

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**21 April 2024**  
**Good Shepherd Sunday**

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**+ HOLY COMMUNION – SETTING ONE +**

*It is appropriate to stand during prayer and when receiving the Eucharist during the Easter Season. The Easter emphasis is on justification: "Because of what God has done in Christ through the cross and resurrection, I am justified and can stand before him."*

**ORGAN PRELUDE** "Rhosymedre" Ralph Vaughn Williams

**GATHERING** Pg. 94

**P** Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

**C** His mercy endures for ever.

**CATECHETIC MOMENT**

**DISMISSAL TO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** Pg. 94

**GATHERING HYMN**

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing **No. 385**

**GREETING AND KYRIE** Pg. 98

**HYMN OF PRAISE** This is the Feast Pg. 101

P We pray. O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

#### First Lesson                      Acts 4:5-12

The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;  
it has become the cornerstone.’

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23    *Sung as* The King of Love My Shepherd Is    **No. 502**

#### SECOND LESSON                      1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn

us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

A The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Alleluia

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*Please stand as you are able.*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** **John 10:11-18**

[Jesus said:] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own 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 do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

I know That My Redeemer Lives! (verses 1-4 and 8) **No. 619**

**NICENE CREED**

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**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** *Please stand as you are able.*

A Rejoicing in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we pray for the witness of the church, the wholeness of creation, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence*

A Bless all who shepherd your sheep and guide them in their serving. We pray for church custodians, office managers, Sunday school teachers, confirmation leaders, baptismal sponsors, deacons, pastors, youth workers, and bishops. This week especially Pastor Don Bolstad. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Restore natural environments damaged by our hands. We pray for river valleys and grassy plains, coral reefs and arctic ice, mountains, deserts, and marshlands. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Protect and guide first responders. Bring mercy and justice with their presence. We pray for military personnel, firefighters, paramedics, and police officers, and for disaster relief and crisis intervention teams. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Heal and renew all who ache for a better tomorrow. We pray for the unemployed and underemployed, the forgotten, the nameless, and the outcasts; for our enemies; and for our loved ones. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Give to all who are restless, reckless, or uncertain the peace you promise that is deeper and richer than anything we can imagine. We pray for all who live with chronic pain, who live with anxiety, and who are ill or hospitalized. Especially Bruce Beamer, Anna Berwanger, Simret Bogale, Chrystine Cuch, Mariette Erasmus, Adeline Erick, Norma Gummo, Dolores Hollowell, Donna Harbor, Eleanora Lahoda, Fay Larsen, Jean McCowan, Mark Mutschlechner, Bruce and Judith Nagel, Ruby Panser, Joyce Rasmussen, David Sr. and Joan Richardson, Laurena Schnell, Vern Schnell, Rose Sinclair, Sam Skogen, Katherine Wellman, those we name aloud ... and those we carry in our hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

*(Here other intercessions may be offered)*

A For those who serve in the holy catholic Church:

- for Bishop Susan Johnson, National Bishop of the ELCIC, and for the National Church staff
- for the Southwestern Area Leadership Team, pastors, people and Rev. Dr. Tim Wray, Dean,
- for our Synod Campus Ministries and especially for Rev. Craig Wentland, Chaplain for University of Alberta, Augustana Campus, Camrose
- for our synod's parish workers and youth workers
- for Our Saviour Lutheran, Edmonton, and St. John Lutheran, Edmonton
- for those planning Area Gatherings
- for Good Shepherd Congregation, Socota, Colombia
- for the bishops, priests, and people of the Church of Finland
- for the Calgary and Edmonton District Council of Churches, and all those who serve on these councils
- for the President, pastors, and people of the Lutheran Church-Canada
- for the Anglican, Mennonite, and Moravian Churches

Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Nourish us with the testimony of all the disciples who have gone before us. We give thanks for the faithful departed and their witness in every age. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Holy God, we pray for our church as we continue to engage in renewal: that the Spirit would guide us and enlighten us, and that in living into a renewed vision of the church we may all be strengthened for ministry in and for our church, and in and for our world. We give you thanks for the gift of being called through baptism. Bless the church with faithful pastors and diaconal ministers. Inspire us all to pattern our lives on our Lord Jesus Christ, in gratitude to you and in service to others. Grant us courage, patience, and vision; and strengthen us all in our Christian vocation of witness to the world and of service to others. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**A** For all virtually gathered for this service, and those attending to the care of others and to beneficial endeavours that keep them away from worshipping. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** For peace among nations and forbearance among all people. For Ukraine and all areas experiencing the terror of war. Let the bloodshed come to an end. For wisdom, peace, and justice to prevail. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Loving God, you have glorified your Son Jesus and given him the name by which we are saved. Give us the courage to act in his name. Accept our praise, offered in his name, for we offer this prayer through and with and in Jesus, your Son and our Saviour.

