



Fourth Sunday of Easter

Immanuel Lutheran Church ELCA

Forest City, Iowa

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Building community in the name and likeness of Jesus Christ.

The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gentle Shepherd, **you lead us in the ways of righteousness and goodness, but too often we allow our anger, rage, greed, and even hatred to lead us away from our path. We have overacted, we have taken more than our share, we have despised others. Forgive us, O God, for not following your ways. Forgive us for not remembering that we are your sheep, and you are our Shepherd. Forgive us when we have not listened to your voice and instead have listened to the voice of your opposition. Guide us back to your path, to loving you and loving our neighbors. Help us to unclench our fists; to lend a hand; to care more for others; and to live in your ways of generosity, grace, love, and forgiveness. In the name of Jesus, our good Shepherd, we pray. Amen.**

PROCLAMATION OF FORGIVENESS

Siblings in Christ, Jesus the Good Shepherd knows you by name, and has laid down his life for you, his sheep, his children, to open for you the abundant life found only in him. Together we are part of God's flock; we are part of Christ's body. When we stray, he leads us home; when we are injured, he tends our wounds; when we sin, he forgives and restores the relationship. In the name of Jesus, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins. This is a new day; a new beginning, He leads you to green pastures, and beside still waters; he restores your soul. Go forth and share this Good News. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: **"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"** #362 [vs. 1-4&6] ELW

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE #157

HYMN OF PRAISE: **"Now the Feast and Celebration"** #167

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, 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 *Salvation in the name of Jesus*

PSALM: Psalm 23 [read responsively]

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24 *Love in truth and action*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **"Word of Truth and Life"**

Song Leaders: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Word of truth and life!

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Word of truth and life!

Song Leaders: Living water, we are thirsting for the life that you have promised:

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Word of truth and life!

GOSPEL: John 10:11-18 *Christ the shepherd*

Announcement: Glory to you, O Lord.

Conclusion: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON / SERMON

Pastor Rod

HYMN OF THE DAY: **"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"**

#502

APOSTLES' CREED

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: *L: God of grace, C: hear our prayer.*

Ruby Sue Albertsen

Donna Kvale

Jennie Spencer

Joann L. Bartleson

Chris McCormick

Lucky Truong

Liam Bartleson

Jill (Lewison) Nedved

Missionary Karen Anderson

Hayden Despenas

family of Jeff Oulman **Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Magallanes**

Tim Schmidt

SHARING OF THE PEACE: *L: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: And also with you.*

OFFERING: "In His Time"

Steve & Audrey Olmstead

OFFERTORY: **“As the Grains of Wheat”**

#465

OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING / Holy, Holy, Holy from Now the Feast & Celebration, Marty Haugen
Eucharistic Prayer / Eucharistic Acclamations
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ
Lord’s Prayer

COMMUNION: **“Lamb of God”**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you broke the bonds of sin and of death: have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

“Have No Fear, Little Flock”

#764

“Awake, My Soul, with Gladness”

#378

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: **“Praise to You, O God of Mercy”**

#208

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING / PRAYER

SENDING HYMN: **“I Know that My Redeemer Lives”**

#619 [vs. 1,2,4,5,8]

BLESSING: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope † bless you now and always.

Amen.

DISMISSAL: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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