



*Welcome to*

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"In Nomine Iesu"

## ***Fourth Sunday of Easter***

Sunday, April 30, 2023

**WELCOME** - The Father has loved the Son, and the Son has loved all people, making a home for us with Him in the Father's love. Dwelling in the Father's love by faith in Jesus, we keep His commandments. As we come to realize that we are loved by God, we discover that keeping His commandments is not burdensome, but a joy. Jesus' word of promise fills us with joy. He has chosen us to be His fruitbearing friends who love people the way He does. Alleluia!

**Everyone**, both guests and members, are asked to fill out the attendance card found in the pew rack and place it in the basket on the table or hand it to an usher as you leave the service.

In the celebration of Holy Communion we joyfully receive the true body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine. Since this is also a sign of our common confession of faith, we welcome to the Lord's Supper all those who are presently confirmed members of congregations of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. If you wish to commune for the first time at St. Paul's, please speak to Pastor before the service.

**Pre-service Music**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship ~ Ringing of the Bells**

### **The Order of Worship**

Lutheran Service Book –  
Divine Service Four with Communion

## Hymn of Invocation

*“Crown Him with Many Crowns”*

LSB #525

### Invocation *(please stand)*

- P In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**

### Confession and Absolution

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
C **who made heaven and earth.**
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord,  
who could stand?  
C **But with You there is forgiveness;  
therefore You are feared.**
- P Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in  
prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our  
Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first  
consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one  
another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed,  
and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition.  
Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite  
mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for  
the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a  
sinner.
- C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our  
sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you  
and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and  
ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I  
therefore 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** *Ps. 95:1-3, 6-7a; antiphon: John 10:14, 15a*

P I am the good shepherd.

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

P Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

C **let us make a joyful noise  
to the rock of our salvation!**

P Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

C **let us make a joyful noise to him  
with songs of praise!**

P For the LORD is a great God,

C **and a great King above all gods.**

P Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

C **let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!**

P For he is our God,

C **and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.**

All **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the  
Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and  
will be forever. Amen.**

P I am the good shepherd.

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

## Kyrie



Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## Gloria in Excelsis



- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## Salutation

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## Collect of the Day

**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.

*(be seated)*

**First Reading***Acts 2:42-47*

<sup>42</sup> And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup> And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup> And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup> And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle***1 Peter 2:19-25*

<sup>19</sup> For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup> For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. <sup>21</sup> For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup> He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup> When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup> He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup> For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Alleluia and Verse (*please stand*)



The musical score is written on four staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. Below the first staff, the lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." are written. The second staff continues the melody with similar note values. Below it, the lyrics "These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that" are written. The third staff continues the melody. Below it, the lyrics "Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God." are written. The fourth staff concludes the melody. Below it, the lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." are written. The score ends with a double bar line.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that  
Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*John 10:1-10*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup> “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup> But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup> This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup> So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup> I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Nicene Creed**

**All** 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 of the world to come. Amen.

*(be seated)*

## **Children's Message**

### **Hymn of the Day**

*"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"*

LSB #709

### **Sermon**

### **Presentation of the Offering & Musical Offering**



## Prayers of the Church

(After each portion of the prayers)

P Lord, in your mercy, **C hear our prayer.**

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs:

P All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

**C Amen.**

## Service of the Sacrament

**Preface** (*please stand*)

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

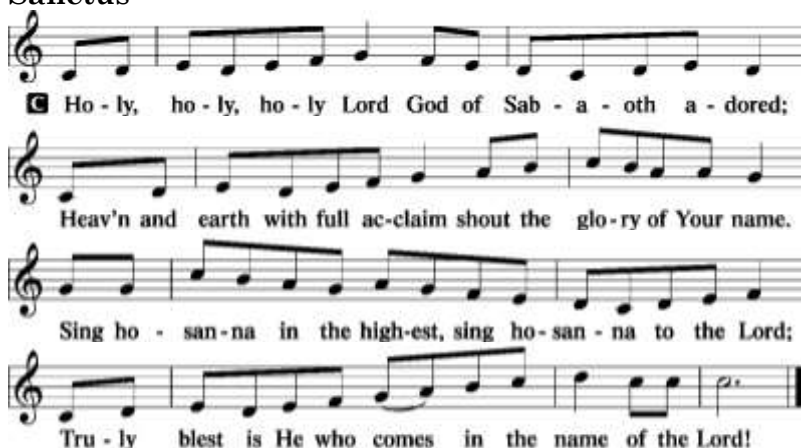
**C We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and proper that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

## Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;  
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

P Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

All **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.

## The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: *“Take, eat; this is My (+) body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”*

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: *“Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My (+) blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”*

## Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

## Agnus Dei

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 You take the sin of the world a - way;  
 You take the sin of the world a - way;  
 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

## Distribution *(be seated)*

*(All members of our St. Paul's family are invited to meet the Lord in this Sacrament. When at the table, please indicate your preference of common or individual cup.*

*The CENTER RING of the individual communion cup tray contains white grape juice. The OUTER RINGS contain red wine. Gluten free wafers are available from a communion assistant.)*

## Distribution Hymns

*"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"*

LSB #641

*"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

LSB #711

## Nunc Dimittis *(please stand)*

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in lead the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

### **Post-Communion Collect**

P 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 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.**

### **Benedicamus**

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### **Benediction**

P 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.**

**Closing Hymn**      *“Have No Fear, Little Flock”*      LSB #735

*(be seated)*

**Silent Prayer**

**Postlude**

“Soli Deo Gloria”

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