



**DEAR GOD, BE GREATER  
THAN OUR HEARTS**



**— 1 JOHN 3:20**



**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY**

**April 22, 2018**

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## ***WORSHIP SCHEDULE***

Sundays 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Holy Communion: 1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday of the month

Becky Lanzito & Karen Leicht - Organists, Ann Souza - Music Director,  
Mandi Diver – Choir/New Music Accompanist

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### ***WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS***

We are pleased you chose to be with us in worship today, and pray the Lord blesses you as he has blessed us with your presence. Our goal is to help people find the right place for them to hear God's word and serve His mission. We'd love to support you in that spiritual journey. Please take a moment to complete an attendance card and place it in the Offering plate or give to an usher. This card will help us connect with you.

### ***NURSERY***

We have two rooms available for your use. When the service is in the sanctuary, the nursery is down the hall just past the restrooms. If the service is held in the gym, the nursery is in the youth room at the far end of the gym.

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### ***SERVING TODAY***

***8:00 a.m.***

***10:45 a.m.***

<b><i>Elders:</i></b>	Mike Bandman	<i>Bob Souza</i>
<b><i>Comm/Asst. Elder:</i></b>	JJ Jones	<i>JJ Jones</i>
<b><i>Acolytes:</i></b>	Logan Rosenthal, Jude Squires	<i>Lily Freehling, Allyson Adams</i>
<b><i>Lay Readers:</i></b>	Joanne Heidlauf, Diane Boehm	<i>Bob Piepenbrink, Linda Piepenbrink</i>
<b><i>Ushers:</i></b>	Don Heidlauf, Tony Young	<i>Monte Stoltzman, Lance Rasmussen</i>
<b><i>Greeters:</i></b>	Carla Thompson, Paul W. Werfelmann	<i>Cook &amp; Marilyn Westendorf, The Bill Ratzburg Family</i>
<b><i>Fellowship:</i></b>	Frendreis/Gerken Study Table	
<b><i>April Altar Guild:</i></b>	Shari Hoppe	<i>Becky Anderson</i>
<b><i>April Counters:</i></b>	Chris Mason	<i>Diane Sanders</i>

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### ***ALTAR FLOWERS ARE PROVIDED BY:***

The Rayos family in celebration of Aubriana's 4th birthday, and  
the Schmidtkes in celebration of Sue's birthday.

### ***MATINS***

*This service is adapted from Matins (prayer at early dawn) in Lutheran Service Book.*

Opening Hymn

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

LSB 711



1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; Much we  
 2 We are Yours; in love be - friend us, Be the  
 3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and  
 4 Ear - ly let us seek Your fa - vor, Ear - ly



need Your ten - der care. In Your pleas - ant pas - tures  
 guard - ian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin de -  
 sin - ful though we be; You have mer - cy to re -  
 let us do Your will; Bless - ed Lord and on - ly



feed us, For our use Your fold pre - pare.  
 fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.  
 lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
 Sav - ior, With Your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have



bought us; we are Yours. Bless - ed Je - sus,  
 chil - dren when we pray. Bless - ed Je - sus,  
 let us turn to You. Bless - ed Je - sus,  
 loved us, love us still. Bless - ed Je - sus,



bless - ed Je - sus, You have bought us; we are Yours.  
 bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us chil - dren when we pray.  
 bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to You.  
 bless - ed Je - sus, You have loved us, love us still.

## **Invocation**

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

**C: Amen.**

## **Remembrance of Baptism**

*LSB Agenda 20, alt.*

P: In Holy Baptism God the Father has made us members of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and inheritors of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive one another in the Name of Jesus as brothers and sisters in Christ, so that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

**C: Amen.**

## **Confession and Absolution (Forgiveness)**

*LSB 151*

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C: *But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.***

*1 John 1:8-9*

P: We have come together today to hear God's Word, pray to Him and praise Him, and receive the gifts of His forgiveness. So let us first admit that we're not worthy of His love. Let us confess to God and confess to each other that we've sinned. We are sinners in what we think, what we do, what we don't do, and there's no way out of this by our own actions. All we can do as God's people is to seek His mercy and forgiveness that comes to us through Jesus Christ.

