

*April 21, 2024*

*The Fourth Sunday of Easter*

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*St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church exists by the grace of God to be the body of Christ in Holbrook. Therefore, we proclaim God's word to the world, teach the faithful, administer the sacraments, and show the love of Christ in care for our community.  
Welcome! Every person who comes to worship is a special gift from God. Thank you for being with us today!*

### **Serving in God's house**

Presiding Minister: Rev. George Kirkup  
Readers: Lennox Debra  
Organist: Doreen Leonard

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### **Shepherd of Tender Youth**

*LSB 864:1,3-5*

- 1 Shepherd of tender youth, guiding in love and truth  
Through devious ways; Christ, our triumphant king,  
We come Your name to sing and here our children bring to join Your praise.
- 3 You are the great High Priest; You have prepared the feast  
Of holy love; and in our mortal pain  
None calls on You in vain; our plea do not disdain; help from above.
- 4 O ever be our guide, our shepherd, and our pride,  
Our staff and song. Jesus, O Christ of God,  
By Your enduring Word lead us where You have trod; make our faith strong.
- 5 So now, and till we die, sound we Your praises high  
And joyful sing: Infants and all the throng,  
Who to the Church belong, unite to swell the song to Christ, our king!

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I... forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

*Psalm 23*

I am the good shepherd.

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

**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.



**G** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

I am the good shepherd.

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

**G** Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**P** Glory be to God on high:

**G** and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

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### FIRST READING

*Acts 4:1–12*

**A** The First Reading for the Fourth Sunday of Easter is from Acts, chapter four.

As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, 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. This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. 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.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### GRADUAL

Christ has risen from the dead.

God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor.

**He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;  
he has put all things under his feet.**

### EPISTLE

*1 John 3:16–24*

**A** The Epistle is from First John, chapter three.

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. 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? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. 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. Whoever keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

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ALLELUIA

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HOLY GOSPEL

*John 10:11–18*

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

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 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. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. 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. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. 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.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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The King of Love My Shepherd Is

*LSB 709*

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am His and He is mine forever.
- 2 Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul He leadeth  
And, where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love He sought me  
And on His shoulder gently laid and home rejoicing brought me.
- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with Thee, dear Lord, beside me,  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.
- 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!

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OFFERTORY

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

LORD’S PRAYER

COLLECT TO RECEIVE THE WORD

BENEDICTION

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**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.  
**C** **Amen, amen, amen.**

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

*LSB 711*

- 1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need Your tender care.  
In Your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Your fold prepare.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours. *(2 times)*
- 2 We are Yours; in love befriend us, be the guardian of our way;  
Keep Your flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, hear us children when we pray. *(2 times)*
- 3 You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;  
You have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow’r to free.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, early let us turn to You. *(2 times)*
- 4 Early let us seek Your favor, early let us do Your will;  
Blessèd Lord and only Savior, with Your love our spirits fill.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have loved us, love us still. *(2 times)*

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.  
The Lord bless you. The Lord keep you. Alleluia. Amen

*In Holy Communion, our Lord invites us to eat and drink His true body and blood. In preparation for this sacrament, each communicant will examine himself and come to the Lord's Table seeking forgiveness of sins. As the catechism says, "a person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: 'Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.'" Therefore, we expect all communicants to have been baptized, instructed in the Christian faith, repent of their sins, and believe that Jesus here offers His true body and blood for their forgiveness.*

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

**C** **It is meet and right so to do.**

**P** It is truly meet right and salutary ... evermore praising God and saying:

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

**heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

AGNUS DEI

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NUNC DIMITTIS

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**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**C** **and His mercy endureth forever.**

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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PAULINE BENEDICTION



**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Joyce Barbagallo, Barbara, Terry Stapleton, Kathy Cecere, Richie & Tara Grey, Lenora Debra, Linda Konecny, Zachary Pompee, Ralph Ciniglio, David Perry, Richie LaPresti, Lydia Foley, Diane Dill

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Tuesday – 10AM            Bible Study  
Tuesday – 6:30PM        Confirmation Class

Are you interested in helping plan social activities? We are starting a fellowship committee and we'd love for you to get involved.  
Call Diane LaFurno at (646)872-9354 for more information.