

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

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*A Christ Caring People Who Gather Around Word and Sacrament,
Yoked Together, In Personal Service to Christ in World Wide Missions*



✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

OPENING HYMN

"Praise to You and Adoration"

(LSB 692)

INVOCATION

- P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

EXHORTATION

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.**
P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the gifts of our Lord Jesus Christ through Word and Sacrament in the fellowship of this altar let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

- C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

✘ **WORD** ✘

INTROIT

Ps 95:1-3, 6-7a (antiphon: Jn 10:14, 15b)

- P [Jesus said] I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.
- C **Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**
- P Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
- C **For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.**
- P Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
- C **For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.**
- C **Glory be 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.**
- P [Jesus said] I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

KYRIE

- C **Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.**



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

SALUTATION *and* COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also 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, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING

Acts 2:42-47

(The fellowship of believers)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM "Be Thou My Vision/My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" (B. Adams, arr.)
Andrew Wulf, flute soloist

EPISTLE 1 Peter 2:19-25 (Returning to the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls)

After the reading:


- L This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

ALLELUIA



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL John 10:1-10 (Jesus is the Good Shepherd)

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

After the reading:

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

(Please be seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" (LSB 709)

SERMON

*"Leading, Feeding, Being"
Pastor Sam Handschke*

(LSB 709)

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(Please stand)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- P Bidden by our Shepherd, let us come before His throne of grace in prayer on behalf of all people according to their needs.
- P Blessed Shepherd, You established Your Church with Your sacrificial death and mighty resurrection. Grant us devotion, that we may abide in the teaching of the apostles and honor the fellowship of the Church. Guard us against all enemies of Your Word, and keep us within the care of Your flock and staff forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Mighty Shepherd, You hold in Your hands all the might of man, and You hold accountable those who would govern Your people. Grant to us good government and good leaders who will honor Your purpose, protect Your people, serve the cause of justice and defend our liberty against all threats. Give them wisdom and moderation in their pandemic response. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Holy Shepherd, You have clothed us with Christ's righteousness and taught us to love all that is good, right and true. Bless all artists and artisans, composers and musicians, and craftsmen and writers, that they may employ all their skills for Your glory and in service to the Gospel and that the arts may testify to Your saving death and resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Loving Shepherd, by the work of Your Holy Spirit through the Means of Grace, You daily add to the number of believers those who were being saved. Grant to Your people courageous hearts and bold tongues to proclaim Your truth, trusting that You will gather more in keeping with Your gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Merciful Shepherd, Your wounds are our healing and Your voice calls us to You in time of

need. Hear us on behalf of all those who suffer in body or mind, who grieve those whom they love, and to whom death draws near. We pray especially for _____ and those we name in our hearts. Grant them healing according to Your will, grace to sustain them in the day of trouble, and hope of the new and everlasting life to come. Be with the unemployed and the distraught, and return them to health and livelihood. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Giving Shepherd, You have not withheld anything from us but emptied Yourself fully upon the cross that we might be saved. Move our hearts to such devotion and teach us such generosity, that we may bring to You the tithes and offerings of a grateful heart and serve our neighbor in need with the resources You have supplied to us so abundantly; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

"Shepherd of Tender Youth"

(LSB 864)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MAY 3– THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



AS WE GATHER The closing prayer of the funeral service begins with these words: “Lord God, our shepherd, You gather the lambs of Your flock into the arms of Your mercy and bring them home.” Describing Jesus as a Shepherd is a special image used in prayers, hymns, and Christian artwork. The believer receives a sense of assurance in knowing that the One being followed throughout life is Jesus, the Good Shepherd. The fact that our Lord chooses to repeat the words “I am the Good Shepherd” more than once indicates its importance to Him and to us. As we follow Jesus, we can

be confident that He will lead us into that place where goodness and righteousness are eternal.

He will tend His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs in His arms; He will carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are with young. Isaiah 40:11

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the yellow prayer request card. Our Board of Elders are prayerful with our pastors about these joys and struggles of our earthly journey.