**C: *O God, be merciful to me, for I am a sinner.***

*Luke 18:13*

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

*LSB 184*

**C: *I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.***

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His 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 therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

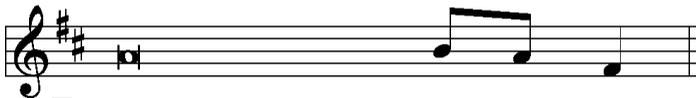
*John 20:19-23*

## Opening Verses

LSB 220



**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.



**C** Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.



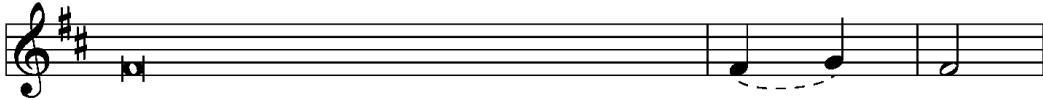
**L** Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



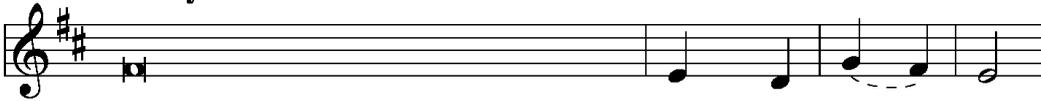
**C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.



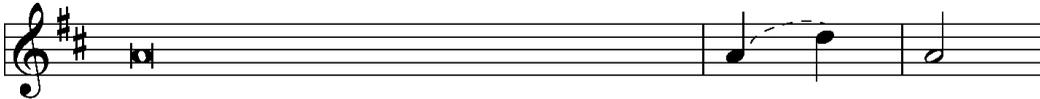
**Venite ("O Come, Let Us Sing")**



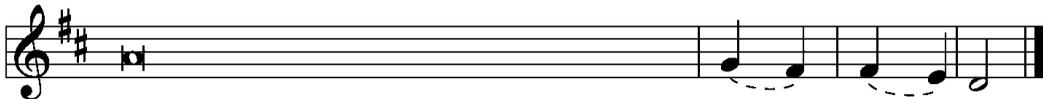
- C** 1 O come, let us sing . . . . . to the Lord,
- 2 For the Lord is a . . . . . great God
- 3 The sea is His, for He . . . . . made it,
- 5 Glory be to the Father and . . . . . to the Son



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
- 2 and a great . . . . . king a - bove all gods.
- 3 and His hand . . . . . formed the dry land.
- 5 and to the . . . . . Ho - ly Spir - it;



- 1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
- 2 The deep places of the earth are . . . . . in His hand;
- 3 O come, let us worship and . . . . . bow down,
- 4 For He . . . . . is our God,
- 5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to . . . . . Him with songs of praise.
- 2 the strength of the hills is . . . . . His al - so.
- 3 let us kneel before the . . . . . Lord, our mak - er.
- 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
- 5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

**Responsory**



- L** Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



- C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

## **Anthem**

## **“Gentle Shepherd”**

## **Adult Choir**

- Use the anthem’s music and words to help you to meditate on God’s Word and His truth for you today. Maintain this as meditative time.

Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us, For we need You to help us find our way.  
Gentle Shepherd, come and feed us, For we need Your strength from day to day.

There’s no other we can tur to Who can help us face another day;  
Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us, For we need You to help us find our way.

## **Psalm Reading**

## **Psalm 23:1–6 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures.  
He leads me beside still waters.

<sup>3</sup>He restores my soul.

