

10:00 WORSHIP
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 30, 2023

Prelude

Announcements

Please stand

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

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

C: Amen

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

Opening Hymn

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

LBW 328

vs 1,2,3,4

Greeting and Response—Psalm 8

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: O LORD, our Lord,

C: how majestic is your name in all the earth!

P: You have set your glory above the heavens.

C: Out of the mouth of babies and infants,

P: you have established strength because of your foes,

C: to still the enemy and the avenger.

P: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,

C: the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

P: what is man that you are mindful of him,

C: and the son of man that you care for him?

P: Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings

C: and crowned him with glory and honor.

P: You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;

C: you have put all things under his feet,

P: all sheep and oxen,

C: and also the beasts of the field,

P: the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,

C: whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

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Prayer of the Day *“God of all power, you called from death our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep. Send us as shepherds to rescue the lost, to heal the injured, and to feed one another with knowledge and understanding; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.” Amen*

Praise Song

“Blessed Assurance”

BOB 24

Children’s Message

“Feed My Lambs” chorus only

BOB 55

Puppet Skit—The Greatest Super Hero!

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:19-25

For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. “He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.” When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. “He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.” For “you were like sheep going astray,” but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Please stand

Verse

“Alleluia”

LBW p. 62

The **Holy Gospel** according to John, the 10th chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord

“Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his

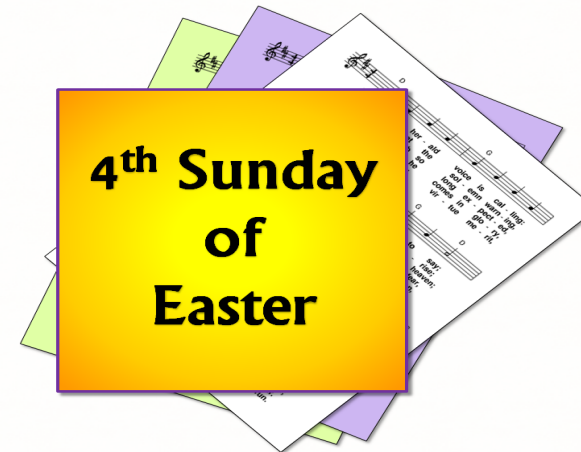
own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them. Therefore Jesus said again, "Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father." The Jews who heard these words were again divided. Many of them said, "He is demon-possessed and raving mad. Why listen to him?" But others said, "These are not the sayings of a man possessed by a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?"

P: The Gospel of the Lord
 C: Praise to you, O Christ

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| Sermon | | |
| Sermon Hymn | <i>"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"</i> | LBW 456 |
| Please stand | | |
| Apostle's Creed | | p. 65 |
| Offering Hymn | <i>"I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus"</i> vs. 1,2 | LBW 460 |
| Prayers of the Church | | |
| Lord's Prayer | | p. 71 |
| Please stand | | |
| Benediction | | |
| Closing Hymn | <i>"Because He Lives"</i> | RED 238 |

P: He is Risen!
 C: He is Risen Indeed!

Pianist: Kristi Seehafer
 Lector: Sandy Christensen



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