

# Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

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## ✠PREPARATION✠

### CALL TO WORSHIP (Jack & Becky –Blue folder Songs for the Saints)

# 5 “Beautiful”

# 18 “Glorify Thy Name”

# 17 “Emmanuel”

### AS WE GATHER

Flocks of sheep can number in the hundreds or even thousands. An annual trek from winter quarters to summer pastures and back again at a location in rural Idaho consistently draws hundreds of spectators to a location where the sheep must cross a major highway to reach their destination. Keeping track of two or three thousand sheep on the move is quite a task! Jesus, our Good Shepherd, knows how to care for not just thousands but millions of His sheeplike people. The prophet Isaiah says of the Lord God that He “will tend His flock like a shepherd” (40:11). Assured and reassured that we are part of His flock, we travel through life following the guidance of our caring Shepherd!

*The peace of the Lord is exchanged according to local custom.*

### OPENING HYMN LSB 738 “Lord of All Hopefulness”

### CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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

**C: Amen.**

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**C: Who made heaven and earth**

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?.

**C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P: Since we are gathered to hear Gods Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar,

let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me a sinner.

**C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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.**

**☩WORD☩**

**INTROIT** (see insert – spoken full verse by full verse – Pastor begins)

**KYRIE** (sung)    **Lord, have mercy.**  
                          **Christ, have mercy.**  
                          **Lord, have mercy.**

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** (sung)

- 1. To God on high be glory and peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing—  
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.**
- 2, To You, O sole-be-gotten, The Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heart-felt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high-**
- 3. For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;**

**You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.**

**SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY**

L: 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 4:1-12

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL** *adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 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.**

**THE EPISTLE** 1 John 3:16-24

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

**VERSE** (sung)

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**These things are written that you may believe  
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** John 10:11-18

*P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the tenth chapter,*

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

*After the reading:*

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life+ everlasting.  
Amen**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** LSB 710 "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"

**SERMON**

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord, beseeching Him for the needs of ourselves and others.

Trusting in God's loving response, we pray for the church and all who are called to lives of service to God's people, asking that the Lord will bless His undershepherds and all who care for His flock.

**C: Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

P: We pray for ourselves, that the Holy Spirit guide us into gracious ways and instill in us a holy confidence in the goodness of our God, aiding us in our prayers. With thanks for the faithful examples set by those whose earthly journeys are complete and whose witness to Christ yet inspires us, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

P: We pray for the blessing of God upon our nation and its leaders that we may lead peaceable lives, and we pray for the needs of ourselves and others for healing and restoration, for solace and comfort.

**C: Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

P: These things and all else that we should have asked grant us according to Your gracious will, O Lord, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

**OFFERING** plate will be passed. Please sign the Record of Fellowship folder at this time.

## **✠SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT✠**

### **PREFACE**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And with thy spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for all the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

**SANCTUS** (sung)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;**

**Heav`n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.**

**Sing hosanna in the highest , sing hosanna to the Lord;**

**Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving

tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**P:** Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**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.**

### **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### **PAX DOMINI**

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** **Amen.**

### **AGNUS DEI** –Lamb of God

(sung) **O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray**

**Distribution**

LSB 633 "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

LSB 740 "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"

**NUNC DIMITTIS**

(sung) **O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'n ly peace,  
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:  
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit, Forevr Three in One;  
Far as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resoudndng Through all eternity.**

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

P: Let us pray:

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**



## **SALUTATION and BENEDICTION**

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

L: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

**THE CLOSING HYMN** LSB 711 “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

**SILENT PRAYER**

***+THIS WORSHIP IS ENDED.***

**LET THE SERVICE BEGIN+**

“...whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” Colossians 3:17

## **Dates to Remember**

April 21 – Altar Guild Meeting after Church

April 30 – Meal at the Mancelona United Methodist Church

May 5 – Elder’s Meeting after Church

May 12 – Mother’s Day/Council Meeting after Church

May 19 – Altar Guild Meeting after Church

## **BIBLE STUDY & CHURCH SERVICE**

Bible Study will meet at 9:15 am in the fellowship hall,

Church Service at 10:30 am.

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Rick Burd – cancer treatments

Randy Burd – also cancer treatments

Family of Edith Smith who passed away recently

Deb Sparks – tumors on thyroid

## **Birthdays**

Alisha VanderLoop – May 4

Gerald Hummel – May 23

Ethan Heegeman – May 25

Deborah Sparks – May 25

Margaret Hummel – May 26

## **Anniversary**

Adam & Alisha VanderLoop – April 4

Dennis & Diane Schlak – May 9

Jack & Becky Priami – May 12

## **News from Call Committee**

The Pastor Profile has been sent in and we would like you to see the comment that was included:

Mancelona/Kalkaska is looking for a pastor who will care for and visit with the members. He will look to guide the congregations into their communities. He will be able to develop leaders within the congregations. He will work to improve the youth programs. He will work with the congregation to develop a strategy for community involvement. He will assist the congregation in implementing that strategy.