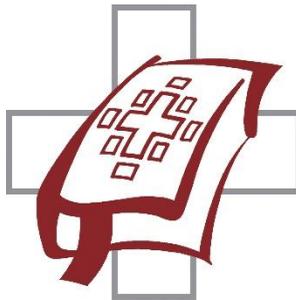
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.

<sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

**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.**



**“Song of the Sheep”**

**All the Way the Savior Leads Me**



1. All the way \_ my Sav-ior leads \_ me;  
2. All the way \_ my Sav-ior leads \_ me;

Who have I \_ to ask \_ be-side?  
O, the ful - ness of \_ His love!.



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How could I doubt \_ His ten - der mer - cy,  
O, the sure - ness of His prom - ise



Who through life has been my \_\_\_\_\_ guide?  
in the tri-umph of His \_\_\_\_\_ blood.

All the way \_ my Sav - ior  
When my spir - it, clothed, im -



leads \_ me,  
-mor - tal,

and cheers each wind - ing path I \_\_\_\_\_ tread,  
wings its flight \_ to realms of \_\_\_\_\_ day,



and gives me grace \_ for ev - 'ry tri - al,  
this my song \_ through end-less a - ges:

feeds me with \_ the liv - ing \_\_\_\_\_  
“Je - sus led \_ me all the \_\_\_\_\_



— Bread.  
— way.

You \_ = lead \_\_\_\_\_ me, and

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keep me \_ from fall - ing. You \_\_\_\_\_ car - ry \_\_\_\_\_ me



close to \_ Your heart, \_ and \_\_\_\_\_ sure - ly \_\_\_\_\_ Your good-ness \_ and mer - cy \_ will \_



— fol - low \_\_\_\_\_ me.

→ After 2nd verse, continue to last line →



All the way \_\_\_\_\_ my Sav - ior leads \_\_\_\_\_ me.

## **Epistle (New Testament Letter)**

**1 John 3:16–24 (ESV)**

<sup>16</sup>By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. <sup>17</sup>But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? <sup>18</sup>Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

<sup>19</sup>By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; <sup>20</sup>for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; <sup>22</sup>and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>Whoever keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Holy Gospel**

**John 10:11–18 (ESV)**

[And Jesus said]: <sup>11</sup>I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Children's Message**



1 Christ, the Word of God in - car - nate, Lord and Son of  
 4 Christ, our good and faith - ful shep - herd, Watch - ing all Your



A - bra - ham; Christ, the ra - diance of the Fa - ther,  
 lambs and sheep; Christ, the gate that guards the sheep - fold,



Per - fect God, the great I AM; Christ, the light, You  
 Nev - er - fail - ing vig - il keep. When we stray, Good



shine un - van - quished, Light and life You bring to all; Light our  
 Shep - herd, seek us, Find us, lift us, bear us home; Lamb of



path with Your own pres - ence, Grant us grace to heed Your call.  
 God, our shep - herd, keep us; Let us hear Your voice a - lone.

5 Christ, the way that leads un failing  
 To the Father's home on high,  
 Christ, the truth that frees the captive,  
 Christ, the life that cannot die.  
 Mediator to the Father,  
 Sacrifice and great High Priest:  
 Lead us to Your heav'nly mansions,  
 There to share Your wedding feast.

6 Christ, the Alpha and Omega,  
 Christ, the firstborn from the dead,  
 Christ, the life and resurrection,  
 Christ, the Church's glorious head:  
 Praise and thanks and adoration  
 And unending worship be  
 To the Father and the Spirit  
 And to You eternally.

**Offering & Prayer Requests**

In addition to the prayer requests already received, Pastor will pause here to see if there are additional requests. Prayers can be thanksgivings, joy, requests for yourself, or requests for others.

