



Grace

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*Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church! We are brothers and sisters in Christ who are about
“Proclaiming God’s grace through faith and love.”*

*If you are a visitor, please make yourself at home and don’t hesitate to ask a question. There will be the celebration of Holy Communion in the **10:30a.m. service** today. If you are not a member of Grace and desire to commune, please speak with the pastor **before the service**. If you are physically unable to commune at the altar, the pastor would be happy to serve you in your pew. Please, notify an usher before the service begins.*

You can follow the whole service here in this folder as well as on the displays. Some parts of the service will be found in the burgundy “Lutheran Service Book” hymnals in the pew back.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 8, 2022

Today in Worship

- Many people in the world are deaf to God’s presence and certainly to His Word. Some people refused to believe when they physically met Jesus, as in today’s Gospel. Paul had to warn church leaders that opposition might even come from within, from wolves in sheep’s clothing. But by the grace of God in Scripture, we hear our Good Shepherd speaking to us about His grace and mercy. John’s vision of the Lamb’s eternal victory lets us hear the eternal praises of saints and angels in heaven. Today is an opportunity to tell one another in word and song about our faith, asking our brothers and sisters if they also are hearing all the good news about our Shepherd. We leave to ask our friends and neighbors the same question. What joy when they may say with us, “The Lord is my shepherd too!”

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome

Opening Hymn

Lutheran Service Book #475

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing”

Invocation & Opening Sentences

Ps. 23:1, 6b; Rev. 7:17

P In the name of the Father and of the **✠** Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P The LORD is my shepherd;

C I shall not want.

P For the Lamb in the midst of the throne

C will be their shepherd,

P and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

C And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Confession & Absolution

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P Lord, our God,

C we confess that we have strayed from hearing the voice of Your Son, our Shepherd, who went through death to eternal life for us. We have failed to trust in You fully. We have sinned in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Forgive us and renew in us faith and trust. Grant us to hear anew our Shepherd's voice and to follow wherever He leads, until we see Him with You in Your eternal house.

P Fellow sheep within Christ's fold, our Lord Jesus was God's sacrificial Lamb and has gone through death, paying for the sins of all people, and He now reigns in eternity. Therefore, in His stead and by His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Psalm 23

P The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

C He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

- P** He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- C** **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.**
- P** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- C** **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Hymn of Praise

Lutheran Service Book #740
 "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

2 Timothy 4:22

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- 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.**

First Reading

Acts 20:17-35

"Paul commends the word of grace to the church overseers as they care for the flock."

- L** The First Reading for the 4th Sunday of Easter is from Acts, chapter 20.

¹⁷ Now from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. ¹⁸ And when they came to him, he said to them:

"You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, ¹⁹ serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰ how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, ²¹ testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. ²² And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³ except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await

me. ²⁴ But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

²⁵ And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. ²⁶ Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all, ²⁷ for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸ Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹ I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰ and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹ Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. ³² And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³ I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴ You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵ In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Handbell Anthem

"Shepherd's Peace" arranged by Sandra Eithun

Second Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

"On the heavenly throne, John sees the Lamb who has conquered death and become the Shepherd."

L The Second Reading is from Revelation, chapter seven.

⁹ After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹ And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,

¹² saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” ¹⁴ I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ “Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷ For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia Verse

Romans 6:9; John 10:14

P Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;

C **death no longer has dominion over Him.**

P I am the good shepherd.

C **I know My own and My own know Me. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

John 10:22-30

“Jesus affirms that no one following His voice can be snatched from Him. He and the Father are one.”

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

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

²² At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.”

²⁵ Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep.

²⁷ My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Message for Children from God’s Word

Hymn of the Day

Lutheran Service Book #709
“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

Sermon

8:00 Service

The Nicene Creed

10:30 Service

The Apostles Creed

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Responses after each petition:

P ...let us pray to the Lord

C Lord, have mercy.

The prayers conclude:

P All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Offering

“You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.” – Psalm 23:5

We encourage you to place your offering in the dropbox in the narthex before service. When the usher brings the offering forward at this time you may also hold it up and place it in the plate as the usher walks by. Please also use this time for prayer and reflection upon what we have heard from the Lord’s Word this morning.

