

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 7, 2017

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Divine Service III LSB pages 184-202

L = Liturgist * = Stand C = Congregation

PRELUDE 8:00 & 10:30 Bells of Peace

Fanfare Flourish
My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

Ron Mallory
Arr: Douglas E. Wagner
Susan Geschke

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN OF INVOCATION**

The Lord's My Shepherd

LSB 710

1. **The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want; He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me The quiet waters by.**
2. **My soul He doth restore again And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness, E'en for His own name's sake.**
3. **Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod And staff me comfort still.**
4. **My table Thou hast furnishèd In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint, And my cup overflows.**
5. **Goodness and mercy, all my life, Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forevermore My dwelling-place shall be.**

***INVOCATION AND GENERAL CONFESSION**

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **✠ Amen.**

L: Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb. (Rev. 7:10)

C: **Those in white robes have come out of the great tribulation; they washed their robes and made them white, in the blood of the Lamb. (7:14)**

L: In repentant faith, we come before our Lord in confession.

C: **Almighty God, we confess that we are sinful by nature. We have sinned in our selfish thoughts, our hurtful words and our unloving actions. We have been like sheep who have gone astray. We have sought refreshment outside of the living waters. We have followed our own paths, not the paths of righteousness. For the sake of Jesus, make us clean. Forgive us our sins. Give us eternal life. Amen.**

***THE ABSOLUTION**

C: **✠ Amen.**

***THE GLORIA PATRI** (Taken from LSB, page 186)

C: **✠ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

***THE KYRIE**

C: **✠ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

***THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **✠ And with thy spirit.**

L: Let us pray.

C: **✠ Amen.**

THE FIRST READING for the fourth Sunday of Easter is from Acts 2:42-47, page 911:

⁴²And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising 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.**

THE EPISTLE is from 1 Peter 2:19-25, page 1015:

¹⁹For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰For 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. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³When 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. ²⁴He 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. ²⁵For 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.

***ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

C: **✠ Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

***THE HOLY GOSPEL** - The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter, verses 1-10, page 896:

C: **✠ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹"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. ²But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **✠ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

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.

CHILDREN'S SONG

I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

(8:00 & 10:30)

(Sung as the children come forward)

- I am Jesus' little lamb, Ever glad at heart I am;
For my Shepherd gently guides me,
Knows my need, and well provides me,
Loves me every day the same, Even calls me by my name.**

SERMON HYMN

The Lord My Shepherd Is

TLH 426

1. **The Lord my Shepherd is, I shall be well supplied.
Since He is mine and I am His, What can I want beside?**
2. **He leads me to the place Where heav'nly pasture grows,
Where living waters gently pass And full salvation flows.**
3. **If e'er I go astray, He doth my soul reclaim
And guides me in His own right way For His most holy name.**
4. **While He affords His aid, I cannot yield to fear;
Though I should walk through death's dark shade, My Shepherd's with me there.**
5. **Amid surrounding foes He dost my table spread;
My cup with blessing overflows, And joy exalts my head.**
6. **The bounties of Thy love Shall crown my foll'wing days,
Nor from Thy house will I remove Nor cease to speak Thy praise.**

THE SERMON

"The Shepherd and His Sheep"

(John 10:1-10)

THE OFFERING - *During the offering all worshipers are asked to fill out the blue or ivory cards found in the pew rack. They will be collected immediately after the offering.*

VOLUNTARY 8:00 & 10:30 Bells of Peace

Sheep May Safely Graze

J.S. Bach

*THE OFFERTORY LSB page 192

✠ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

*PRAYER

L: O Shepherd of Israel, you lead your people like a flock.

C: You make us lie down in green pastures; you lead us beside the still waters; you restore our soul.

L: All of us were like sheep who had gone astray, turning to our own ways.

C: You lead us in the paths of righteousness for your name's sake.

L: From death you raised our Lord Jesus, the Great Shepherd of the sheep.

C: Even in the valley of darkest shadows, your rod and staff provide comfort.

L: "Have no fear, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom."

C: At your table we are secure; our heads are anointed, our cups overflow.

L: The Lamb at the center of the throne will be our Shepherd, to wipe away every tear from our eyes.

C: And we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*THE LORD'S PRAYER (Found in the back cover of the hymnal)

*THE BENEDICTION

L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: ✠ Amen, amen, amen.

***THE CLOSING HYMN**

This is the Day the Lord Has Made

LSB 903

1. **This is the day the Lord has made; He calls the hours His own.
Let heav'n rejoice, let earth be glad And praise surround the throne.**
2. **Today He rose and left the dead, And Satan's empire fell;
Today the saints His triumphs spread And all His wonders tell.**
3. **Hosanna in the highest strains The Church on earth can raise.
The highest heav'ns, in which He reigns, Shall give Him nobler praise.**

***SILENT PRAYER**

POSTLUDE 8:00 & 10:30 Bells of Peace

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Jon C. Furgeson Liturgist: Pastor Dennis A. Kastens
Organist: 5:00 & 9:20: Alice Kastens; 8:00 & 10:30: Burnell Hackman
Choir Dir.: Burnell Hackman, DMM
KFUO 850 AM Broadcaster/Engineer: Dean Seyfert/Alan Hopfer

NEWS AND NOTES:

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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TODAY'S EDUCATION HOUR: 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

Adult Bible Class (Lower Commons): Augsburg Confession

Bible Study for 18 - 25 Year Olds (Former Sanctuary Overflow Room):

Discussions led by group members with mentors present.

