



“I am the
good
shepherd.”

John 10:11

Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21, 2024 – 9:00am

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Prelude: "Jesus Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Lisa Borman

The Gathering

Welcome & Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

silence for reflection & self-examination

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" #502

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Hymn of Praise: "Glory Be to God in Heaven" p. 204

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God, you show those in error the light of your truth, that they may return into the way of righteousness. Grant to all that are admitted into fellowship with Christ the power to avoid all things that are contrary to the faith and to follow you according to the will of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Word

First Reading: Acts 4:1-12

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 23

L: The Lord is my shepherd;

C: I shall not be in want.

L: He makes me lie down in green pastures

C: and leads me beside still waters.

L: He revives my soul

C: and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.

L: Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;

C: for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

L: You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;

C: you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

L: Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

C: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

Holy Gospel: John 10:11-18

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 10th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

#789

Confession of Faith: Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father, through whom all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. Who with the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace

Presentation of the Offering

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Meal

The Great Thanksgiving

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The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Distribution of Holy Communion: "Lamb of God"

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Hymns: #781 – "Children of the Heavenly Father"

#824 – "This Is My Father's World"

Post-Communion Blessing & Prayer

The Sending

The Blessing

Sending Song: "Have No Fear, Little Flock"

#764

Dismissal

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Postlude

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Prayer Concerns: Health Concerns - Merrilee Anhalt, Don Bartig, Austin Boehm, Wayne Crozier, Meghan Diller, Aiden Dohr, Emma Dohr, John Fields, Pr. Phil Gagnon, Fred Hemm, Bob Langland, Allen Nyhagen, Nancy Pestel, Craig Roberts, Michelle Whittenberger; Homebound Members and Nursing Home Residents; those affected by the closing of HSHS/Prevea hospitals and clinics and Jeld-Wen; Grieving: Burt & Heidi Zielke in the death of Burt's mother, Marilyn.

Worship Assistants: Ushers – Gordie & Bev Dukerschein; Lector: Jana Nyhagen; Communion Asst – Dukerschein; Acolyte –.

Donuts & Devotions: Youth in grades 6-12 are invited for Donuts & Devotions this morning at 10:15am.

Book Discussion: The book group will meet this morning at 10:30am in the Fireside Room to discuss Cold Light of Day by Elizabeth Goddard.

Quilting: The quilting group will meet on Tuesday, April 23 beginning at 9:00am. Please note this is one week earlier than originally scheduled. There are jobs for all skill levels. If you can stay for the whole day, please bring a sack lunch. If you have questions about the quilting group, please contact Karen Skeels (715-452-5444).

GriefShare: GriefShare is a faith-based non-denominational grief support group that meets each Wednesday through the month of May from 6:00-7:30pm here at the church. If you or someone you know would like to participate, please contact the church office.

Spring Cleaning: Volunteers are needed to help with spring cleaning both inside and outside the church building. This will take place on Thursday, April 16 beginning at 3:30pm. If you have questions, please contact Brian Johnson or a member of the Property Committee.

Livestream Sponsorship: Our worship service is livestreamed to the church's YouTube channel each Sunday. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast, please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex. The suggested donation is \$50. Proceeds go towards keeping the technology needed for this ministry up-to-date.

Prayer Requests: If you would like to have someone placed on the prayer chain and/or the prayer list in the Sunday bulletin, please contact the church office (hlcladysmith@gmail.com or 715-532-7739). If you have asked to have someone listed in the prayers, please give periodic updates so that we can keep the list up-to-date.

MANNA Meal: The April MANNA Meal will take place on Thursday, April 25 with serving from 5:00-6:00pm. This is a free meal providing food and fellowship to those in need of either.

A Week of Hope

Today	10:00am Fellowship
	10:15am Sunday School
	10:30am Book Discussion
	6:30pm Marriage Enrichment Group
Wednesday	3:15pm Wednesday School
	6:00pm GriefShare 6:30pm Confirmation
Sunday	9:00am Worship
	10:00am Fellowship
	10:15am Sunday School
	10:30am Bible Study