**Offertory Christ, Our Human Likeness Sharing**

LSB 847, sts. 1-3; tune: 417



1 Christ, our hu - man like - ness shar - ing, Heav - en's love on  
 2 Hear the word that Christ has spo - ken, Help the weak, the  
 3 Christ, in ev - 'ry con - gre - ga - tion Build Your tem - ple,



earth por - trayed; Christ the Shep - herd, tend - ing, car - ing,  
 hun - gry feed; See the pow'rs of dark - ness bro - ken,  
 stone by stone, With Your word as firm foun - da - tion



In His death our ran - som paid: Christ the Sav - ior,  
 Sin - ners par - doned, cap - tives freed: Christ the Sav - ior,  
 For a faith ma - tured and grown: Christ the Sav - ior,



Christ the Ser - vant, Be Your life in us dis - played.  
 Christ the Ser - vant, Help us meet our neigh - bor's need.  
 Christ the Ser - vant, Make in us Your Gos - pel known.

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**Prayers**

## **Verses for God's Righteous Kingdom**

Amos 5:14,24

P: Thy Kingdom come.

C: **The Lord, the God of hosts, be with us.**

P: Let justice roll on like a river,

C: **righteousness like a never-failing stream.**

## **Kyrie (Lord, Have Mercy)**

LSB 227



**Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.**

## **Collect (Prayer of the Day) for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

P: 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.**

## **Collect for Guidance**

P: Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with your most gracious favor, and further us with your continual help that in all our doings begun, continued, and ended in You we may glorify Your holy name and finally by your mercy obtain eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

### ***The Lord's Prayer***

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**All:** *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*

LSB 227



**C** Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

### ***The Greeting***

P: The Lord be with you.

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

### ***Benedicamus (Let us bless)***

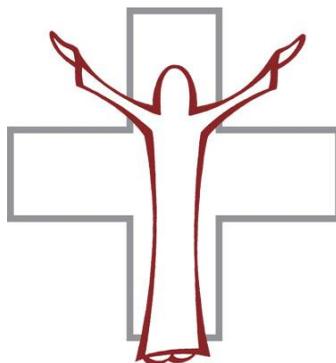
P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C:** *Thanks be to God.*

### ***Benediction (Blessing)***

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

**C:** *Amen.*



**Closing Hymn**

**Thine Forever, God of Love**

LSB 687



- 1 Thine for - ev - er, God of love! Hear us from Thy throne a - bove;
- 2 Thine for - ev - er! Oh, how blest They who find in Thee their rest!
- 3 Thine for - ev - er, Lord of Life! Shield us through our earth - ly strife.
- 4 Thine for - ev - er! Shep-herd, keep These Thy frail and trem-bling sheep;
- 5 Thine for - ev - er! Thou our guide, All our wants by Thee sup - plied,



Thine for - ev - er may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty!  
Sav - ior, guard - ian, heav'n-ly friend, O de - fend us to the end!  
Thou, the life, the truth, the way, Guide us to the realms of day.  
Safe a - lone be - neath Thy care, Let us all Thy good-ness share.  
All our sins by Thee for-giv'n; Lead us, Lord, from earth to heav'n.

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# My Bus Stop “Park Bench” Moment



A lady and I were waiting for a bus at the mall. I said Hi, and she started telling me she comes here to do surveys, so she can earn \$20. In my mind, I thought, just listen. We talked some more, and she told me she needed the money, and then she told me how she battles depression, and how hard it has been. Then I shared with her, that I had dealt with depression also, and I understood how hard it is. I asked if she had support? Then I told her how much my Pastor and my church helped me. She stuttered, I can't. I gently told her, I don't know what has happened in her life, but God is not judging you. He is loving you and waiting for you. There were tears in her eyes, we hugged.

Then she was telling me about being on a bus after coming from a food pantry. There was a man, you could tell he was homeless. People on the bus were making comments about how bad he smelled. She said she was surprised when they both got off at the same stop. She went over to him and shared some of the food she had gotten at the food pantry. He was so grateful. I told her you didn't just get off at the same stop, that it was wonderful to see how God had used you to help this man. She smiled, I got off the bus first. She said, I will pray for you and I said, I will pray for you.



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