



*FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER-GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY*

## **“THE SHEPHERD KNOWS”**

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8AM & 9:30AM SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2021 IN THE UPPER SANCTUARY  
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL  
WAUSAU, WISCONSIN

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**FOCUS** Of all the animals that could have been used to portray humanity, does it feel strange to be called a sheep? After all, it is not the most honorable creature. There are no defense mechanisms to escape a predator, no intimidating roar, and limited ability to fend for one’s self when it comes to seeking nourishment, water, and safety. Yet these things reveal the point we are called to understand. It may not be good to be a sheep on our own, but it is great to be a sheep with a Good Shepherd to care for the flock. Jesus is our perfect shepherd who protects and defends, feeds and nourishes, leads and provides all we need in this body and life. Together as His flock, we are blessed to follow Him as by His Word and Means of Grace He leads us to streams of living water and paths of righteousness for His name’s sake.

## PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

## RINGING of the BELLS

## WELCOME

## OPENING HYMN

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

LSB 791



1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, Sing to the  
2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; With - out our  
3 O en - ter then His gates with praise; Ap - proach with  
4 For why? The Lord our God is good: His mer - cy  
5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, The God whom



Lord with cheer - ful voice. Him serve with mirth, His  
aid He did us make. We are His folk, He  
joy His courts un - to. Praise, laud, and bless His  
is for - ev - er - sure. His truth at all times  
heav'n and earth a - dore, From us and from the



praise forth - tell; Come ye be - fore Him and re - joice.  
doth us feed, And for His sheep He doth us take.  
name al - ways, For it is seem - ly so to do.  
firm - ly stood And shall from age to age en - dure.  
an - gel host Be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.

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## INVOCATION

- L** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## OPENING SENTENCES

*1 John 3:16a, 24; John 10:11, adapted*

- L** Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**C** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**  
**L** By this we know love,  
**C** **that He laid down His life for us.**  
**L** "I am the good shepherd," says the Lord.  
**C** **The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.**  
**L** Whoever keeps His commandments abides in God, and God in him.  
**C** **And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.**

## Confession and Absolution

- L** Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd, we confess to You that we have been ungrateful for all You give us to sustain our bodies and lives.  
**C** **Forgive us, Good Shepherd.**  
**L** Like sheep, we are distracted and tend to wander and scatter. We forget who we are as baptized children of God and fail to respond to Your shepherding in our lives.  
**C** **Forgive us, Good Shepherd.**  
**L** We confess that in difficult times of life, we sometimes struggle to be confident in Your presence and protection, seeking to find our own comfort.  
**C** **Forgive us, Good Shepherd.**  
**L** As we journey through this sinful world, we overlook the goodness and mercy that flow into our lives from You.

**C** Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

**L** Jesus, our Good Shepherd, hears our cries and says to us, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep." Receive the forgiveness won for You through Christ's laying down His life and rising from death in victory. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## HYMN of PRAISE

### "Have No Fear, Little Flock"

LSB 735



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; Have no fear, lit - tle  
2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; Have good cheer, lit - tle  
3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; Praise the Lord high a -  
4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; Thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, For the Fa - ther has cho - sen To  
flock, For the Fa - ther will keep you In  
bove, For He stoops down to heal you, Up -  
God, For He stays close be - side you, In



give you the King - dom; Have no fear, lit - tle flock!  
His love for - ev - er; Have good cheer, lit - tle flock!  
lift and re - store you; Praise the Lord high a - bove!  
all things works with you; Thank - ful hearts raise to God!

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## SALUTATION and PRAYER of the DAY

**L** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**L** 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.



**Amen.**

## Service of the Word

### OLD TESTAMENT

*Acts 4:1-12*

*(Peter and John witness before the council.)*

And 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.”



This is the Word of the Lord.



