



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Jackson, Minnesota

The Fourth Sunday of Easter Confirmation Sunday April 30, 2023

Welcome to this Divine Service in which we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ! 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 "All Who Believed and Are Baptized" **601**

Confession and Absolution **203**

Introit **Ps 95:1-3, 6-7a; 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 Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;

C let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

P Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

C let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

P For the Lord is a great God,

C and a great King above all gods.

P Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

C let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

P For he is our God,

C and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.

**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.

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.

First Reading

Acts 2:42–47 ESV

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵ And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being 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 Peter 2:19–25 ESV

¹⁹ For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ 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. 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. ²² He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³ 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. ²⁴ 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. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

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

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

St. John 10:1–10 **ESV**

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

[C] Glory to You, 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.”

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

[C] Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn “The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”

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Sermon

St. John 10:1–10

“Follow Your Shepherd’s Voice”

Rite of Confirmation

272-274

Isabelle Ann Henning Deuteronomy 4:39-40

Aydan Dean Mekosch Isaiah 41:10

Prayer of the Church

Lorraine Adkins, Aiyana Benjamin, Richard Polz, Lorna Nielsen, Joyce Dorschner, Karen Temple, Keaton Clipperton, Gen Rehnelt, Robert Pohlman, Diann Johnson (Bernie Stubbe’s sister), Ron Kloos, Barney Olson, Travus Mekosch. We remember in our prayers the family of Mark Oeltjenbruns, who

recently passed away.

Petitions conclude:

P . . . Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Final petition:

P All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

C Amen.

Offering

Service of the Sacrament

208-212

Distribution Hymns

490, 581

Closing Hymn

“He Is Arisen! Glorious Word”

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Postlude

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