

The Fourth Sunday of Easter
Good Shepherd Sunday

Zion Lutheran Church
Wausau, Wisconsin

April 22, 2018 + 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

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The Origins of "Good Shepherd Sunday"



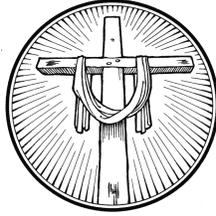
The Lutheran reformers wanted to help people receive Holy Communion as a *gift* and not a *work*. So while many people had grown to see Holy Communion on Easter Sunday as a holy obligation or duty, the reformers encouraged people to take it more frequently throughout the Easter season as part of the celebration of the resurrection.

To encourage this, they highlighted the special themes of each Sunday in Easter, with one such theme being "Good Shepherd Sunday."

Originally celebrated on the Third Sunday of Easter (and now celebrated on the Fourth), the image of Jesus as our Good Shepherd became so popular that it fostered a devotion among Lutherans similar to that of "the Sacred Heart devotion" among Roman Catholics (see *The Emergence of Lutheran Liturgy*, in Christian Liturgy, the Rev. Dr. Frank C. Senn). Prayers, hymns, and paintings centering on the Good Shepherd multiplied, and the image stayed fast in the hearts of the Lutheran church. As a strong and reassuring picture of Him, it helps us appreciate the our Lord's promise to feed His people, prepare a place for them, and deliver them, now and ever.

Announcements

Parish announcements may be found in the weekly newsletter, *For You*, provided by the ushers after worship.



PRELUDES

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is” ... Raymond Haan

Four Variations on “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”
... Tim Fields & Janet Linker

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Please stand and turn toward the cross as it is carried into the sanctuary.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” green hymnal #328

GREETING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

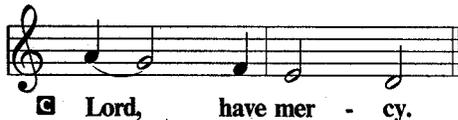
C: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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

C: **And also with you.**

KYRIE

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

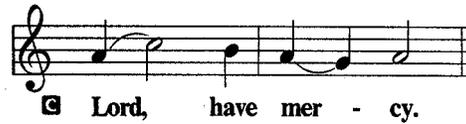


This holy and blessed day is the first of the week, the king and master of all days, the feast of feasts and the season of seasons. On this day we bless Christ forever and ever.

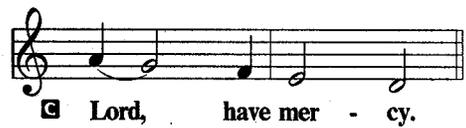
O faithful, come on this day of the glorious resurrection: Let us drink the wine of the new vineyard, of the divine joy, of the kingdom of Christ! Let us praise our God forever and ever.

~ Byzantine liturgy

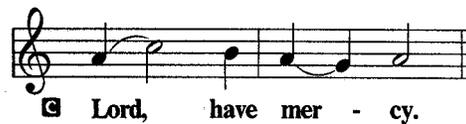
P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the holy Church, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

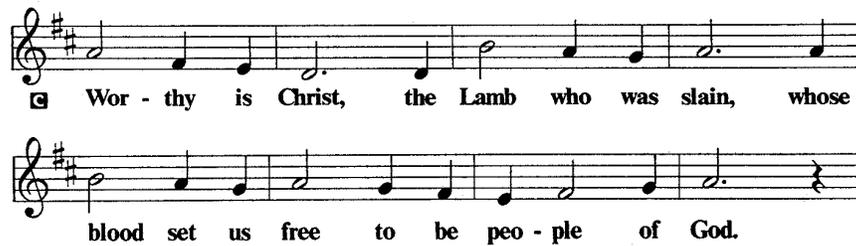


P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



HYMN OF PRAISE

L: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength, and
hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -
lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of
God and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:
Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the
Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -
le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

What happens here requires faith and the eyes of the soul, so that you pay heed not only to what is seen, but that you make the unseen visible from the seen. This is what the eyes of faith can do.
~ John Chrysostom, Baptismal Instructions, 349-407 A.D.

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.



☐ And al - so with you.

P: Let us pray . . . 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, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Please be seated.

