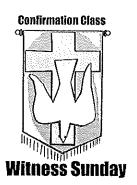
# The Divine Service The Fourth Sunday of Easter May 8, 2022

Today we celebrate St. Paul's "Witness Sunday," as we are led in worship by our 2022 Confirmation Class.



#### **AS WE GATHER**

Many people in the world are deaf to God's presence and certainly to His Word. Some people refused to believe when they physically met Jesus, as in today's Gospel. Paul had to warn church leaders that opposition might even come from within, from wolves in sheep's clothing. But by the grace of God in Scripture, we hear our Good Shepherd speaking to us about His grace and mercy. John's vision of the Lamb's eternal victory lets us hear the eternal praises of saints and angels in heaven. Today is an opportunity to tell one another in word and song about our faith, asking our brothers and sisters if they also are hearing all the good news about our Shepherd. We leave to ask our friends and neighbors the same question. What joy when they may say with us, "The Lord is my shepherd too!"

# WORDS OF WELCOME/THEME OF THE DAY

# **REFLECTION ON REPENTANCE**

(8:30) Alejandro Flores; (11:00) Talen Sturm

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

Pastor:

In the name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

# **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Pastor:

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

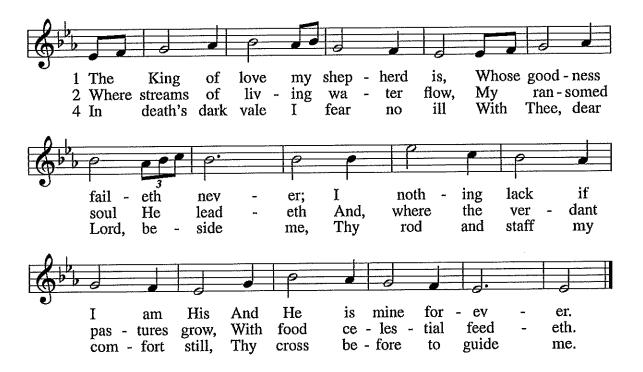
People:

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor:

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

# PROCESSIONAL HYMN "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" LSB 709, verses 1,2,4



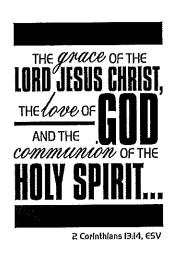
#### **GREETING**

Pastor:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of

the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: Amen.



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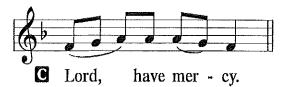
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Mark 10:47

**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



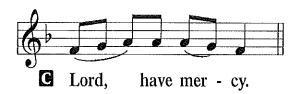
For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



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



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



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



# THIS IS THE FEAST



# **SALUTATION**

2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.People: And also with you.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, People: 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; Pastor: through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

REFLECTION ON SANCTIFICATION

(8:30) Natalie Becker; (11:00) Valerie Niksa

REFLECTION ON SCRIPTURE

(8:30) Ana Flores; (11:00) Brooke Lawson

THE FIRST READING

Acts 20:17-35

Reader: <sup>17</sup>Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. <sup>18</sup>And when they came to him, he said to them: "You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, <sup>19</sup>serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; <sup>20</sup>how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, <sup>21</sup>testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>22</sup>And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, <sup>23</sup>except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. <sup>24</sup>But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. <sup>25</sup>And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. <sup>26</sup>Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, <sup>27</sup> for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. <sup>28</sup>Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. 29 know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; <sup>30</sup> and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. <sup>31</sup>Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. <sup>32</sup>And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. 33 coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. 34 You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. 35 In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said. 'It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE Revelation 7:9-17

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup> and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup> And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." 13 Then one of the elders ad dressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" <sup>14</sup>I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. <sup>16</sup>They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. <sup>17</sup>For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

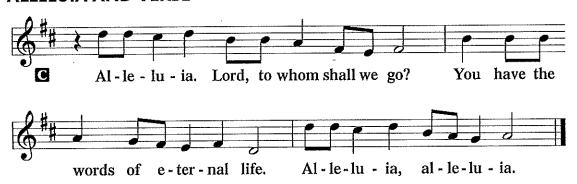
Reader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

#### **ALLELUIA AND VERSE**



**HOLY GOSPEL** John 10:22-30

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

People: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

> 22 At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, 23 and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. 24 So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." 25 Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, 26 but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. 27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand, 30 I and the Father are one."

This is the Gospel of the Lord. Pastor: People: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

# HYMN OF THE DAY

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LAW AND GOSPEL

(8:30) Gregory Gittelsohn

SERMON

"Good Shepherd

Pastor Scott Henze

#### APOSTLES' CREED

People:

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 (H) everlasting. Amen.