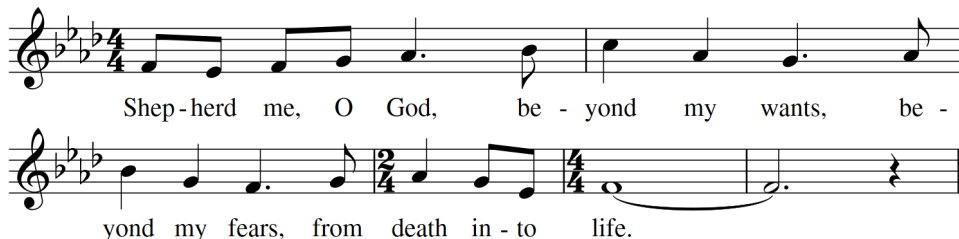
**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 23

### “Shepherd Me, O God”

Haugen

Please join in singing the refrain as indicated.



#### **Soloist/Ensemble:**

1. *God is my Shepherd, so nothing shall I want, I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love, I walk by the quiet waters of peace. (Refrain)*
2. *Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul, You lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth, My spirit shall sing the music of Your name. (Refrain)*
3. *Though I should wander the valley of death, I fear no evil, for You are at my side, Your rod and Your staff, my comfort and my hope. (Refrain)*
4. *You have set me a banquet of love, In the face of hatred, Crowning me with love beyond my power to hold. (Refrain)*
5. *Surely your kindness and mercy follow me, All the days of my life, I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore. (Refrain)*

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## EPISTLE

1 John 3:16-24

(Love one Another)

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”<sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.<sup>18</sup> Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.<sup>19</sup> And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.<sup>20</sup> For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.<sup>21</sup> But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”<sup>22</sup> After this Jesus and his disciples went into the Judean countryside, and he remained there with them and was baptizing.<sup>23</sup> John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because

water was plentiful there, and people were coming and being baptized<sup>24</sup> (for John had not yet been put in prison).

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## HYMN of RESPONSE

### “I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”

LSB 740



1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at  
2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my  
3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the



heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,  
staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,  
Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,



Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry  
In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He  
By His an - gel host at - tend - ed, He shall fold me



day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.  
bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.  
to His breast, There with - in His arms to rest.

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## HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:11-18

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

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

*(Jesus the Good Shepherd)*

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.”

**L** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## A SPECIAL MESSAGE for the CHILDREN

### HYMN of the DAY “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

LSB 709



All: 1. The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose  
 Women: 2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My  
 Choir: 3. Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But  
 Men: 4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill With



good - ness fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
 ran - somed soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant  
 yet in love He sought me And on His shoul - der  
 Thee, dear Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
 gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.  
 com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

All 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth;  
 And, oh, what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth!

All 6 And so through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never;  
 Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise, Within Thy house forever!



## APOSTLES' CREED

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYER of the CHURCH

**L** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd who laid down His life for us out of love. Help us to hear Your voice, follow where You lead, and receive what You provide through Your grace and mercy

**C** **Good Shepherd and Lord, hear our prayer.**

**L** For the times we fear our enemies and the powers against us, remind us that we belong to You and no one can snatch us from Your hand. We bring before You the part of Your flock here in this place and others whom we love in their time of need, [*especially* . . .]. Carry them as lambs in a shepherd's arms through the difficult paths ahead. Give us wisdom to know the faithful path we are to take, and shepherd us through every trial, trouble, and temptation.

**C** **Good Shepherd and Lord, hear our prayer.**

**L** Give us courage that we not live in captivity to our fears; guide those who lead us in this and every land; provide peace, justice, and freedom for people everywhere. In our busy days, give us time to reflect upon the goodness of God and to experience joy in the security and peace You provide us, that we find contentment and peace in You.

**C** **Good Shepherd and Lord, hear our prayer.**

**L** Protect and defend the members of our armed forces and the public workers who keep our communities safe. Defend us from our enemies, and teach us to rely on Your provision, the true protector of us all.

**C** **Good Shepherd and Lord, hear our prayer.**

**L** Help us so that we do not forget those in need but share with all what You have entrusted to us and to display the kind of love shown and known that has no end.

