING —

MISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

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 give you peace.

In the name of the Father, ✝ the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

SENDING SONG "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

ELW # 367



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
set heart and will on things a - bove that we
and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE “Now the Green Blade Rises”

-setting Tom Crawford



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