Offertory

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8:00 a.m. Service

Lord’s Prayer

The Closing Prayer

P Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, we give thanks for the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation we have received this day. Keep us strong in the faith that nothing shall separate us from You as we follow our Good Shepherd, who has led the way to the heavenly pastures; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C Amen.

Easter Acclamation

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

P The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Preface

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Sanctus *“Holy, Holy, Holy”*

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Pax Domini *“The Peace of Our Lord”*

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Agnus Dei *“Lamb of God”*

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Distribution Hymns

“He’s Risen He’s Risen”

Lutheran Service Book # 480

“The Lamb”

Lutheran Service Book # 547

“What Is This Bread”

Lutheran Service Book # 629

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Announcements

Closing Hymn

“A Prayer for our Mothers”

Tune: Edelweiss

1. Lord of life, Lord of love, Walk forever beside her.
Day by day, Show the way, Be Thou her vision to guide her.
Striving to follow Thy noble plan,
Nothing can, divide her.
Lord of life, Lord of love, Walk forever beside her!
2. Lord of life, Lord of love, Every morning you greet her.
Through the day, on her way, you are with her to keep her.
Here in this world will she live for Thee,
Live for Thee forever.
Take her life, fill her life, use her life, Lord Jesus.

This concludes the 10:30 a.m. Service

*Want to write some notes down?
This page is free for you.*

OPENING HYMN -- “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing” – LSB #475

1. Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!

Now is the triumph of our King!

To all the world glad news we bring:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2. The Lord of life is ris’n this day;

Bring flow’rs of song to strew His way;

Let all the world rejoice and say:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3. Praise we in songs of victory

That love, that life which cannot die,

And sing with hearts uplifted high:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4. Your name we bless, O risen Lord,

And sing today with one accord

The life laid down, the life restored:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

HYMN OF PRAISE -- “I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb” – LSB #740

1. 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 ev’ry day the same, Even calls me by my name.

2. Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my staff and stay.

When I hunger, Jesus feeds me, Into pleasant pastures leads me;

When I thirst, He bids me go Where the quiet waters flow.

3. Who so happy as I am, Even now the Shepherd’s lamb?

And when my short life is ended, By His angel host attended,

He shall fold me to His breast, There within His arms to rest.

HYMN OF THE DAY -- "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" – LSB #709

1. The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever.

2. Where streams of living water flow,
My ransomed soul He leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.

3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid
And home rejoicing brought me.

4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.

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

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

DISTRIBUTION HYMN -- "He's Risen, He's Risen" – LSB #480

1. He's risen, He's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
He opened death's prison, the incarnate, true Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song
And earth, sea, and mountain their praises prolong.

2. The foe was triumphant when on Calvary
The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.
In Satan's domain did the hosts shout and jeer,
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.

3. But short was their triumph; the Savior arose,
And death, hell, and Satan He vanquished, His foes.
The conquering Lord lifts His banner on high;
He lives, yes, He lives, and will nevermore die.

4. O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.
For all our transgressions His blood does atone;
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are His own.

Δ 5. Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:
With Father and Spirit He ever shall reign.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN -- "The Lamb" – LSB #547

1. The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price! *refrain*

Refrain

**Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

2. The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing. *refrain*

3. The Lamb, the Lamb, As wayward sheep their shepherd kill
So still, His will On our behalf the Law to fill. *refrain*

4. He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness. *refrain*

5. He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now overflows.
His song prolong Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. *refrain*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN -- "What Is This Bread" – LSB #629

1. What is this bread?

Christ's body risen from the dead:
This bread we break,
This life we take,
Was crushed to pay for our release.
O taste and see—the Lord is peace.

2. What is this wine?

The blood of Jesus shed for mine;
The cup of grace
Brings His embrace
Of life and love until I sing!
O taste and see—the Lord is King.

3. So who am I,

That I should live and He should die
Under the rod?
My God, my God,
Why have You not forsaken me?
O taste and see—the Lord is free.

4. Yet is God here?

Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,
In mouth and soul
He makes us whole—
Christ, truly present in this meal.
O taste and see—the Lord is real.

5. Is this for me?

I am forgiven and set free!
I do believe
That I receive
His very body and His blood.
O taste and see—the Lord is good.