

Welcome to Saint Michael Lutheran Church and School

# “Christ, Our Life”

**Good Shepherd Sunday**  
*Fourth Sunday of Easter*  
April 21, 2024 + 8:30 am

## MATINS

(page 219 in the Lutheran Service Book)

(\* = please stand)

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME

\* **OPENING VERSICLES** (page 219 in the LSB)

\* **PSALMODY** (using the common antiphon and **VENITE** on page 235-237 in LSB)

\* **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** (as “Additional Psalms,” Isaiah 53:6a, parts of Psalm 51, 1 Peter 2:25)

P: All we like sheep have gone astray;

**C: We have turned—every one—to his own way;**

P: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your unfailing love;

**C: According to Your great compassion blot out my transgressions.**

P: Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

**C: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.**

P: *(We pause for silent confession of sins)* Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: (We) were straying like sheep,

**C: But have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of (our) souls.**

**OFFICE HYMN #710:** “The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”

**READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE** (followed by responses on page 221 in LSB)

**First Reading:** Acts 4:1-12

**Psalm:** Psalm 23 (we read it aloud together)

*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name’s sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.*

**Epistle Reading:** 1 John 3:16-24

**Choir Anthem:** “Shepherd Me O God” by Marty Haugen Arr. by Mark Hayes

\* **Gospel Reading:** John 10:11-18

\* **RESPONSORY** (the one for Easter on page 222 in LSB)

### CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

**BIBLE MESSAGE:** “Christ, Our Life: Our Good Shepherd”

\* **CANTICLE** (As the Te Deum we sing **Hymn #941:** “We Praise You and Acknowledge You”)

\* **KYRIE** (page 227 in LSB)

\* **LORD’S PRAYER** (page 227 in LSB)

\* **COLLECTS** (*beginning with the chant on page 227*)

\* **COLLECT FOR GRACE** (*page 228 in LSB*)

\* **BENEDICAMUS** (*page 228 in LSB*)

\* **BENEDICTION** (*the first one listed on page 228 in LSB*)

\* **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\* **CLOSING HYMN #711:** "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

**POSTLUDE**

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**SERVING TODAY (4/21)**

**Presiding Minister (P):** Rev. Daniel Maske

**Preaching and Assisting:** Rev. Dr. Paul Naumann

**Organist:** Keith Eiser

**Lay Ministers:** Mel Schroeder, Dave Drzewiecki

**Ushers:** Don, Mike & Rich Crampton

Dave Drzewiecki

**Greeters:** Roger & Deb Myers

**Children's Message:** Brenda Heintz

**Lector:** Brian Hall

**SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (4/28)**

*Rev. Dr. Paul Naumann*

*Rev. Daniel Maske*

*Keith Eiser*

*Mel Schroeder, Dave Drzewiecki*

*Don, Mike & Rich Crampton*

*Dave Drzewiecki*

*Nonie Knight & Jan Jett*

*Pastor Maske*

*Nonie Knight*

**Acts 4:1-12**

And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them,<sup>2</sup> greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead.<sup>3</sup> And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening.<sup>4</sup> But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.<sup>5</sup> On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem,<sup>6</sup> with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family.<sup>7</sup> And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?"<sup>8</sup> Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders,<sup>9</sup> if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed,<sup>10</sup> 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.<sup>11</sup> This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone.<sup>12</sup> 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."

**1 John 3:16-24**

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.<sup>17</sup> 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?<sup>18</sup> Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.<sup>19</sup> By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him;<sup>20</sup> for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything.<sup>21</sup> Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God;<sup>22</sup> and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him.<sup>23</sup> 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.<sup>24</sup> 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.

**John 10:11-18**

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.<sup>12</sup> 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.<sup>13</sup> He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.<sup>14</sup> I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me,<sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me and I know the Father, and I lay down my life for the sheep.<sup>16</sup> 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.<sup>17</sup> For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again.<sup>18</sup> 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."