



# **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P: Let us Pray: C: Oh Lord Christ, good shepherd, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one god, now and forever. Amen.**

## FIRST READING

Acts 4:5-12

<sup>5</sup>The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' <sup>12</sup>There is

salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

R: The word of the Lord.     **C: Thanks be to God!**

**PSALM 23 (Please read responsively)**

<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 right paths for his name’s sake.

**<sup>4</sup>Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I 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 my whole life long.**

**SECOND READING**

**1 John 3:16-24**

<sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? <sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him

<sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

<sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

R: The word of the Lord.      **C: Thanks be to God!**

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (spoken)

**C:"Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love."**

GOSPEL INTRODUCTION "The Holy Gospel..."

**C: "Glory to you O Lord!"**

GOSPEL

John 10:11-18

<sup>11</sup>"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care 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>I have other sheep that do not belong to 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 in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

#### GOSPEL RESPONSE

P: The Gospel of the Lord!

**C: "Praise to you, O Christ!"**

#### SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” LBW # 456

#### APOSTLES’ CREED

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**



**Organist/Piano ~** Diane Boback

**Reader ~ ?**

**Usher ~** Mark Boback

**~Calendar ~**

Tuesday	8:30	Bandage Rolling
	2:00	Interchurch
Wednesday	9:30	Quilting
	1:00	Bible Study
	5:20	Confirmation
Next Sunday	10:30	Sunday Worship/HC

**Prayer Concerns**

Charlotte and Ken Carlson, Marie Anderson, Louise Ellingson, Glorene Clark, Herb Moore, Bill Utley, Marilyn Koschak, Susan (Paula Skelton's sister), Tom Lehtinen, Ruby Okstad, Barb Swanson

**Next Sunday, May 2nd**

Pastor Greg Anderson

Reader ~ Mary Hess

Musician ~ Diane Boback

Ushers ~ Mary Hess