



*FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER*  
**"IN PURSUIT"**

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7:30AM & 9AM SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2023 IN THE UPPER SANCTUARY  
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL  
WAUSAU, WISCONSIN

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**AS WE GATHER** Today we hear about Jesus as both our Shepherd and the door for us, the sheep. Jesus is the Good Shepherd, who leads us to green pastures and still waters. And Jesus is the door, the gate by which we enter eternal life. As we follow Jesus, we know that He is always leading us toward righteousness—toward an eternity dwelling in the house of the Lord.

**PRESERVICE MUSIC**

**RINGING OF THE BELLS**

**WELCOME**

**OPENING HYMN**

**“All People That On Earth Do Dwell”**

*LSB 791*



1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, Sing to the  
2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; With - out our  
3 O en - ter then His gates with praise; Ap - proach with  
4 For why? The Lord our God is good: His mer - cy  
△ 5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, The God whom



Lord with cheer - ful voice. Him serve with mirth, His  
aid He did us make. We are His folk, He  
joy His courts un - to. Praise, laud, and bless His  
is for - ev - er sure. His truth at all times  
heav'n and earth a - dore, From us and from the



praise forth - tell; Come ye be - fore Him and re - joice.  
doth us feed, And for His sheep He doth us take.  
name al - ways, For it is seem - ly so to do.  
firm - ly stood And shall from age to age en - dure.  
an - gel host Be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.

## INVOCATION

- L In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

## OPENING SENTENCES

- L Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**  
L The Lord is our Good Shepherd;  
C **He leads us and restores our souls.**  
L He walks beside us through the darkness  
C **and never abandons us, even in death.**  
L He goes before us and prepares a table for us,  
C **and we will dwell in His house forever.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- L Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd, we confess to You that we have been ungrateful for all You give us to sustain our bodies and lives.  
C **Forgive us, Good Shepherd.**  
L Like sheep, we are distracted and tend to wander and scatter. We forget who we are as baptized children of God and fail to respond to Your shepherding in our lives.  
C **Forgive us, Good Shepherd.**  
L We confess that in difficult times of life, we sometimes struggle to be confident in Your presence and protection, seeking to find our own comfort.  
C **Forgive us, Good Shepherd.**  
L As we journey through this sinful world, we overlook the goodness and mercy that flow into our lives from You.  
C **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.**  
L Jesus, our Good Shepherd, hears our cries and says to us, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep." Receive the forgiveness won for You through Christ's laying down His life and rising from death in victory. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

## HYMN

### “Have No Fear Little Flock”

LSB 735



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; Have no fear, lit - tle flock;  
2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; Have good cheer, lit - tle flock;  
3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; Praise the Lord high a -  
4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; Thank - ful hearts raise to

flock, For the Fa - ther has cho - sen To  
flock, For the Fa - ther will keep you In  
bove, For He stoops down to heal you, Up -  
God, For He stays close be - side you, In

give you the King - dom; Have no fear, lit - tle flock!  
His love for - ev - er; Have good cheer, lit - tle flock!  
lift and re - store you; Praise the Lord high a - bove!  
all things works with you; Thank - ful hearts raise to God!

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## SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

L The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

L Let us pray. Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have awakened 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.**

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

*Acts 2:42–47*

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup>And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup>And they were selling their posses-

sions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 23 7:30a —“The Lord Is My Shepherd”

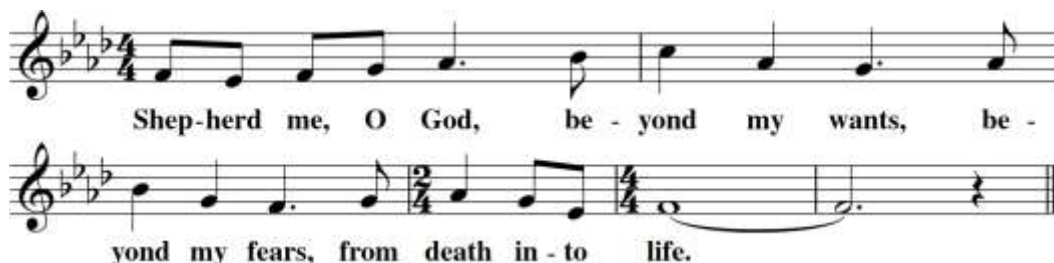
Moklebust

*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters...Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.*