REFLECTION ON PRAYER

(8:30) Paul Schneider; (11:00) Anneliese Hsiao

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Petitions end, "Lord in your mercy" Congregation responds, "Hear Our Prayer"

#### **OFFERING**

I am a Soldier of the Cross 11:00 Adult Choir

#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

People: Amen.

# REFLECTION ON REDEMPTION /ATONEMENT

(8:30) Surina Khan; (11:00) Andrew Bonner

# REFLECTION ON GRACE/ JUSTIFICATION

(8:30) Grace Drummond; (11:00) Judah Macfarlane

# SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Stand as you are able.

#### **PREFACE**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.** 

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

# PROPER PREFACE

**SANCTUS** 

# Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

elements.

A word about Holy Communion: We welcome to the Lord's Table all baptized

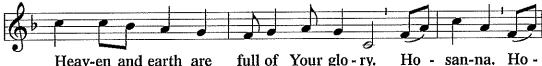
Christians who believe in the Real Presence of Christ in this sacrament and believe that in this eating and drinking, we receive the

forgiveness of sins and the power to amend our sinful lives. Children who have not yet

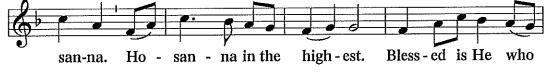
been instructed may come forward for a

blessing, crossing their arms over the chest thus indicating they will not receive the





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#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

People: 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

#### PEACE OF THE LORD

John 20:19

Pastor:

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People:

And also with you.

The minister and congregation may greet one another with the peace of the Lord.

AGNUS DEI John 1:29





# **DISTRIBUTION MUSIC**

"Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me"

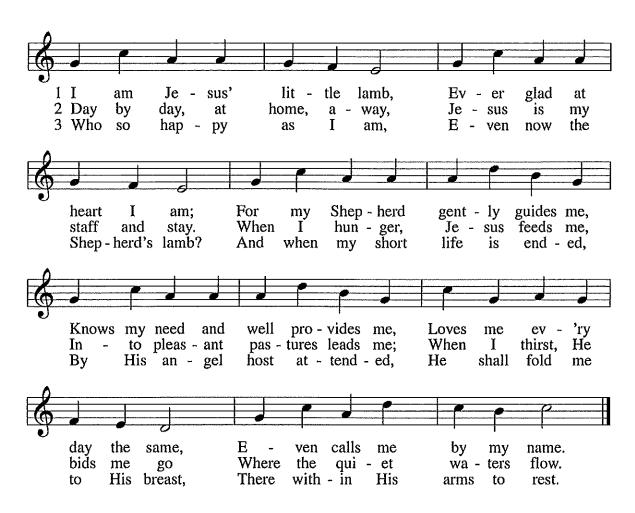
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# "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"

LSB 740



### POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

REFLECTION ON MISSION/ MINISTRY

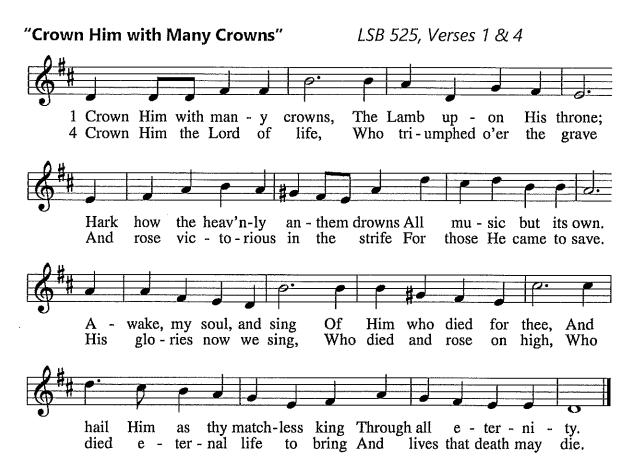
(11:00) Abbey Tyminski

PRESENTATION OF STOLES

BENEDICTION



# **RECESSIONAL HYMN**



#### DISMISSAL

Pastor: Lord Jesus you lead us! Now we go as....

People: Disciples making disciples.

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

If you have a prayer request we invite you to come up to the altar following the worship service to pray with someone from our prayer team.

# Happy Mother's Day!



**ALL LADIES:** 

As you leave today we have a small gift for you at the door.

STEWARDS FIND JOY IN GIVING BACK WHAT GOD HAS FREELY GIVEN.

Jesus said, "Freely you have received, freely give" (Matthew 10:8).





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