



*The Good Shepherd, wood carving photo by Jean Ask*

## **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**May 3, 2020**

**Service of the Word**

**Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania**

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

*Continually refreshed by the fountain of God's love in Christ Jesus, we of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church are sent by the Holy Spirit to direct that flow into the lives of our neighbors, so that they, too, might be refreshed and renewed.*

# GATHERING

WELCOME

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## EASTER PROCLAMATION

P Christ is Risen. C **He is risen indeed!**

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P Christ is Risen. C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN 369

“Christ the Lord has Risen Today, Alleluia!”



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Chris-tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!  
sin - less in the sin - ner's stead, Al - le - lu - ia!  
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!  
when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet, Al - le - lu - ia!  
now he lives, no more to die, Al - le - lu - ia!  
met in strange and awe - some strife, Al - le - lu - ia!  
now he lives, no more to die, Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: attr. Wipo of Burgundy, d. c. 1050; tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1807–1882, alt.  
Music: L.L.ANFAIR, Robert Williams, 1781–1821

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive 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 us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### **GREETING**

P The grace of our risen Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C **And also with you.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Let us pray...God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **WORD**

### **FIRST READING:** Acts 2:42-47

*In response to Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost, 3000 people were baptized and formed a new community of believers in Jerusalem.*

<sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

<sup>43</sup>Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup>they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

L The Word of the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL:** John 10:1-10

*For a thousand years, the Gospel reading for this Sunday has been from John 10. While usually this reading includes Jesus describing himself as the Good Shepherd, this year he uses a different image from shepherding to describe his ministry.*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.  
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup> So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

## TIME WITH CHILDREN

### SERMON

Pastor Stephen Herr

### HYMN OF THE DAY 502

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness  
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed  
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in  
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant  
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der  
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore 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.

## NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly  
human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the  
Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## OFFERING

Offertory Message

Offering Anthem *The Lord's My Shepherd* (Brother James' Air) Arr. Buzz Jones  
Teresa Bowers, Flute  
Ralph Bowers, Bass

Offertory Prayer

P Let us pray.... Merciful God, **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*After each petition of the prayers:* P Lord, in your mercy, C **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## LORDS PRAYER

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

## SENDING

### BLESSING

P Almighty God, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.  
Amen

### DISMISSAL

P Alleluia! Go and tell the news that Christ is risen.  
C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

### POSTLUDE

“Andante, from Voluntary in F”

John Stanley

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### **About today's hymns:**

Appropriately for “Good Shepherd Sunday,” one of this today’s hymns mentions sheep and shepherd, while the others are paraphrases of Psalm 23.

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today” is the latest (so far) step in a progression of a single tune and text through ten centuries and at least three languages. It started life as “*Victimae Paschali Laudet*,” a sort of sung Easter pageant, with parts for the disciples, Mary Magdalene, and a crowd; we’ve got it as “Christians, to cthe Paschal Victim” in both *ELW* and *LBW*. Later it was re-worked into a German carol (a sung dance), “*Christ ist Erstanden*,” which we still sing as “Christ Is Arisen.” Luther got his hands on it and turned it into a chorale, “*Christ Lag in Todesbanden*,” which in English is “Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands.” Finally, Jane Leeson, an English Victorian, went back to the original and turned it into the straightforward hymn we’ll be singing today.

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is” is a freer, but still close paraphrase of the psalm, which preserves much of its wording while adding some very memorable phrases of its own (“transport of delight” and “perverse and foolish oft I strayed,” for instance). The tune is based on an Irish folk song collected in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century, but was reworked significantly, probably by Ralph Vaughn Williams, adding the unusual and delightful triplets. The tune is named for St. Columba, the Irish monk who brought Christianity to Scotland.

**About today’s hymns and scripture reading introductions are written by the Reverend Dr. Mark Oldenburg.**

## PRAYER LIST

The following persons have an immediate need for prayers for healing: **David Clark, Orville Nyblade, Joyce Naugle, Dante John and the Barnabei family, Marty Henderson, Easter Dorsey, Dave Lopes, Irene Linzmayer** (cousin of Marie Chantelau), **Jake Parsons** (cousin of Renee Winters-Dunn) **Joseph McLaughlin** (father of Sally Jones), **Alan Lewis** (son of Joanne Zinn Lewis) **Scott Badger** (Jim Badger's brother), **Ron Roth** (friend of George Gallagher), **Lee Flinger**

We pray for those who mourn the death of loved ones including the **friends and family at the death of Bill Roulette** (brother of Kib Roulette), **Randy Jessup** (Rose Anderson's son-in-law), and **John Vannorsdall** (former Gettysburg College Chaplain) **Janet Carlson** (former Bell Choir director at Christ Lutheran Church) and **Charlie Kuttler** (husband of the Rev. Karen Kuttler).

We pray for those serving in our nations armed forces: **Jacob Romero** (grandson of Pat and Harold Kint) and **Mark Dende, Elizabeth Gelner and Gregory Sprowl** (Mike and Kathy Gelner's daughter and son-in-law)

We pray for those currently living in Personal Care Facilities: **Helen Bream, Phyllis Hale, Anna Jane Moyer, Gladys Zech, Pearl Hoffman, Kay Gray**

We pray for those celebrating their baptismal anniversaries this week: **Carson Conover, Kathryn Gelner, Katherine Hansen**

In this time of the COVID-19 Pandemic we pray for all those providing healthcare to our community and the world.

### **Worship Leaders**

Presiding Minister- Pastor Jay Eckman  
Preacher – Pastor Stephen Herr  
Organist- Cameron Wentz  
Vocalist – Mark Oldenburg  
Trumpet – Collin Smith  
Introduction – Tiff Rudisill  
First Reading – Beth Carmichael  
Gospel Reading - Peter Carmichael  
Camera and Editing – Jared Herr



### **Staff**

Pastor: Stephen Herr  
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