Women's Bible Class (Office Conf. Rm.): led by Janice McCreary

Youth Bible Class: led by Christina Stackle, DCE

8th Grade: Rick Goodman & Mike Renner

7th Grade: Greg Wirtel & Louise Oster

PLEASE SILENCE ALL CELL PHONES.

HEARING ASSIST TRANSMITTERS are available from the ushers. Ear pieces are available although we suggest you bring your own.

FOOD & DRINK consumption should be kept inside the Gym.

ALTAR FLOWERS are from Paul and Verna Beck in honor of their 62nd wedding anniversary.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES are currently on Sundays, 6:00-8:00 p.m., having begun April 30. It is not too late to enroll. Sessions are in the Office Conference Room. Welcome.

VOTERS' ASSEMBLY 7:00 p.m. tomorrow, May 8.

PARENTAL MEETING of next year's 7th-8th Grade Confirmation students, Tues., May 9, 6:30p.m. Youth and parents will be introduced to curriculum materials, carpool arrangements, and class sessions, held Wednesdays, beginning August 23. (Sermon notebooks will be handed out enabling the 7th and 8th graders to begin taking notes effective May 14.)

GRADUATING? Names of those graduating from college, high school, elementary and other schools needed. A listing to appear in the next newsletter.

ST. TRINITY CEMETERY BOARD has an opening for a Director - someone with good communication and organizational skills who can manage assigned projects and other duties as necessary. If interested or have questions, contact Bruce Goldsmith, Chm.

GROCERY BAGS distributed today for Feed My People drive on Mother's Day.

CANDIDATE Stephen/Karen Fair is assigned to Our Redeemer - Lake City, Florida; VICAR David Edwards is assigned to St. Luke's - Oviedo, Florida; and VICAR Kyle/Krista Weeks to Our Savior - Lansing, Michigan.

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PRESCHOOL CLOSING "Graduation Program" is Tuesday, May 16, 6:30 p.m. for Mrs. Mathany's Classes of 3- and 4-year-olds.

PEACE LADIES GUILD next meeting will be Thursday, May 18, at The Port of Call Restaurant in Kimmswick. Meet at church at 11:30 to carpool. Lunch will be at 12 noon. Please contact Helen Hellwege by Monday, May 15 for your reservation. All ladies are welcome.

BOY SCOUT MEMORIAL FLAG CEREMONY Thursday, May 25, 7:00 pm at St. Trinity Cemetery. All members of the congregation, and especially our veterans, are invited to attend.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - July 10-14, 9a.m. - 12p.m. We are looking forward to Mighty Fortress adventures this year as we explore our faith in Christ! Registration is now open for children age 3 through going into 4th grade. Early registration is appreciated as we move forward with preparations. Go to www.peacelutheranstl.org. We look forward to seeing you there!

YOUTH NEWS: High School Seniors please RSVP to Christina by Sunday, May 14 if you plan to attend the High School Graduation Reception held on Sunday, May 21 at 9:15 a.m. in the Youth Room.

SUMMER CAMP FOR SCHOOL-AGERS begins May 30, 6a.m. - 6p.m., for ages 5-12. Youth will enjoy sports, crafts, and field trips. All meals included. For information and a tour, call Sue Velten, 892-8844.

SURVIVING SPOUSES BREAKFAST Join other spouses the 2nd Thursday of every month at Bob Evans, S. Lindbergh, at 9:00 a.m. for fellowship. We will be meeting this Thursday, May 11. No need to RSVP - just show up!

LHS-S CHOIR CONCERT at Kuhlmann Center on May 14, 7:00 p.m. Posted.

MINISTERIAL FORMATION Jesus said, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." (Matt. 9:37-38) Of the 33,399 students (2016/17) currently enrolled in our synod's Concordia University System's ten campuses, the number of students in church work programs totals 1,461. Within this number are 140 students (freshmen through seniors) preparing for future enrollment in our St. Louis, Fort Wayne, and Ontario Concordia Seminaries. Consequently, because of this low number, the enrollment at these seminaries is also down. The number of residential students in the programs leading to pastoral ministry at Concordia Seminary (i.e. the MDiv degree program and the alternate route option) is significantly down from what it was even 12 years ago. In 2004/05, the total number of St. Louis Concordia Seminary students was 725. Today it is 230. It is daunting for young men to envision 20 years of schooling (studying Greek and Hebrew in a challenging liberal arts curriculum) in preparation for the office of the holy ministry. Fervently pray that God directs and provides capable young men to consider such for the furtherance of His Kingdom.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF MAY 7, 2017:

Today: 11:30 Youth Board
11:45 Life Ministry Team
6:00 Adult Inquiry
Mon: 4:45 Youth Handbell Rehearsal
7:00 Voters' Assembly
7:00 Boy Scout Troop 584

Tue: 9:00 Quilters
6:30 Jr. Confirmation Parent Meeting
7:00 Eagle Board of Review
Wed: 7:00 Wednesday Bible Study
7:00 Bells of Peace
8:00 Orchestra of Peace
Thu: 9:00 Mary/Martha
5:30 ESL Sports
6:30 ESL Classes
6:30 St. Trinity Cemetery Board
7:00 Chancel Choir
Sat: 5:00 DS I w/Communion
Sun: 6:00 Adult Inquiry