“The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.” James 5:16b

Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this Fourth Sunday of Easter! We are delighted to have you in worship with us.

Preaching today is Reverend Samuel Handschke, our Associate Pastor. Reverend Cory Rajek, our Senior Pastor, is our Liturgist.



INDIVIDUAL COMMUNION

Please come to church for a time of individual communion. We will allow groups of 9 (plus the pastor) at a time to receive Jesus’ body and blood.

Join us on Sunday morning from 9:30-11:30AM. You may come at any point

during those times. If a group is already in the sanctuary, please wait in the narthex. Also be conscious of the suggested distance (six feet) from fellow worshippers.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Sun., Apr. 26, General Fund \$11,171.21; Building Fund \$155.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Love Fund in memory of Richard Zoller \$25.00 and Bob Shoup \$125.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Mexico Mission \$975.00; Endowment Fund in memory of Bob Shoup-Blessings in Faith (Undesignated) \$50.00, Endowment Fund in memory of Bob Shoup-Generations in Faith (General Fund) \$100.00, Endowment Fund-Future in Faith (Education) \$100.00; Mexico Mission \$1,600.00.

Want to listen to our worship service on your phone? Call **1-888-502-3453** and follow the prompts. It will get you to the live streamed service or if we are not livestreaming it will guide you to the last service recorded. Please let everyone know of this service. For those without a computer this is a way for you to stay up on Faith's worship services.



Confirmation Our 8th Grade Confirmation for this year has been postponed until a later date as yet to be determined. Once things are more back to “normal” we will let you know the new date for Confirmation. Pastor Rajek has extended the time for the students to complete their essays, which are a requirement for successful completion of our Confirmation program. Please be getting those turned in to Pastor at: seniorpastor@faithluth.com.

Main Street Living **Did you know** the Main Street Living program is broadcast throughout South Dakota and into bordering states on two TV stations: KDLT in Sioux Falls at 10:00 AM central and KEVN at 8:00 AM mountain in Rapid City? **Did you know** you can see the Worship Service and Kid's Crossing on our website at anytime? All programs are streamed on www.mainstreetliving.com, and are available the day before they are broadcast.

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10:00 AM-This is the Life-“The Big Little Lie”- Curiosity and a little "white lie" results in very serious unintended developments for the Fisher family.

10:30 AM-Rev. Bill Heermann of St. John's Lutheran Church in Wagner, SD presents the message “Jesus, The Good Shepherd” based on John 10: 1-10. The program is interpreted and closed captioned for the hearing impaired. For more information go to the web site: www.mainstreetliving.com

May 10, 2020

10:00 AM-This is the Life-“To the End of Time”- A physicist working on nuclear weapon development is confronted with the reality of the weapon, the utility of radiation and the blessing of Christian hope.

10:30 AM-The message “ is presented by Rev. Richard Milbrandt of St. Peter Lutheran Church in Ocheyedan, Iowa brings the message based on John 14:1-14. The program is interpreted and closed captioned for the hearing impaired. For more information go to the web site: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life “No more strangers or foreigners, in Christ we can be members of the family of God. Hear God’s Word, then, to you today no matter your present circumstance. Your life matters to Him. With faith rooted in Jesus, we are part of His family, and that means your life and mine are valuable not just to each other, but to Him. And that changes everything.” *Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz, former speaker of “The Lutheran Hour” and Executive Director of the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: May 3

8:20 am Worship – Livestreamed

9:30-11:30 am Communion

Tues: May 5

8:00 am Staff Devotions

Thurs: May 7 National Day of Prayer

8:00 am Staff Devotions

Sun: May 10

8:20 am Worship - Livestreamed

9:30-11:30 am Communion

Faith Lutheran Youth



The Acolyte Schedule is on hold until church services resume.

Preschool 2020-2021 pre-registration forms are in the basket on the information table in the Narthex.

The Good Shepherd