**C** **Good Shepherd and Lord, hear our prayer.**

**L** In the hope of new life in You, O Christ, our Good Shepherd, we raise our prayers, trusting in Your never-ending mercy and love and praying as You have taught us,

## **The 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.

## **BENEDICTION**

**L** Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

**C** **Amen.**

**L** 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.

**C** **Amen.**

## **DISMISSAL**

**L** Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**C** **He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

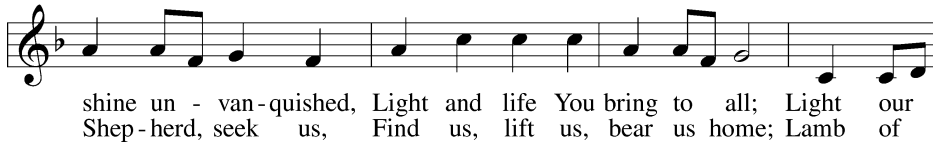
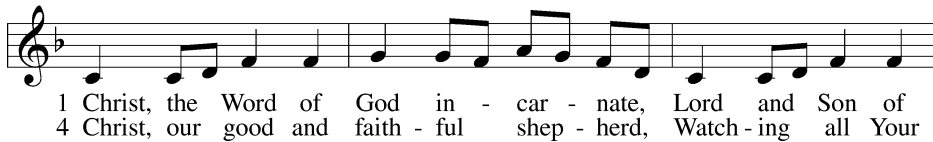
**L** Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord!

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

## CLOSING HYMN

### “Christ, the Word of God Incarnate”

LSB 540 vs.1,4,6



- 6 Christ, the Alpha and Omega, Christ, the firstborn from the dead,  
Christ, the life and resurrection, Christ, the Church's glorious head:  
Praise and thanks and adoration, And unending worship be  
To the Father and the Spirit, And to You eternally.

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## POSTLUDE

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**PRESIDING MINISTER:** *Rev. Zach J. Holdorf, Senior Pastor*

**LITURGIST:** *Rev. Timothy D. Smith, Associate Pastor*

**ORGANIST:** *Mr. Matthew Hoehne, Director of Music*

**MUSICIANS:** *Bekah Hoehne, flute; Terry Knoll, guitar; Jenna Hansen, oboe & the Sanctuary Choir*

**ELDERS:** *8am—Troy Pagel; 9:30am—Skyler Lynn*

**ACOLYTES:** *8am—; 9:30am—Keyton Laszewski*

**TECH:** *8am—; 9:30am—Brianna Laszewski*

## WELCOME TO TRINITY!

Your presence is very special to us. May your faith be strengthened and your life enriched as you join us in worship to God!

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### TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES IN THE UPPER SANCTUARY—

8am & 9:30am Sunday

### BLENDED WORSHIP SERVICES IN THE UPPER SANCTUARY—

5pm Saturday & 11am Sunday

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- **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**—Holy Communion is celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month in the Upper Sanctuary. We invite those who have been instructed in the teachings of the Evangelical Lutheran Church to receive the Sacrament of the Altar. Others are asked to speak with a pastor before receiving the Sacrament. *Gluten free wafers are available upon request.*
- **LARGE PRINT**—large print copies of the bulletin are available on the table in the Narthex or you may ask the usher for one.
- **CHILDREN'S BULLETINS**—for ages 3-6 & 7-12 years, are available on the table in the Narthex.
- **NURSERY**—for children ages 3 & under. The upper level nursery is located near the Church Lounge on Sundays. *Please Note: The upper level nursery will be unstaffed unless volunteers are available.*
- **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**—Sunday School is available for children 4 years old through 6th Grade at 9:30am on Sunday mornings during the school year. Christian Education courses for adults and young adults are held at 9:30am on Sunday mornings & various times throughout the week during the school year. Trinity is committed to Christian Education through the 4K-8th grade School, our Childcare (infant through 13 years), and through our association with Wisconsin Valley Lutheran High School.
- **ELEVATOR**—is located next to the nursery on the upper level. On the lower level the elevator is located across from Classroom #101, which is past the offices. Use as needed.
- **RESTROOMS**—Narthex level across from the Library, lower level next to the elevator.
- **JOINING TRINITY**—We invite you to become part of this Christian community! If interested in membership, please speak with an elder or pastor, and we will contact you.

### MISSION STATEMENT:

*To gather people who grow in faith and share Jesus with all.*

### VISION STATEMENT:

*To strive to be a mature and faithful congregation that is focused on our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.*