



Blessed Redeemer Lutheran Church

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Fourth Sunday of Easter **April 25th, 2021**



Confirmation

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Logan Mortenson

Payton Hendricks

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HOLY COMMUNION IS CELEBRATED AT OUR 9 AM SERVICE

Oneness at communion presupposes oneness in doctrine. For this reason we practice close communion, and ask guests desiring to commune to speak with the pastor before the service. To those communicants with dietary needs we offer gluten free wafers.

AS WE GATHER

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.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

WORDS OF WELCOME

Elder of the Day

OPENING HYMN

"The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done"

LSB 464

INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: In the name of the Father, ✠ the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: **Alleluia!** Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: By this we know love,

People: that He laid down His life for us.

Pastor: "I am the good shepherd," says the Lord.

People: The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.

Pastor: Whoever keeps His commandments abides in God, and God in him.

People: And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures.

People: 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. Forgive us, Good Shepherd.

Pastor: He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

People: **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. Forgive us, Good Shepherd.**

Pastor: 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.

People: **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. Forgive us, Good Shepherd.**

Pastor: 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 forever.

People: **As we journey through this sinful world, we overlook the goodness and mercy that flow into our lives from You. Forgive us, Good Shepherd.**

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen. Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.
Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep,

People: **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;**

Pastor: through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING

Acts 4:1-12

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM ~ *Read Responsively (Sat Evening Only)*

Psalm 23

EPISTLE

1 John 3:16-24

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10th chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

GOSPEL READING

John 10:11-18

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

RITE OF CONFIRMATION *(9am Sunday Service Only)*

LSB page 272

SERMON HYMN

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

LSB 711

SERMON

“A Bold Confession”

Acts 4:1-12

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. You are the Good Shepherd who laid down His life for us out of love.

People: **Help us to hear Your voice, follow where You lead, and receive what You provide through Your grace and mercy.**

Pastor: 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.

People: **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.**

Pastor: Protect and defend the members of our armed forces and the public workers who keep our communities safe.

People: **Defend us from our enemies, and teach us to rely on Your provision, the true protector of us all.**

Pastor: Help us to not forget those in need but remind us to share all the Lord has entrusted to us and to display the kind of love shown and known that has no end; let us pray to the Lord.

People: **May we always recall the saints of old, who put their trust in the Lord, that we also be found faithful when He returns in glory.**

Pastor: During 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 the Lord the part of Your flock 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 all wisdom to know the faithful path we are to take, and shepherd us through every trial, trouble, and temptation; let us pray to the Lord.

People: Good Shepherd and Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: (Special Petitions ending in...“Lord, in Your mercy,”),

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

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****5:30PM SATURDAY SERVICE****

HYMN

“Feed My Lambs”

CCS 73

Words & Music by: Lana Gibbons Copyright 1992 Lana Gibbons, Marengo Illinois

**Chorus: “Feed My lambs, feed My lambs” that’s what Jesus did say.
“Feed My lambs, feed My lambs, feed them My love today.
Feed them hope, feed them joy. Feed them wisdom from above.
If you love Me, feed My lambs with My love.”**

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| 1. Teach them all that He’s done to give them life. Teach them Jesus in all you do. Teach them how they are loved and how they should live. Teach them Jesus loves me and He loves you. (Chorus) | 3. Tell them how He’s their Friend and holds their hands. Tell them He’s there in day and night. Tell them He lights their way and shows what to do. Tell them shine for Him, little Gospel light. (Chorus) |
| 2. Show them all that He does to care for them. Show them Jesus so they can see. Show them how they must love and worship His name. Show them how He first loved you and me. (Chorus) | 4. Feed them all they will need to grow up strong. Feed them food that our shepherd does give. Feed them God’s saving grace and wisdom for life. Feed His lambs so in heaven they will live. (Chorus) |

If you love Me, feed My lambs with My Love.

LUTHER’S EVENING PRAYER

LSB 284

All: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Hevan”

LSB 477



****9AM SUNDAY SERVICE****

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD’S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION

*****The Confirmands and their families will commune first at the altar rail. *****

*****The congregation will receive the Lord’s Supper in “Continuous Line” fashion following them. *****

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

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If you love Me, feed My lambs with My Love.

HYMN

“Fear Not”

CCS 72

By: Lana Gibbons

1. Fear not, all my children, for I will always stay in all of your tomorrows, and I'm with you today.
Fear not, all my children, I'll always be with you in ev'ry moment of your life in ev'rything you do.

**Chorus: For I love you this much my arms are opened wide,
for I love you this much I bled for you and died.
For I love you this much there's nothing you can do
to take away the love that I have for ev'ry one of you.**

2. Fear not, all my children, don't ever be dismayed,
for all your pain and sorrows, the price has all been paid.
Fear not, all my children, courageous ever strong,
for I'll not fail you or forsake you all your whole life long.

Chorus

3. Fear not, all my children, I won't leave you alone,
I will prepare a mansion, right at my Father's throne.
Fear not, all my children, I'll rise up from the dead,
I am God's Son; the vict'ry's won, remember what I've said:

Chorus

To take away the love that I have for ev'ry one of you.

HYMN	<i>“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”</i>	LSB 710
HYMN	<i>“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”</i>	LSB 709
HYMN	<i>“Alleluia, Jesus Is Risen”</i>	LSB 474

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd, that You have fed us with Your own body and blood, which You freely gave up for us by Your perfect love for Your flock. We pray that by this gift our faith be strengthened and we be enabled to live for Your glory as we faithfully follow where You lead. Grant that others be brought into Your flock as Your Spirit works within us, who with You and the Father are one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN	<i>“Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”</i>	LSB 477
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OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

5:30 PM WORSHIP

Rick Melius
Elder
Sarah Peterson
Organist

9:00 AM WORSHIP

Alan Carlson
Ron Stimpson
Elders
James Peterson
Ryley McKeown
Acolytes
Sarah Peterson
Organist

Mike Beyer
Congregational Chairman
Rick Melius
Head Elder

