

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE FOURTH SUNDY OF EASTER DIVINE SERVICE SETTING THREE

OPENING HYMN “WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS” LSB, 770



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta-tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis-cour-aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need-less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor-rows share?
Do thy friends de-spise, for-sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.

All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak-ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol-ace there.

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✠ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Γ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **Who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

✠SERVICE OF THE WORD

✠PSALM PSALM 23

Pastor: ¹The LORD is my shepherd;

People: **I shall not want.**

Pastor: ²He makes me lie down in green pastures,

People: **He leads me beside still waters.**

Pastor: ³He restores my soul.

People: **He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.**

Pastor: ⁴Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me;

People: **Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.**

Pastor: ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

People: **You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

Pastor: ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

People: **and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

✠GLORIA PATRI



☐ Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

✠KYRIE



☐ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

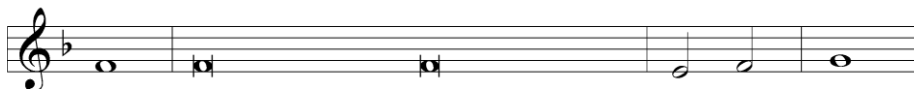


on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

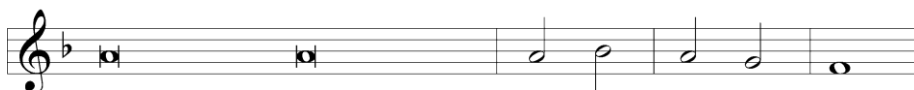
✠ GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



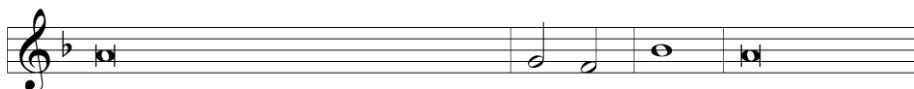
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



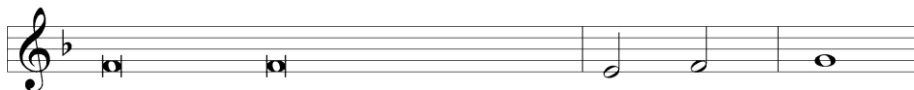
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

✠ SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: 🎵 And with thy spirit

Pastor: Let us pray.

ALL: **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.**

FIRST READING --- ACTS 2:42-47

Reader: The first reading for the fourth Sunday of Easter is from the second chapter of Acts.

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

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL *(adapted from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6)*

Pastor: Christ has risen from the dead.

People: **[God the Father] has crowned Him with glory and honor,**

Pastor: He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;

People: **He has put all things under His feet.**

THE EPISTLE --- 1 PETER 2:19-25

Reader: The Epistle reading is from the second chapter of First Peter.

¹⁹For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰For 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. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in His steps. ²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in His mouth. ²³When 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. ²⁴He 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. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

✠ ALLELUIA



✠ THE HOLY GOSPEL --- JOHN 10:1-10

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

People: 🎵 **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹[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. ²But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what He was saying to them. ⁷So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: 🎵 **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

✠ THE 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 ☩ everlasting. Amen.

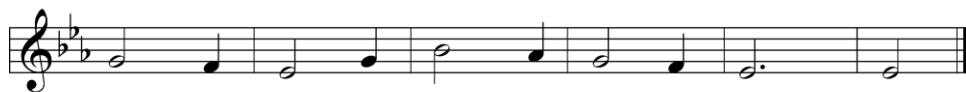
HYMN OF THE DAY “THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS” LSB, 709—VERSES 1, 2, 4, 6



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant
 love He sought me And on His shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.
 com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

6 And so through all the length of days
 Thy goodness faileth never;
 Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
 Within Thy house forever!

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THE SERMON.....“MINDFUL OF YOUR LEADER”

✠THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

✠THE LORD’S PRAYER

✠SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **♪And with thy spirit.**

Pastor: Bless we the Lord.