FIRST LESSON Acts of the Apostles 4:1-12

¹And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ²greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand. ⁵On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of

*Grace works
only on those
it finds dead
enough to
raise.*

*~ Robert
Farrar
Capon,
Kingdom,
Grace,
Judgment*

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. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹²And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

CHORAL RESPONSE (9:00 a.m.)

“The Lord Is My Shepherd”

... Allen Pote

PSALM 23 (11:00 a.m.)

L: The LORD 'is my shepherd;*
I shall not 'be in want.

C: **He makes me lie down 'in green pastures*
and leads me be'side still waters.**

L: He re'vives my soul*
and guides me along right pathways 'for his name's sake.

C: **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death
I shall 'fear no evil;*
for you are with me; | your rod and your staff, they 'comfort
me.**

L: You spread a table before me in the presence of those
who 'trouble me;*
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is 'running
over.

**C: Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days 'of my life,*
and I will dwell in the house of the 'LORD forever.**

**All: Glory 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**

SECOND LESSON 1 John 3:16-24

¹⁶By this we know love, that [Jesus] laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷But 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? ¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. ¹⁹By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²²and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And 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. ²⁴Whoever 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.

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C: Thanks be to God.

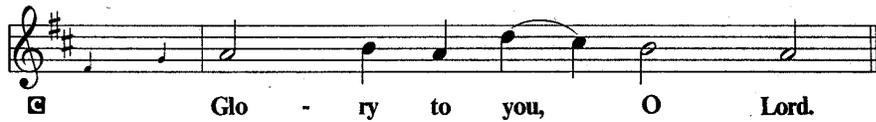
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VERSE



GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10th chapter.



¹¹[Jesus said,] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He 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. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶And 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. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸No 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."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



*These new-born lambs sing alleluia as their song of praise. They have come to the streams of living water; Clothed in white robes and with palms in their hands, they stand in the presence of the Lamb. Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Now they are filled with radiant beauty, alleluia!
~Rev. 7:9; 22:1*

NICENE CREED

P: Let us confess the faith with one heart:

C: 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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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

Please be seated.

SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:00 a.m.)

During the singing of the hymn, children of preschool age through grade 4 may leave for Sunday School classes downstairs in the church hall. Please reclaim your children at 10:25 a.m. after their music time in the balcony.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is" green hymnal #456

SERMON

"Sour Grapes"

Please stand. We do not kneel for prayer during the Easter season.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Standing in the glorious light of the resurrection, let us pray.

P: . . . O Lord of life,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Hear our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Savior.

C: **Amen**

Please be seated.

OFFERING

*While the offerings are received, please pass in your row the **Friendship Register**, and add your name(s). If you are a guest or visitor, please include your address.*

VOLUNTARY

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

... John Behnke

Please stand.

We should allow no misfortune to distract us from this happiness and deep joy; for if you are determined to reach the destination of your spiritual journey, the roughness of the road will not deter you. Nor should the delights of material prosperity in this life ever entice you astray; only the foolish traveler, spotting a pleasant field on the way, forgets that he is en route to a greater destination.
~ Gregory the Great, 540(?) – 604 A.D.

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives eternally," says Jesus (Jn. 6) Great in every way are the benefits of our Savior, who not only assumed our flesh and carried it with Him to His throne of heavenly glory, but also still feeds us with His body and blood for eternal life. O salutary food of our soul! O long awaited feast! O heavenly and angelic meal!
 ~Johann Gerhard, 1606 A.D.

OFFERTORY "He Is Arisen! Glorious Word!"

He is a - ris - en! Glo - rious Word! Now rec - on - ciled
 is God, my Lord; The gates of heav'n are o - pen.
 My Je - sus rose tri - um - phant - ly, and Sa - tan's ar -
 rows bro - ken lie, De - stroyed hell's fierc - est weap - on.
 Oh, hear, what cheer! Christ vic - to - rious, Ris - ing glo - rious,
 Life is giv - ing. He was dead, but now is liv - ing!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray . . . Living God,

C: in Christ you will raise us up from death to eternal life. Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in His body and blood. Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

□ We lift them to the Lord.

Musical notation for the first phrase: Treble clef, key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

□ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Musical notation for the second phrase: Treble clef, key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4.

P: It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS ("Holy")

□ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Musical notation for the Sanctus: Treble clef, key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4.

