

Mosaic depicting Christ as the Good Shepherd, Mausoleum of Galla Placidia, Ravenna, Italy, 425-450

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Divine Service 3

April 21, 2024

Scripture of the Day

Acts 4:1–12 1 John 3:16–24 John 10:11–18

A Prayer before Worship

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

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Prelude: KOMMT HER ZU MIR ("O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe"), J. Behnke

Please stand and face the Processional Cross.



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Confession and Absolution

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.
- Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]
- 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.

 [Hebrews 10:22]
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

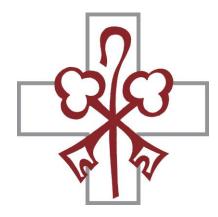
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

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

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- 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.
- 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.

 [John 20:19-23]
- C Amen.



+ Service of the Word +

Introit Psalm 23; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b



- P 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;*

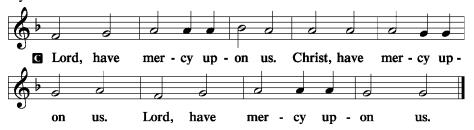
 I | shall not want.
- He makes me lie down in green | pastures.*

 He leads me beside still | waters.
- He re- | stores 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 for- | ever.
- Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
 and to the Holy | Spirit;
 as it was in the be- | ginning,*
 is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
- I am the good | shepherd.*

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

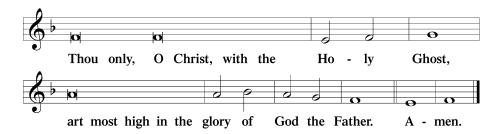
Kyrie Mark 10:47



Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29





Salutation and Collect of the Day



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.

2 Timothy 4:22



Sit

The First Reading Acts 4:1–12

¹As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ²greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand. ⁵On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high

priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷And when they had set them in the 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 being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰let 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. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹²And 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.

Choral Anthem (11:00): "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb", T. Beck

The Epistle Reading 1 John 3:16-24

¹⁶By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷But 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? ¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

¹⁹By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²²and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And 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. ²⁴Whoever 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.

Stand

Alleluia



The Holy Gospel John 10:11–18

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



¹¹[Jesus said:] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He 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. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing 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. ¹⁶And 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. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸No 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.





Stained glass depicting Jesus Christ as the Good Shepherd, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Arnold, MO

Nicene Creed

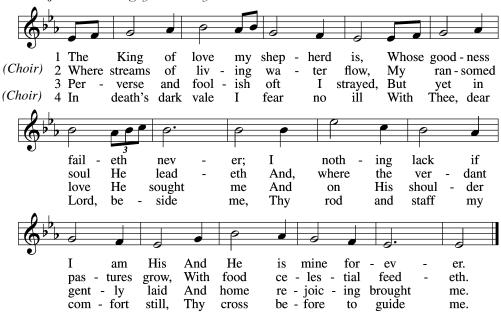
C I believe in one God,	Deuteronomy 6:4, Isaiah 44:6
the Father Almighty,	Matthew 6:9; Exodus 6:3
maker of heaven and earth	Genesis 1:1; John 1:1
and of all things visible and invisible.	Colossians 1:16
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,	Romans 10:9
the only-begotten Son of God,	John 3:16; Matthew 16:16
begotten of His Father before all worlds,	John 1:2
God of God, Light of Light	John 17:22; John 8:12; John 1:1
very God of very God,	Colossians 2:9
begotten, not made,	John 1:2
being of one substance with the Father,	John 10:30
by whom all things were made;	Hebrews 1:2; John 1:3
Who for us men and for our salvation	Matthew 20:28; Galatians 4:4-5
came down from heaven	John 3:13, John 6:38
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary	Luke 1:34-35
and was made man;	John 1:14
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.	Mark 15:25; John 19:16-18
He suffered and was buried.	John 19:1-3; Luke 23:53
And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures	1 Corinthians 15:4; Luke 24:6
and ascended into heaven	Acts 1:9
and sits at the right hand of the Father.	Acts 7:55
And He will come again with glory	Matthew 26:64
to judge both the living and the dead,	Acts 10:42; Matthew 3:12
Whose kingdom will have no end.	2 Peter 1:11
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,	John 14:26; Genesis 1:2; Acts 2:38
the Lord and giver of life,	Titus 3:5; 1 Corinthians 12:3
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,	John 15:26
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and	glorified, Mt. 3:16-17; Lk. 2:14
Who spoke by the prophets.	Ezekiel 11:5; 2 Peter 1:20-21
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,	1 Peter 2:5; Ephesians 2:19-22
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,	Ephesians 4:5, Acts 2:38
And I look for the resurrection of the dead 1 Corinthian	ns 15:35-49; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
and the life $+$ of the world to come.	Isaiah 65:17-19; Revelation 21:1-4
Amen.	Psalm 106:48

Please remain standing for the Hymn of the Day.

