



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Jackson, Minnesota

**The Fourth Sunday of Easter
Confirmation Sunday
April 25, 2021**

**Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Welcome to this Divine Service. We gather in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Please sign the attendance card in pew and place in offering plate.

Communion Policy: In the Lord's Supper, the Risen Christ gives us His true Body & Blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. As we participate in the Lord's Supper we declare doctrinal unity. Therefore we ask guests who are not members of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church to speak with Pastor before communing with us.



Prelude and Ringing of the Bell

Hymn "Baptized into Your Name Most Holy" **590**

Confession and Absolution **151**

Introit **Ps. 23; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b**

[P] I am the good shepherd.

[C] I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

[P] The LORD is my shepherd;

[C] I shall not want.

[P] He makes me lie down in green pastures.

[C] He leads me beside still waters.

[P] He restores my soul.

[C] He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

[P] Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

[C] your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

[P] You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

[C] you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

[P] Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

[C] and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

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 I am the good shepherd.

C I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life
for the sheep.

Kyrie 152-3

Hymn of Praise “All Glory Be to God Alone” 948

Salutation and Collect of the Day 156

First Reading Acts 4:1–12 **ESV**

¹ And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ² greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³ And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴ But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

⁵ On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶ with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷ And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” ⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹ if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰ let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹ This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone.

¹² And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

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

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

P Christ has risen from the dead.

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

P He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

C he has put all things under his feet.

Epistle

1 John 3:16–24 ESV

¹⁶ By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷ But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸ Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

¹⁹ By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰ for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹ Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²² and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³ And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴ Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

[P] This is the Word of the Lord. **[C]** Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

St. John 10:11–18 ESV

[P] The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

[C] *(sung)* Glory to You, O Lord.

¹¹ [Jesus said:] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

[C] *(sung)* Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

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