**C** **Amen.**

**THE PEACE**

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**P** May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

**OFFERING** *Setting of the table.*

**CHORAL OFFERTORY** “The Lord My Shepherd Is” A. Lovelace

**OFFERING PRAYER** *Please stand as you are able.* Pg. 64

**A** We pray. Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER XI**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER** (Version I)

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**THE FRACTION**

**P** Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**C** **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

*Please be seated.*

**LAMB OF GOD**

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**THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT**  
*Assistants and those in need commune first.*

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart **No. 484**  
Lord of All Hopefulness **No. 765**

**TABLE BLESSING** *Please stand as you are able.*

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER** Pg. 65

**A** We pray. Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**C Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY**

**BENEDICTION** Pg. 114/5

**SENDING HYMN** God Be with You Till We Meet Again **No. 536**

**DISMISSAL** Pg. 115

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Risen Lord!

**C Thanks be to God!**

**ORGAN POSTLUDE** "Praeludium in D+" D. Buxtehude



**WELCOME** to all gathered here today, especially all guests and visitors. We are blessed to have you worship with us. You are invited to sign our guest book in the Narthex (lobby). Join us for refreshments and conversation downstairs after worship. Questions? Ask one of today's servants or speak with the pastor. We continue to provide online worship for those unable to attend in-person.

**SPECIAL THANKS** to Fr. Gio DiVincenzo for presiding at our service today.

**WE THANK TODAY'S SERVANTS**

Ushers: Darcy Anderson  
Lector: Helga Weissenberger

Assistant Minister: Jerry Rasmuson  
 Altar Guild: Volunteer  
 Refreshments: Diane and Darcy Anderson  
 Zoom Host: Phil Tang, Ahmed Conteh

**OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE**

|               |          |             |
|---------------|----------|-------------|
| Last week     | 14 April | Budget 2024 |
| Current       | \$ 1,885 | \$2,911     |
| Benevolence   | \$ 100   |             |
| Building Fund | \$ 10    |             |
| Other         | \$ 697   |             |
| Attendance    | 40       |             |

**ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**

|           |        |          |                                                |
|-----------|--------|----------|------------------------------------------------|
| Today     | 21 Apr | 11:45 PM | Fellowship and Refreshments<br>Birthday Sunday |
|           |        | 2:00 PM  | CFMA Worship                                   |
| Monday    | 22 Apr | 7:00 PM  | 12 Step Program                                |
| Tuesday   | 23 Apr | 6:30 PM  | Never Alone Peer Support                       |
|           |        | 7:00 PM  | Council                                        |
| Wednesday | 24 Apr | 9:30 AM  | 12 Step Program                                |
| Thursday  | 25 Apr | 10:00 AM | Knitting Circle                                |
|           |        | 1:00 PM  | K.S.G.                                         |
| Friday    | 26 Apr | 7:00 PM  | 12 Step Program                                |
| Saturday  | 27 Apr | 9:00 AM  | House of Hope Worship                          |
|           |        | 1:00 PM  | K.S.G.                                         |
|           |        | 8:00 PM  | 12 Step Program                                |
| Sunday    | 28 Apr | 9:30 AM  | Choir practice                                 |
|           |        | 10:30 AM | Fifth Sunday of Easter                         |

**BIRTHDAY SUNDAY** – all are invited to join us after the service today as we celebrate our April birthdays.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** for the joint May/June issue of the Highwood Highlights is Tuesday 23 April 2024. Email items to [secretaryhlc@outlook.com](mailto:secretaryhlc@outlook.com)

**KNITTING GROUP** will meet on Thursday, 23 April at 10:00 AM. We'll help you learn to knit or crochet. All are welcome to visit with us.



**LUTHERAN HOSPITAL MINISTRIES** - Walk Run or Roll Fundraiser is Saturday 27 April 2024 starting at Faith Lutheran Church. You may add your donation to your offering envelope and mark it Lutheran Hospital Ministries. Poster and forms are downstairs.

**FESTIVAL CHORUS PRESENTS** “Faure Requiem” on Saturday 11 May 2024 at 8:00 PM. Purchase tickets [FAURÉ REQUIEM - Knox United Church - Calgary - May 11, 2024 · Showpass](#) See poster downstairs for more details.

**BADLANDS PASSION PLAY** 5-21 July 2024. Plan ahead and purchase discounted tickets now. See bulletin board downstairs.

**NEXT WEEK’S READINGS**

Acts 8:26-40  
1 John 4:7-21

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Psalm 22:25-31  
John 15:1-8