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Hymn of the Day: The King of Love My Shepherd Is

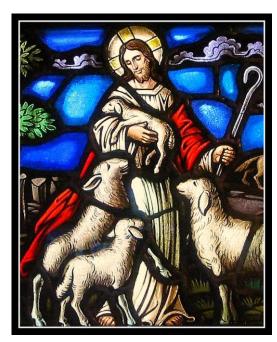
Stanzas 2 and 4 sung by Choir only at 11:00



- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth; And, oh, what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth!
- And so through all the length of days
 Thy goodness faileth never;
 Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
 Within Thy house forever!

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–77 Tune: Irish, c. 18th cent. Text and tune: Public domain

Sit



Sermon Rev. Emmett Bartens

Stand

Prayer of the Church

- **P** Lord, in your mercy.
- C Hear our prayer.

Thank you for continuing to support the Lord's Work here at Bethany. Offering plates are available at the back of the sanctuary, or consider giving through the Vanco Mobile app or online at www.bethanylcs.org.

Psalm 51:10-12

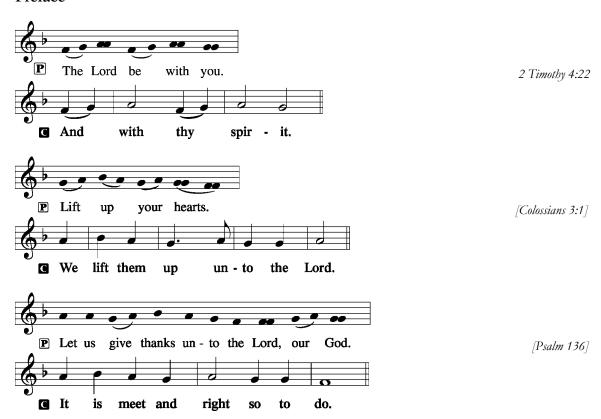


+ Service of the Sacrament +

About Receiving the Lord's Supper at Bethany

As we receive the Lord's Holy Supper according to His institution, we receive the salvation, forgiveness, and life eternal won for us on the cross. Also, we believe that when a person communes at an altar, one confesses unity with the teachings of that church. Therefore, if you are not in fellowship with the teaching of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, we ask that you refrain from communion until you have had opportunity to speak with one of the pastors about Christ's bodily presence and the forgiveness of sins given in this meal. However, all are welcome to receive a blessing, for the forgiveness of Jesus is still yours. Please indicate this as your intention by crossing your arms over your chest when the pastor comes by.

Preface



P It is truly meet, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



■ Ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

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.



The Words of Our Lord

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

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 H 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 John 20:19



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



Agnus Dei John 1:29



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A Prayer for Right Reception of the Lord's Supper

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Distribution Hymn: The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

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Distribution Hymn: Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread



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Thanksgiving after Receiving the Sacrament

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Dismissal

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart

 → in peace.
- C Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32









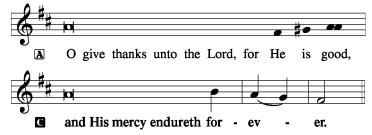






Thanksgiving

Psalm 107:1



Post-Communion Collect

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.



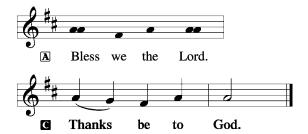
Salutation and Benedicamus



P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

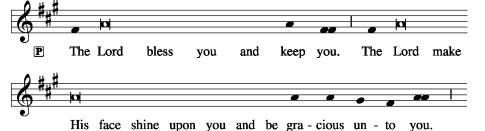




[Psalm 103:1]

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26



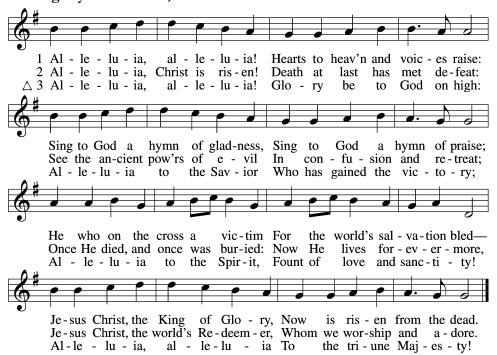


The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.





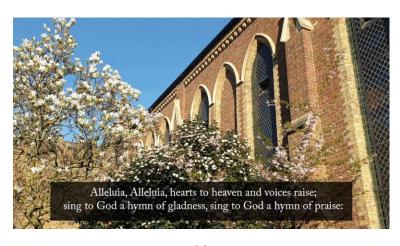
Closing Hymn: Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven



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Postlude: HYMN TO JOY ("Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"), M. Costello



A Prayer after Worship

Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in faith until, with all Your saints, I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Those Serving You Today

8:30

Preacher and Celebrant: Rev. Emmett Bartens **Assisting Pastor:** Rev. Stephen Schumacher

Organist: Kantor Jonathan Swett

Live Stream Techs: James Blasius and Rick Krock

Acolytes: Jonah Swett, Brooklynn Lugay

Sacristans: David Brouch, Rich Fick, Rick Krock, Troy Parlier **Ushers:** Brent Hawley, Tim Olson, Rich Tatara, Rich Witkowski

Communion Care: Gertrude Bartha

11:00

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Organist: Kantor Jonathan Swett Musical Ensemble: Schola Cantorum Acolytes: Annie Campbell, Kenny Fox

Sacristans: Tye Fox, Lee Juckett, Tom Mueller, Bill Quinn Ushers: Chad Baganz, Bill Cade, Chris Koenig, JJ Stehle

Communion Care: Ashly Koenig

The flowers adorning our Lord's altar today are placed to the glory of our Triune God by Jody and Renee Porras in celebration of their daughter Marilyn's 20th birthday.





