

**The Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**April 25-26, 2026**  
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*soloist sts. 2, 4*

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P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P 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, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** (*sit*)

**First Reading** *The Fellowship of the Believers* Acts 2:42–47

<sup>42</sup>And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup>And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup>And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

A This is the word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual**

adapt. from Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6



Christ has risen | from the dead.\*

God the Father has crowned him with glory and | honor,

**He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;\***

**he has put all things un- | der his feet.**

**Epistle** *Submission to Authority* 1 Peter 2:19–25

<sup>19</sup>For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. <sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup>He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup>When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By

his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

- A This is the word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

**Verse of the Day** (*stand*)

Romans 6:9; John 10:14



- C **Al- le- | lu- ia.\* Al- le- | lu- ia.**
- A We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never | die again; \*  
death no longer has dominion | over Him.
- C **Al- le- | lu- ia.\* Al- le- | lu- ia.**
- A I am the good | shepherd.\*  
I know my own and my | own know me.
- C **Al- le- | lu- ia.\* Al- le- | lu- ia.**

**Holy Gospel** *I am the Good Shepherd*

John 10:1-10

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.
- C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup>But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." <sup>6</sup>This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C **Praise to You, O Christ.** (*sit*)

**Hymn of the Day** "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" LSB 709, *soloist sts. 2, 4*

**Sermon** "I tell you the truth" John 10:1-10

**Nicene Creed** (*stand*) p. 158

**Prayer of the Church**

**Offering** (*sit*)

**Offertory** (*stand*) p. 159

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**Words of Institution**

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## **Agnus Dei**

**Distribution** (*sit*) "Shepherd of Tender Youth" LSB 864

- 1 **Shepherd of tender youth,  
Guiding in love and truth  
Through devious ways;  
Christ, our triumphant king,  
We come Your name to sing  
And here our children bring  
To join Your praise.**
  
- 2 **You are the holy Lord,  
O all-subduing Word,  
Healer of strife.  
Yourself You did abase  
That from sin's deep disgrace  
You so might save our race  
And give us life.**
  
- 3 **You are the great High Priest;  
You have prepared the feast  
Of holy love;  
And in our mortal pain  
None calls on You in vain;  
Our plea do not disdain;  
Help from above.**
  
- 4 **O ever be our guide,  
Our shepherd, and our pride,  
Our staff and song.  
Jesus, O Christ of God,  
By Your enduring Word  
Lead us where You have trod;  
Make our faith strong.**
  
- 5 **So now, and till we die,  
Sound we Your praises high  
And joyful sing:  
Infants and all the throng,  
Who to the Church belong,  
Unite to swell the song  
To Christ, our king!**

**Post-Communion Canticle** (*stand*) "Thank the Lord" p. 164

**Post-Communion Collect** (*congregation responds "Amen"*) p. 166

**Benediction** *congregation responds "Amen"*

**Closing Hymn** "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb" LSB 740

**Postlude**