### 9:00a —“Shepherd Me, O God”

Haugen

*Please join in singing the refrain as indicated.*



*Soloist/Ensemble:*

1. *God is my Shepherd, so nothing shall I want,  
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,  
I walk by the quiet waters of peace. **(Refrain)***
2. *Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,  
You lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,  
My spirit shall sing the music of Your name. **(Refrain)***
3. *Though I should wander the valley of death,  
I fear no evil, for You are at my side,  
Your rod and Your staff, my comfort and my hope. **(Refrain)***
4. *You have set me a banquet of love, In the face of hatred,  
Crowning me with love beyond my power to hold. **(Refrain)***
5. *Surely your kindness and mercy follow me, All the days of my life,  
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore. **(Refrain)***

## EPISTLE

*1 Peter 2:19–25*

For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>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. <sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>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. <sup>25</sup>For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

*John 10:1–10*

L The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

“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. 2 But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. 5 A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” 6 This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. 7 So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. 8 All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. 9 I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. who is oppressed by a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?”

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

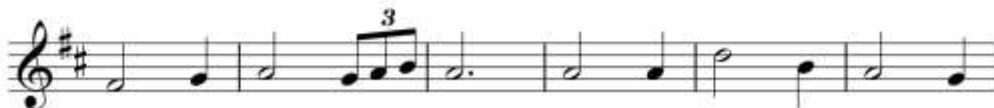
# HYMN OF THE DAY

## "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

LSB 709



All: 1. The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose  
 Women: 2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My  
 Organ: 3. Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But  
 Men: 4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill With



good - ness fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
 ran - somed soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant  
 yet in love He sought me And on His shoul - der  
 Thee, dear Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
 gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.  
 com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

ALL:

5. Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth;  
 And, oh, what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth!
6. And so through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never;  
 Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise, Within Thy house forever!

# SERMON

## "In Pursuit"

Rev. Timothy Smith

## NICENE CREED

- C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.
- And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us, under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.
- And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(After each petition, the following is said...)*

- L ...Lord, in Your mercy
- C hear our prayer.

## GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**MISSION STATEMENT:** *To gather people who grow in faith and share Jesus with all.*

**VISION STATEMENT:** *To strive to be a mature and faithful congregation that is focused on our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.*

## OFFERING MUSIC

# SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

## PREFACE

*2 Timothy 4:22*

- L The Lord be with you.  
C **And also with you.**  
L Lift up your hearts.  
C **We lift them to the Lord.**  
L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## PROPER PREFACE

- L It is truly good, right, and proper that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, for You sent Your only-begotten Son to be our Good Shepherd. We know His love as He laid down His life for us and set us free from sin and death. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS

*(p.208)*



**G** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;  
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

*1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

- L As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
- L O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

- C 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.

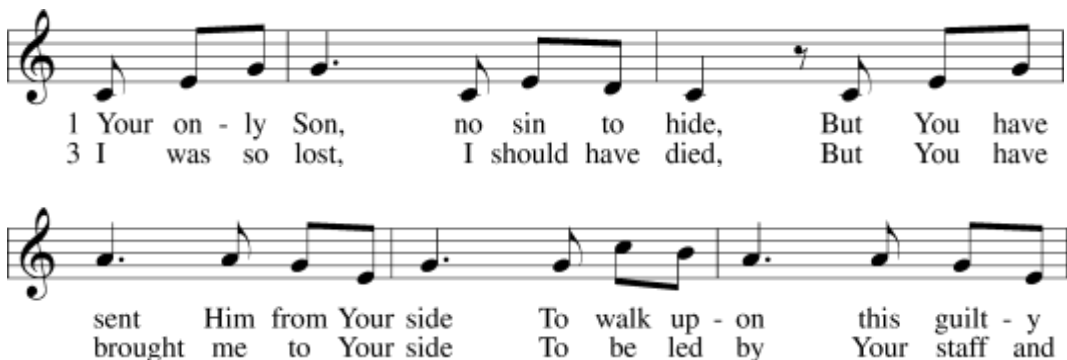
### PAX DOMINI

- L The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

### AGNUS DEI

**"Lamb of God"**

*LSB 550, sts. 1 & 3*



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have  
3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have

sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y  
brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and