Why do we worship on Sunday?

Do you remember on what day Jesus rose from the dead? On what day did Jesus appear to His disciples on the road to Emmaus? If you guessed Sunday, you are right! The Early Church gathered on Sunday because it

directed our attention to Jesus' resurrection from the dead.
Many other miraculous events in the early Christian Church, such as Pentecost, happened on Sunday.



When did Christians begin gathering together for worship on Sundays?

We know from the Bible that during Paul's lifetime Christians met on Sunday to hear God's Word and celebrate Holy Communion (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:2). Though Christians in different regions of the world sometimes worshipped on different days, by A.D. 325 most Christians worshipped on Sunday because they considered it "the Lord's Day." Wow, what a great tradition we share with our Christian ancestors!



Parents: In the Early Church, Christians used different terms for their day of worship such as "First Day" or "Eighth Day." The label "the Lord's Day" stands out as the most significant title chosen by the Church. Direct your children to the significance in having a particular day set aside for receiving God's wonderful gifts through Word and Sacrament.



Prayers

For comfort, health, and recovery:

- Eric Burnell, for continued progress and strength
- Aiden Goldbeck, infant heart and neurological issues
- Isaac Keller, continued recovery
- Beth Kile, broken femur and hip
- Lydia Florez, coworker to Diane Campbell, broken hip and wrist
- Elizabeth Hildahl, mother to Amy Schumacher, vertigo
- Anne Holtz, aunt to Linda Landry, cancer

Those who are shut in or in need of ongoing care:

Roger and Charlene Fiene, Marilyn Groth, Bruce Janken, Solomon Robert, Nancy Skibinski, Chuck and Monika Werner, David and Ann Zielke

Mothers with child:

Jaimie Bartens, Rachael Skudlarek, Hannah Baker (daughter to Dennis and Ina Johnson), Ashling Kraft (daughter-in-law to Mike and Janet Kraft), Brittany Linnemeyer (daughter-in-law to Donna Linnemeyer), Kelli Lynch (niece to Sue Sreniawski), Sierra Meyer (niece to Grant Baganz), Kirsten Renn (daughter to Sherry Gendel), Brooke Schmidt (niece to Becky McBroom), Erika Vignos (daughter to Richard and Janet Galloway)

Those who serve in the Armed Forces and their families:

Quinn Parlier, Jacob Wilson, Andrew Bear (nephew to Beth Hawley), Matthew and Michael Hinze (sons to Don Hinze), Peter Johnson (son to Dennis and Ina Johnson), Savanna Lugay (daughter to Joe and Bethany Lugay), Conor L. McGavern (nephew to Becky McBroom), Aaron Mock (nephew to Debbie Kokaska), Kyle G. Schmidt (nephew to Becky McBroom), Scott Slown (husband to Jennifer Slown), Nicholas Camm-Williams (friend to Nada Salvino)

A Note on the Prayers of the Church: On the 1st weekend of the month, we pray for those celebrating a wedding anniversary. On the 2nd, we pray for those we know in the Armed Forces (by name). On 3rd, we pray for those in long-term or ongoing care and our shut-ins (by name). On the 4th, we pray for mothers with child. If you have someone you would like to have remembered in the prayers, please leave the name with the church office or send an email to: office@bethanylcs.org. Names on the prayer list will be updated each week and removed after approximately four weeks, unless the office is otherwise notified. We will renew prayers when requested.

This Week at Bethany

- April 23, 1:00pm Bible Reading Group
- April 23, 3:40pm Schola Cantorum Rehearsal
- April 23, 7:00pm Voters Board
- April 24, 9:00am Ladies' LifeLight
- April 24, 11:00am Midweek Divine Service
- April 24, 7:30pm Praises Ring! Rehearsal
- April 25, 7:00pm 20something
- April 25, 7:00pm Evening LifeLight
- April 25, 7:00pm Proclaim Rehearsal
- April 26, 12:00pm Knitters and Crafts Group

Looking Further Ahead

- April 28, 8:30am and 11:00am Divine Service
- April 28, 10:00am Bible Study, Sunday School, and Confirmation Class
- April 30, 7:00pm Board of Finance
- May 2, 9:00am Bethany Guild
- May 4, 8:00am Men's Bible Breakfast

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