

Resurrection Evangelical Lutheran Church

The Fourth Sunday of Easter | Good Shepherd Sunday

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Worship the Lord
Grow in the Word
Go with the Word

Sunday at 8:00 & 10:30am
Education Hour, Sunday at 9:15am
Every day, everywhere

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Welcome to Worship

Personal prayers for before and after worship, as well as before and after communion, and other prayers can be found on the inside front cover of the blue hymnals under the pew in front of you.

Opening Hymn: 551 Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep

CW 551

Stand

Easter Acclamation

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

CW 189

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.



4 Christ, our good and faith - ful shep - herd, watch - ing all your
6 Christ, the Al - pha and O - me - ga, Christ, the first - born

lambs and sheep; Christ, the gate that guards the sheep - fold,
from the dead; Christ, the life and res - ur - rec - tion,

nev - er - fail - ing vig - il keep. When we stray, Good
Christ, the Church's glo - rious head: praise and thanks and

Shep - herd, seek us, find us, lift us, bear us home; Lamb of
ad - o - ra - tion and un - end - ing wor - ship be to the

God, our shep - herd, keep us; let us hear your voice a - lone.
Fa - ther and the Spir - it and to you e - ter - nal - ly.

The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Acts 20:28–32

²⁸Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. ³⁰Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. ³¹So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears.

³²“Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day: 23F My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Psalm 23F



1 My shep - herd will sup - ply my need, Je -
2 When I walk through the shades of death, his
3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at -



ho - vah is his name; in pas - tures fresh he
pres - ence is my stay; one word of his sup -
tend me all my days; oh, may his house be



makes me feed be - side the liv - ing stream.
port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.
my a - bode and all my work be praise.



He brings my wan - d'ring spir - it back when
His hand, in sight of all my foes, will
There would I find a set - fled rest while



I for - sake his ways and leads me, for his
still my ta - ble spread; my cup with bless - ings
oth - ers go and come, no more a stran - ger



mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
o - ver - flows; his oil a - noints my head.
or a guest but like a child at home.

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day: 552 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

CW 552

Sermon — John 10:11–18 “There Within His Arms to Rest”

Stand

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 in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian 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.

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Loving Shepherd of the sheep, fill us with contentment and confidence during this season as we celebrate your Easter victory. You laid down your life for the sheep and then rose again to assure us that you give us eternal life.

Good Shepherd, save us.

Strengthen our faith to follow where you lead, to the green pastures of your Word, the quiet waters of our baptism, and the gracious table of your body and blood where our cup overflows with your forgiving love. Guide us to find in you the gate that leads to safety and good pastures.

Good Shepherd, lead us.

Guard and protect us from those who want to lead us astray and snatch us out of your hand. Give us courage to fight against the devil and wisdom to recognize false teachers. Lead us to honor and follow those you have called to shepherd your flock, the Church.

Good Shepherd, guide us.

Let your rod and your staff comfort us and all your sheep in times of sickness and sadness and especially when we walk through the valley of the shadow of death. May we find in your redemption and your Father's resolve the unbreakable promise that we will dwell in your house forever.

Good Shepherd, console us.

Move us to reach out to sheep who are not yet a part of our sheep pen but whom you have claimed as your own. Give us your passion to search for the sheep who are lost and lead us to rejoice when they have been found.

Good Shepherd, inspire us.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow

We thank you for all the blessings we have gained from your goodness: family and friends, wealth and health, work and leisure. Give us wisdom to long for and cherish your more precious gifts, your Word and sacraments, so that your goodness and love may follow us all the days of our life.

Good Shepherd, hear us. Amen.

Offertory (The Service: Setting Five Preview): Holy, Holy, Holy

As the offering is collected, simply listen along to the recording of "Holy, Holy, Holy" from *The Service: Setting Five*. We will practice singing this song next Sunday during the Offering.

The image shows three staves of musical notation for the Offertory "Holy, Holy, Holy". The music is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The first staff is a short instrumental introduction. The second staff begins with the lyrics "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts,". The third staff continues with the lyrics "heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry." The lyrics are placed below the notes on the second and third staves.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the
 high - est! Bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

The Sacrament

Stand

Preface

CW 199

The Lord be with you.

And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 200



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts,
heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's 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.

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my T body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my T blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Lamb of God

CW 202



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us, grant us peace.

Be seated

Distribution Hymn: 675 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

CW 675

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and T give you peace.

Amen.

Closing Hymn: 804 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

CW 804



News and Notes

This Week 4/21–4/27

Sunday: Worship, 8:00 & 10:30am

Education Hour, 9:15am

Book Fair Opens Today

Monday–Tuesday: Pastors Away at Conference (South Bend, IN)

Tuesday: Spiritual Growth Meeting, 7pm

Wednesday: Choir Practice, 6:30pm
Public School Confirmation Class, 7:30pm

Thursday: Grade School Plays, 1:00 & 1:30pm (Matinee), 6:30 & 7:00pm (Eve)

Serving the Lord:

This Week 4/21

Organist: Rob Clow

Stream/Slides:

Ushers: Andrew J & Dan T (E)
Dan M (L)

Altar Guild: Jen S, Stephenie S,
Chris S

Cleaners: NEEDED (4/27)

Serving the Lord:

Week of 4/28

Organist: MIDI

Stream/Slides: Jeff C

Ushers: Rick V (E)
Michael J (L)

Cleaners: Weirich (5/4)

Grade School Play

Come to the Resurrection Lutheran School gymnasium **this Thursday** to let our grade schoolers entertain you and showcase their God-given talents! There will be both a matinee and an evening showing for each play. The lower grades will put on their show at 1:00 and 6:30pm, and the upper graders will perform right after them at 1:30 and 7:00pm. No advance reservation or entry fee required. Simply show up, support, and enjoy!

Piano Student Recital

Mrs. Willick's piano students will perform a public year-end recital at Resurrection on Thursday, May 9th at 6:00pm. You are encouraged to attend, hear the pieces they've been working hard on, and connect with our school families.

Electronic Member Directory through Church360 Update

The publisher has discontinued the stand-alone app for Church360. You can still access your digital directory through the internet browser on your phone or computer (e.g. Chrome, Safari, Firefox, etc.) at **relcs.church360.app**. If you need assistance, please speak with Pastor Nicholson.

Tell us you worshipped with us!

We're glad to see you today! Please fill in the Friendship Register located in the pew or online by scanning the QR Code to the right.



Prayer Requests: relcs.org/prayer-requests/

Online Giving: giving.relcs.org