FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Order of Worship – 9:00 AM

AS WE GATHER – Jesus the Good Shepherd is the familiar theme of the Fourth Sunday of Easter. He is our Good Shepherd because He lays down His life for us. We are His sheep because we hear His voice, and by the power of the Spirit, we recognize His voice and rejoice in Him. He knows us, and we know Him. That is our comfort and our hope. As we find peace in the words of Psalm 23, so do we find hope in its fulfillment in Christ. He shows us the Father, He gives us eternal life, and He keeps us safe in the face of all our enemies.

PRESERVICE MUSIC “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”
[Please fill out prayer request cards.]

OPENING HYMN The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want
[LSB 710]

1. The Lord’s my shepherd, I’ll not want; He makes me
   down to lie
   lead - eth me
   The qui - et wa - ters by.

2. My soul He doth re - store a - gain And me to
   In pas - tures green; He
   righ - teous - ness, E’en for His own name’s sake.

3. Yea, though I walk in death’s dark vale, Yet will I
   With - in the paths of
   and Thy rod And staff me com - fort still.

4. My ta - ble Thou hast fur - nished In pres - ence
   fear no ill; For Thou art with me,
   oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver -flows.

5. Good - ness and mer - cy all my life Shall sure - ly
   of my foes; My head Thou dost with
   ev - er - more My dwell - ing place shall be.
INVOCATION
P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. C Amen.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS
P We all, like sheep, have gone astray;
C each of us has turned to his own way.
P But the Lord has laid on Jesus the iniquity of us all. He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross,
C so we might die to sin and live for righteousness.

Silence for reflection and examination

P Let us confess our sins to God our Father:
C I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.
P Almighty God has had mercy upon you and has given His only Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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. May He who began this good work in you bring it to completion at the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. C Amen.

INTROIT
P I am the good shepherd.
C I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.
P He chose David his servant and took him from the sheepfolds;
C from following the nursing ewes he brought him to shepherd Jacob his people, Israel his inheritance.
P With upright heart he shepherded them
C and guided them with his skillful hand.
P But we your people, the sheep of your pasture, will give thanks to you forever;
C from generation to generation we will recount your praise.
All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
P I am the good shepherd.
C I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

HYMN OF PRAISE Heavenly Hosts in Ceaseless Worship LSB 949

1 Heav’n-ly hosts in cease-less wor-ship “Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly” cry;
2 All cre-a-tion, all re-dem-p-tion, Join to sing the Sav-i-or’s worth;

“He who is, who was and will be, God Al-might-y, Lord Most High.”
Lamb of God, whose blood has bought us, Kings and priests, to reign on earth.

2
Praise and hon-or, pow’r and glo-ry, Be to Him who reigns a-lone!
Wealth and wis-dom, pow’r and glo-ry, Hon-or, might, do-min-ion, praise,

We, with all His hands have fash-ioned, Fall be-fore the Fa-ther’s throne.
Now be His from all His crea-tures And to ev-er-last-ing days!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Let us pray.
All: 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. Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you.
P Let us share this peace with one another.
(People greet one another saying: "Peace be with you. And also with you.")

FIRST LESSON

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

L This is the Word of the Lord.  C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

L This is the Word of the Lord.  C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE

Rom. 6:9; John 10:14
All: Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:22–30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.
C Glory to You, O Lord.
(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.  C Praise to You, O Christ.
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

[Prayer requests will be collected at this time.]

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 for ever.
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 spreadest 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!

SERMON

"A VISION IN HD"

Revelation 7:9-17

I. St. John's Revelation has some visions that are terrifying.
II. The vision in our text shows us that the Lamb will shepherd His people to heaven.

APOSTLE'S 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 there 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.

OFFERING / CHORAL SELECTION

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"
1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us; Much we need Your tender care. In Your pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Your fold prepare.

2 We are Yours; in love befriend us, Be the guardian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin de-fend us, Seek us when we go astray.

3 You have promised to receive us, Poor and sinful though we be; You have mercy to releive us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.

4 Early let us seek Your favor; Early let us do Your will; Blessed Lord and only Savior, With Your love our spirits fill.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours. Blessed Jesus, Hear us children when we pray. Blessed Jesus, Let us turn to You. Blessed Jesus, You have loved us, love us still.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us come before the Lamb and His throne and bring to Him the prayers of all His people and everyone according to their needs. Shepherd of love, You have delivered us from our sins and from the power of death and made us Your people forever. Give to us Your Spirit that we know the fullness of Your goodness now until we know Your joy forever in heaven. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.
Deliver us from all our enemies, keep us in safe amid the dangers and terrors of this mortal life, and bring us to everlasting life through Christ, our Good Shepherd. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Give wisdom to those who lead us in this land, peace to the nations, courage to pursue justice for all people, and protection for those who protect and defend us. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Wipe every tear from Your people, and give to the sick and those who suffer in mind or body healing, comfort, strength, and patience according to Your gracious will, [especially ...]. Give peace to the dying, and comfort the grieving in their sorrow and loss. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Help us to use wisely and well all the resources You freely and graciously bestow upon us, and direct our hearts to return to You the worship of lips that proclaim the name of Your Son before the world and lives that reflect His goodness, love, and mercy. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God, forever and ever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

O Lord Jesus Christ, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

BENEDICTION

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

Amen.

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

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God.
CLOSING HYMN

Now May He Who from the Dead

BUCKLAND

Leighton G. Hayne, 1836–83

John Newton, 1725–1807

1 Now may He who from the dead
   Brought the Shep-herd
2 May He teach us to ful-fill
   What is pleas-ing
3 To that dear Re-deem-er’s praise,
   Who the cov-’nant

of the sheep, Je-sus Christ, our King and Head,
in His sight, Per-fect us in all His will,
sealed with blood, Let our hearts and voic-es raise

All our souls in safe-ty keep!
And pre-serve us day and night!
Loud thanks-giv-ings to our God.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

“He Is Risen”

by R. M. Stults

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THE LUTHERAN HOUR MESSAGE
KOA 850 AM: Sunday @ 6:00 AM

May 19: “Up Close and Personal”; Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
  You can’t get to know a person from a distance. The same is true for knowing God. (John 15:25-16:4)