



Fourth Sunday of Easter
Concordia Lutheran Church
Sunday, April 21, 2024



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Welcome to Concordia!

Vacancy Pastor Team:

Rev. Mark Brockhoff, Emeritus (Sun. 9am)
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(Please stand as you are able)

Invocation and Easter Verses

P: In the name of the unbegotten Father and Creator of all life; and the only begotten Son who redeems our lives from sin and death; and the Holy Spirit who proceeds from the Father and Son to sanctify us with faith, love, and hope.

C: **Amen.**

P: We trust the Good Shepherd gathers us in His arms granting us life and salvation, because the Lord is risen.

C: **He is risen indeed.**

P: The Good Shepherd tends His flock forever and none are snatched away. We are free to worship, serve, and praise Him, because the Lord is risen.

C: **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: By Baptism God raises us up as His royal priests and holy nation, to fear, love and trust Him above all things, because the Lord is risen.

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia and Amen!**

Sharing the Peace

Introit

P: "I am the good shepherd;

C: I know my sheep and my sheep know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep."

Hymn *"The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"* **Maroon Hymnal # 710**

P: "I am the good shepherd;

C: I know my sheep and my sheep know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep."

Easter Gloria *"He is Arisen! Glorious Word!"* **Maroon Hymnal # 488**

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God, merciful Father, You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep.

C: Breathe Your Holy Spirit into our hearts, so when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name, and follow where He leads.

P: Grant this through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son,

C: He is our risen Lord and Good Shepherd, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Please be seated)

The First Reading is taken from the fourth chapter of Acts.

As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. And when they had set them in the 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 being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." Acts 4:1–12

R: This is the word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EASTER GRADUAL *"Have No Fear, Little Flock"* **Maroon Hymnal # 735**

The Epistle Reading is from the third chapter of First John.

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. 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? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. 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. 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. 1 John 3:16–24

R: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *The Triple Alleluia* **Maroon Hymnal pg 190**

C: *(sung)* **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

P: I am the good shepherd. I know My own and My own know me

C: *(sung)* **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the tenth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O risen Redeemer

[Jesus said:] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 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. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing 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. 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. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may 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 I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father." John 10:11–18

P: This is the Gospel of the risen Lord.

C: Praise to You, O resurrected Savior.

The Apostles 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 thence 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

(Please be seated)

Sermon Hymn *“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”* **Maroon Hymnal # 711**

Sermon

Offering

(Please stand as you are able)

Offertory *“I Am Jesus' Little Lamb”* **Maroon Hymnal # 740**

Prayers of the Church

The Order of Holy Communion **Maroon Hymnal pg 194-198**

P: The Lord be with you

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: Blessed are You, Lord God, King of the universe, for It is truly good, right and healthy to body and soul that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You Holy Lord, Almighty Father and Everlasting God. But most of all we are bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of

Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, for He is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us and has taken away the sin of the world. By His death He has destroyed death, and by His rising to life again, He has restored to us everlasting life. So now in the joy of Your feast of victory, we join with all the angelic hosts and heavenly saints, praising You, and singing:

This is the Feast

Maroon Hymnal pg. 171-172

Words of Institution

P: United as Your dear children in every time and every place, chosen as loyal citizens of Your holy Kingdom, and elected as royal ambassadors of Your priesthood of believers, we pray the petitions Jesus taught us to pray....

The Lord's Prayer

P: For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,

C: We proclaim the Lord's death until He comes again.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

(Please be seated)

Distribution Hymn

"As When the Shepherd Calls His Sheep"

- 1. As when the shepherd calls His sheep,
they know and heed His voice;
so when You call Your family Lord,
we follow and rejoice.**
- 2. With joyful lips we sing to You,
Our praise and gratitude,
that You should count us worthy Lord,
to share this heavenly food.**
- 3. Is not the cup we bless and share,**

the blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf declare
Our oneness in the Lord?

4. The mystery of Your presence Lord,
no mortal tongue can tell;
whom all the world cannot contain
comes in our hearts to dwell.
5. You give yourself to us o Lord,
then selfless let us be,
to serve each other in Your name
in truth and charity.

Easter Nunc Dimittis

Maroon Hymnal #633

"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

verses 1, 7 & 8

P: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's Body and Blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout all our days of pilgrimage on this earth so that, on the day of His coming again in glory, we may together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end. Grant this through Jesus Christ, Your Son

C: Who is our Lord and our God, now risen and reigning with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

P: Let us go forth in the Name of Christ, because the Lord is risen.

C: He is risen indeed!

P: Let us go out to the world rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, because the Lord is risen.

C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Let us take up our crosses to lovingly obey our God and sacrificially serve one another, because the Lord is risen.

C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia and Amen!

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

C: **Amen**

Recessional Hymn

Maroon Hymnal # 709

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"