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## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION *Gluten Free Wafers are available upon request.*

*Christ invites all repentant sinners to partake His feast of forgiveness – the Lord’s Supper. LCMS communicant members are invited to examine their faith and receive the Savior’s body and blood. Visitors wishing to commune should see a Pastor or an Elder before service. We ask this because we love you.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

**“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”** LSB 770

**“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”** LSB 710

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- L Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a fore-taste of the feast to come in the Sacrament of Your Son’s body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout all of our days so that, on the day of His coming, we may celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

*Numbers 6:24-26*

- L The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.
- C **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

### “Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”

LSB 477



1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise:  
2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at last has met de - feat:  
△ 3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high:



Sing to God a hymn of glad - ness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;  
See the an - cient pow'rs of e - vil In con - fu - sion and re - treat;  
Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior Who has gained the vic - to - ry;



He who on the cross a vic - tim For the world's sal - va - tion bled—  
Once He died, and once was bur - ied: Now He lives for - ev - er - more,  
Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, Fount of love and sanc - ti - ty!



Je - sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead.  
Je - sus Christ, the world's Re - deem - er, Whom we wor - ship and a - dore.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia To the tri - une Maj - es - ty!

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### EASTER ACCLAMATION

L Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## POSTLUDE

*PRESIDING MINISTER: Rev. James L. Mayland*

*PREACHER: Rev. Timothy D. Smith, Associate Pastor*

*ORGANIST: Mr. Matt Hoehne*

*MUSICIANS: 7:30a – JuBellation Handbells; Holly Lutz – violin*

*9:00a – 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir, Matt Hoehne, director; Bekah Hoehne, flute*

*ELDERS: 7:30am—Bob Zimmerman, Troy Pagel; 9am—Dan Schwantes, Troy Pagel*

*ACOLYTES: 7:30am—; 9am—Hunter Schult*

*TECH: 7:30am—; 9am—*



## WELCOME TO TRINITY!

Your presence is very special to us. May your faith be strengthened and your life enriched as you join us in worship to God!

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**TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES IN THE UPPER SANCTUARY—**  
7:30am & 9am Sunday  
**CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE IN THE UPPER SANCTUARY—**  
5pm Saturday

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- **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**—Holy Communion is celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month in the Upper Sanctuary. We invite those who have been instructed in the teachings of the Evangelical Lutheran Church to receive the Sacrament of the Altar. Others are asked to speak with a pastor before receiving the Sacrament. *Gluten free wafers are available upon request.*
- **LARGE PRINT**—large print copies of the bulletin are available on the table in the Narthex or you may ask the usher for one.
- **CHILDREN'S BULLETINS**—for ages 3-6 & 7-12 years, are available on the table in the Narthex.
- **NURSERY**—for children ages 3 & under. The upper level nursery is located near the Church Lounge on Sundays. *Please Note: The upper level nursery will be unstaffed unless volunteers are available.*
- **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**—Sunday School is available for children 4 years old through 6th Grade at 10:15am on Sunday mornings during the school year. Christian Education courses for adults and young adults are held at 10:15am on Sunday mornings & various times throughout the week during the school year. Trinity is committed to Christian Education through the 4K-8th grade School, our Childcare (infant through 13 years), and through our association with Wisconsin Valley Lutheran High School.
- **ELEVATOR**—is located next to the nursery on the upper level. On the lower level the elevator is located across from Classroom #101, which is past the offices. Use as needed.
- **RESTROOMS**—Narthex level across from the Library, lower level next to the elevator.
- **JOINING TRINITY**—We invite you to become part of this Christian community! If interested in membership, please speak with an elder or pastor, and we will contact you.

### MISSION STATEMENT:

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### VISION STATEMENT:

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