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ENTRANCE HYMN “The Lord’s My Shepherd...” ..... #710

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**P:** *The Lord be with you.* **C:** ♪ **And with your Spirit.** ♪

*Let us pray: “Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have awakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Spirit that when we hear our Shepherd’s voice, we may know Him Who calls us 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.** ♪

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**Lesson:** Acts 4:1-12 (NKJV)

Now as they spoke to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came upon them, being greatly disturbed that they taught the people and preached in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. And they laid hands on them, and put *them* in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. However, many of those who heard the word believed; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand.

And it came to pass, on the next day, that their rulers, elders, and scribes, as well as Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the family of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem. And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, “By what power or by what name have you done this?”

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders of Israel: If we this day are judged for a good deed *done* to a helpless man, by what means he has been made well, let it be known to you all, 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 stands here before you whole. This is the ‘stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.’ Nor is there salvation in any other, 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 FOR EASTER: (Matthew 28:7, Hebrews 2:7, Psalm 8:6)**

\* VII E: Mixolydian



**He has risen | from the dead. \***

**You have crowned Him with glory and | honor.**

**You make Him to rule over the works | of Your hands,\***

**You have put all things un- | der His feet.**

**EPISTLE: 1John 3:16-24 (NKJV)**

By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren. But whoever has this world’s goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?

My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him. For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things. Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God. And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. And this is His commandment:

that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment.

Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He 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 VERSE (John 10:14, 15b)** Alle- | luia; Alle- | luia.

**I AM the Good Shepherd; and I know My Own and My Own | know me,\*  
and I lay down My life for the sheep. Alle- | luia.**

**P:** *The Holy Gospel according to...*    **C:** ♪ **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.** ♪

△ **HOLY GOSPEL John 10:11-18 (NKJV)**

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. But a hireling, *he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.*

“Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father.”

**P:** *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*    **C:** ♪ **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.** ♪

△ **NICENE CREED**

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**HYMN OF THE DAY “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” ..... #709**

**SERMON “Jesus laid down His life for you, so you give your life in love too”**

△ **OFFERTORY “Create in me” ..... P 192-193**

**OFFERINGS COLLECTED**

△ **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**    **P:** *Lord, in Your mercy.*    **C:** **Hear our prayer.**

‡**SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**‡

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△ **VERBA (♪ sung for Eastertide ♪) & PAX DOMINI .. “Peace of the Lord”**

△ **AGNUS DEI “Lamb of God...” ..... P 198**

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**COMMUNION** (See our Communion Practice)

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**                                    **“Have No Fear, Little Flock” ..... #735**

**“I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb” ..... #740**

△ **NUNC DIMITTIS (Song of Simeon) ..... P 199**

△ **THANKSGIVING COLLECT**

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**HYMN “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” ..... #711**

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ALL MAY BE SEATED AFTER SILENT PRAYER FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

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We welcome all worshipping with us today and pray you will be spiritually fed through the grace of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ!

**Visitors, please sign the guest book in the narthex.**

## **Our Communion Practice**



We receive in this sacrament the true body & blood of Jesus with the bread & wine. Believers also receive forgiveness to strengthen their faith. God wants all to be truly worthy & well prepared to receive His blessings in the Lord's Supper. (*1Cor. 11:26-29*)

Receiving this Supper is a public proclamation of the faith, so we ask that only those who confess the faith of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod commune with us as one body in Christ. (*1Cor. 10:17*) This includes all the baptized instructed from Luther's *Small Catechism*.

The Biblical practice of Closed Communion is not to offend individuals, but, lovingly, to guard and protect the Spiritual well-being of all.

*If you are currently a member of a Lutheran church in our fellowship and have learned the Small Catechism, you are invited to receive Holy Communion today.*

*Others Christians are invited forward, crossing arms, to receive a blessing*

**Adult Catechism classes**, which are preparation for Holy Communion, are offered upon request. Please speak to Pastor about how to join our fellowship.



**Cleaning:** Your time and talents are needed to clean the church. 2 or 3 volunteers are needed each week and spend a few hours cleaning the Lord's house. Volunteers are needed for 2024. The new sign up sheet is on the entry bulletin board.

**Announcements:** Contact the church office by Wednesday morning for insertion into Sunday's bulletin. email: [redemermanteville@gmail.com](mailto:redemermanteville@gmail.com)

**Stewardship nugget:** "Love one another" is the new commandment Jesus gives at the last supper. What is "new" about it is that we are now to love with God's Own sacrificial love, that very 'agape' love with which Jesus has already loved us. This love flows directly from faith, as St. John reminds us, that your love for one another may be faithful. This special love of God flows through you because God abides in you, as you abide in Jesus your Savior.