*Dear Savior,
at Your gra-
cious invita-
tion I come to
Your table to
eat and drink
Your holy
body and
blood. Let me
find favor in
Your eyes to
receive this
holy Sacra-
ment in faith
for the salva-
tion of my
soul and to
the glory of
Your holy
name; for
You live and
reign with the
Father and
the Holy
Spirit, one
God, now and
forever.
Amen*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

In the same way also he took the cup after the supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink of it, in remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

C: 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

ACCLAMATION

P: This is the feast of victory for our God.

C: Alleluia!

SEQUENCE HYMN "Christ Is Arisen"

The image shows two staves of musical notation in treble clef. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn: "I Christ is a - ris - en From the grave's dark". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "pris - on. So let our joy rise full and free;". The lyrics are written below the notes.

Christ our com - fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!

2 Were Christ not a - ris - en, Then death were still
our pris - on. Now, with Him to life re - stored,
We praise the Fa - ther of our Lord. Al - le - lu - ia!

3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia! Now let our joy rise full and free;
Christ our com - fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!

*[Jesus] is there
on the table.
He is there in
the chalice.
~ Augustine of
Hippo, Easter
sermon
(around
400 A.D.)*

Please be seated.

The congregation is ushered forward for Communion. If you cannot use the steps to the altar, you may either ask an usher to have Communion brought to you, or you may go to the altar in the side (west) chapel. Those not communing may cross their arms over their chest for a blessing.

Holy Communion is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which He joyfully gives to His Church to eat and to drink. This gift bestows tremendous benefits. His body and blood forgives our sins, strengthens our faith, binds us to the Lord, and unites us with each other. In this is life and salvation.

Do you pray to Jesus the Good Shepherd? Spend some time with that image of your Shepherd, both here at Holy Communion and throughout the week ahead. How would sheep praise their Shepherd? Would they praise His strength? His kindness and consideration? What might sheep ask of their Shepherd? Food, protection, guidance? Speak as sheep to your shepherd, and remember all the little lambs around you, too.

The Lord therefore invites to His altar baptized Christians who trust that they will receive in Holy Communion all that He promises there: His body and blood, the forgiveness of sins, union with Christ and His Church, life, and salvation. Know that He gives it to you with great joy.

COMMUNION HYMNS

"I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"



1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at
 2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my
 3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the



heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,
 staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,
 Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,



Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry
 In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He
 By His an - gel host at - tend - ed, He shall fold me



day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.
 bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.
 to His breast, There with - in His arms to rest.

"The Lord's My Shepherd" green hymnal #451

Please stand after all have received the sacrament.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in

faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

BENEDICTION

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 favor and ✠ give you peace.



DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Alleluia!

C: Christ is risen. Alleluia!

Please turn toward the cross as it is carried out of the sanctuary.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

"Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!" green hymnal #131

SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

... Joyce Jones

+ Soli Deo Gloria +

To God alone be glory

A Prayer as You Go

O God in heaven, have mercy on us! Lord Jesus Christ, intercede for Your people, deliver us at the opportune time, preserve in us the true genuine Christian faith, collect Your scattered sheep with Your voice, Your divine Word as Holy Writ calls it. Help us to recognize Your voice, help us not to be allured by the madness of the world, so that we may never fall away from You, O Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

~ artist

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Dürer,
1471-1528
A.D.

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Preaching: Vicar Joseph Pinzl

Presiding: The Rev. Dr. Steven K. Gjerde

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Lector: (9:00) Bill Metter

(11:00) Robert Steffen

Radio Announcer: (9:00) Paul Fandrey

Acolytes: (9:00) Ashtyn Fernstaedt; Olivia Fernstaedt;

Taylor Halverson

(11:00) Mitchell Steinke

Elder: (9:00) Ken Rodemeier

(11:00) Gordon Schalow

Ushers: (9:00) Sally Christoffersen; Gary Habeck;

Steve and Marlene Kroening; Ken Rodemeier

(11:00) Al Lippert; Herbert Zahrt

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(9:00) Bill Metter; Joe Pinzl; Vicky Radunz

(11:00) Dave Gisselman; Joe Pinzl; Cheryl Plautz

Altar Guild: Peggy Lawonn; Anna Mae Zeinemann

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Those who trust in the Lord shall be like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but abides forever. (Psalm 125:1)

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