People: **♪Thanks be to God.**

✠BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN “I LEAVE ALL THINGS TO GOD’S DIRECTION” LSB, 719



1 I leave all things to God's di - rec - tion; He loves me
 2 God knows what must be done to save me; His love for
 3 My God de - sires the soul's sal - va - tion; My soul He,
 4 My God has all things in His keep-ing; He is the



both in joy and woe. His will is good, sure His af -
 me will nev - er cease. Up - on His hands He did en -
 too, de - sires to save. There-fore with Chris - tian res - ig -
 ev - er faith - ful friend. He gives me laugh - ter af - ter



fec - tion; His ten - der love is true, I know. My for-tress
 grave me With pur - est gold of lov - ing grace. His will su -
 na - tion All earth - ly trou - bles I will brave. His will be
 weep-ing, And all His ways in bless - ings end. His love en -



and my rock is He: What pleas-es God, that pleas - es me.
 preme must ev - er be: What pleas-es God, that pleas - es me.
 done e - ter - nal - ly: What pleas-es God, that pleas - es me.
 dures e - ter - nal - ly: What pleas-es God, that pleas - es me.

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NEXT WEEK'S TEXTS: Psalm 146 ; Acts 6:1-9; 7, 51-60:2a; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

NEXT WEEK: Can the same item be used for different things?

TODAY'S LIGHT READERS

TODAY'S LIGHT: May 4-10, Joshua 4--15

1. Joshua 8:34 records that Joshua read all the words of the law—the blessings and the curses just as they are written in the Book of the Law. All of God's Word points us to Jesus, our Savior. Relate the saving work of Jesus to the blessings and curses written in the Book of the Law. See 2 Corinthians 5:21 and Galatians 4:4.
2. In Joshua 13–15, we read about Joshua and his friend Caleb, now elderly gentlemen (Joshua was between ninety and one hundred years old, and Caleb was eighty-five). These chapters remind us that God still had work for both to do (see especially Joshua 13:1 and 14:10–12). Reflect on Caleb's words (14:10–12) as you think about God. How is or how might He be at work in your life during your advanced years?

LIFE QUOTES FROM LUTHERANS FOR 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 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 Seitz, 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**

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LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR

May 3 – Easter IV – Abortion views a little one's weakness as reason to exclude her. Assisted suicide sees a patient's need as an occasion for discarding him. The first Christians welcomed their weak and needy as opportunities for community (Acts 2:44-45). They learned from Jesus that a neighbor who lacked meant an invitation to lean in and share life. Are we too far gone to engage in the same with the least of these?

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LCMS STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY: **May 3 – Easter 4 - 1 Peter 2:21** – "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." Our heavenly Father wants us to grow into the image of His Son, to follow in His steps. Jesus suffered for us not only to redeem us, but also to show us what love looks like – to leave us an example of self-giving, sacrificial generosity. "Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow His example pure."

CORONA VIRUS: Due to the corona virus the elders chose not to have church services until further notice. Unfortunately, the virus does not prevent the bills from coming in and needing to be paid. If you could please make your monthly or weekly contributions to the church it would be very helpful. You can drop it off at the church, put it in the locked church mailbox or mail it to the church at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1505 College Ave. Alamogordo NM 88310. I want to thank you in advance for your faithfulness and generosity to the church. God's Blessings, Sandy Klose, Stewardship Chair

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Wed.	11:30 AM	Friday	8:00 AM
Friday	2:00 PM	Friday	6:30 PM

ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE is tentatively planned for AUGUST 15th. It is a prime opportunity for everyone to be cleaning out closets, cabinets & sheds to preparation to contributing to the annual sale. Monies go to supporting our LWML Mission goals, activities, and church projects.

KFUO RADIO: This week on KFUE.org, hear the good news of our resurrected Christ in daily chapel at 10:00 a.m. CT, begin studying the Gospel of Mark on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and dig into our Lutheran confessions on Concord Matters (5/5 at 2:00 p.m. CT). Find these programs on demand at kfuo.org.