**Altar Flowers:** In Honor and Glory to God..

**Attendance last Sunday:** 45 (plus online viewers)

**Today at Redeemer:**

8:30 AM Morning Prayer with homily on the day's psalm  
9:00 AM.....Adult Bible class (*Revelation*) & Sunday School for kids  
10:30 AM.....Divine Service Setting 3 with Communion

**This week at Redeemer:**

Tuesday, April 23	6:30 PM	Bible class on <i>Luke</i>
Wednesday, April 24	10:30 AM	Bible class on <i>Proverbs</i>
	5:30 PM	Youth Confirmation



April 23 Kirk Drumm  
April 27 Ellis Gulina



**Please pray for our home-bound member:** Alice Haines in hospice.

**Prayers needed for:** **Schleta** dealing with sciatica; **Toby Moore** with brain cancer; **Linda Ray** recovering from surgery; **Joe Sicard** recuperating at home, **Margie Wingfield** recovering from surgery.

**Prayer Chain:** Contact **Loraine Rathman** [drloraine@aol.com](mailto:drloraine@aol.com) or 985-246-6108

**Portals of Prayer:** are no longer being mailed to our homes, but are sent in a bulk mailing to the church (in a cost savings decision). If you want a portals of prayer, you may pick one up at church each quarter.

**Courtesy:** If you must enter or leave the nave while worship is happening, please try to utilize the "traveling music" of the hymns, canticles and other sung portions of the service, so as to avoid any distracting interruptions.

**Getting ready for worship:** includes some quiet time in the nave for some of our members, for prayer and meditation. So we will close the doors about 10 minutes before worship begins. Please be considerate, keeping your conversations in the narthex so those getting ready for worship aren't disturbed. Thanks in advance!

**Debt Reduction Drive:** As we will be refi-ing our mortgage later this year, it would be helpful if you have extra income (from Thrivent bucks or elsewhere), to consider an additional offering (over and above regular giving) for reducing Redeemer's debt. Such gifts should not take away from supporting the Ministry of Redeemer, but only be given *in addition to* the regular support of the Church.

**Please note on your check that your gift is for debt reduction or mark debt reduction on the envelope.**

WHAT IS GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY?

*Good Shepherd Sunday* is the "nickname" given to the 4th Sunday of Easter. It is given this designation or title because of the Scripture readings proclaimed on that day. The "Lord's My Shepherd" (*Psalms 23*) is the entrance psalm for this day. The Holy Gospel is from a portion of *John 10* where Jesus makes His claim to be the "Good Shepherd". The Epistle makes reference to God our Shepherd, and the Lesson notes how Jesus gave up His life for the us, His sheep.

Here, in the middle of the season which celebrates our Lord's triumphant resurrection from the dead stands *Good Shepherd Sunday*. Why read about "Jesus our Shepherd" during this season? It is because as our Shepherd, Jesus lays down His life for the sheep. (*John 10:11&15*) This life which he willing laid down, Jesus also takes up again by His own authority. (*John 10:17-18*) Because our Good Shepherd both dies and rises again, this is a fitting day for the Easter Season.

How is Jesus our "Good Shepherd" even today? His dying and rising took place almost 2000 years ago. Yet He continues to make us lie down in green pastures, and to lead us beside quiet waters. He

does this "feeding" and "leading" even today as He gives us His word in proclamation, and His sacraments of baptism, communion, and absolution that we have His forgiveness that we may dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Yet Jesus Himself does not come down from heaven in His glorified, resurrected body to preach and minister to us. The "Good Shepherd" calls undershepherds to lead and feed us with the good gifts Jesus Himself desires for us. Our "Pastor" (which means "shepherd") is called by God to be a representative of Jesus the Good Shepherd in tending His flock in this particular place. The pastor speaks with the voice of Jesus, and the flock recognizes his voice as that of the Good Shepherd, and follow the words of God he proclaims.

The sheep thus judge their shepherd/pastor as to whether he is indeed feeding and leading them according to the Good Shepherd's own words. They do not seek after "candy" from him, but for the sustenance of Jesus' own words and sacraments. Given these good gifts of the Good Shepherd, they willingly follow His undershepherd in their midst, recognizing the Good Shepherd's voice in his.