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**The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**April 22, 2018**



*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. Psalm 23:1*

**PRELUDE**      “Voluntary on ‘Brother James’ Air” arr. Ashdown

**WELCOME**

**✠ PREPARATION ✠**

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

*Please Stand*

**INVOCATION**

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

**People:**      **Amen.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Pastor:      In this Easter season, celebration is always near our lips. We are glad to shout Alleluias in worship, but when we leave we do not always recognize our neighbors in need. We may close our hearts to them. We may reject them. We may fail to follow the example of our Good Shepherd. As we draw near to the Lord, let us consider our sins and ask God for His forgiveness.

*Silence for reflection*

Pastor:      Heavenly Father,

**People:**      **we have sinned against You and against our neighbors in our thoughts, words, and actions. You know our sins, and they are ever before You. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us as a shepherd leads his sheep.**

Pastor: God has sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Good Shepherd. He has laid down His life for our forgiveness and has taken His life back up again in His glorious resurrection. As a called and ordained servant of the risen Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen. The Lord restores us and leads us in paths of righteousness. Amen.**

**HYMN** "Thanks to Thee O Christ, Victorious" #548

*Please be Seated*

**☩ WORD ☩**

**FIRST READING** Acts 4:1-12

*(Peter proclaims Jesus as the stone that was rejected and has become the cornerstone.)*

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

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

*(Love one another as Christ has loved us)*

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Please Stand*

**ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

#205

♪ 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 (*Jesus is our Good Shepherd*)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the tenth chapter.

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

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**APOSTLES' CREED** *found on the last page of your pew hymnal*

*Please be Seated*

**HYMN** The King of Love My Shepherd Is #709

**SERMON** Pastor Bill Geis

**OFFERING**

Offertory: *"The King of Love My Shepherd Is" arr. Johnson*

*Please Stand*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord, You are our Shepherd and You provide us with all we need to support this body and life. We lack for nothing. Help us to appreciate all the good gifts You have given us of clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, when we are lost and weary, You restore our souls. Make us to lie down in the green pastures of Your Word and Sacraments, basking in the abundance we find in those good gifts. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, in this fallen world we often walk through the valley of the shadow of death. War, terror, disease, and chaos threaten to steal our peace of mind. Remind us daily that we need not fear any evil since You are with us, since Your rod and staff comfort us. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, send healing to all who are sick, injured, and recovering, especially Liz, Paul, Myron, Mike, Sandra and Jim. Restore their health with the overflowing abundance that comes only from Your hand. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, death remains a curse until You come again, and many grieve and mourn the death of loved ones. Comfort them with the knowledge that those who trust in You will dwell in Your house forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, Your goodness and mercy follow us all our days. We thank You for the blessings You have poured out upon us. We rejoice with those who rejoice, Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray,  
trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our risen  
Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION**

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

Pastor: 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 ✠ give you peace.

**People: Amen.**

**HYMN** "You're My Good Shepherd" *sung to the tune of #470*

You're my Good Shepherd, I'm Your sheep,  
Always with-in the watch You keep  
Over me ev-en while I sleep.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

You led me to a liv-ing stream,  
I heard Your voice give me a name:  
"You are My own be-lov-ed lamb!"  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Goodness and mercy here surround  
Sheepfold and gate and gra-zing ground;  
Ev'ry lost sheep is sought and found.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gather Your flock from ev'rywhere,  
Carefree with-in Your lov-ing care,  
One Shepherd's life and joy to share.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Standing alone against our foes,  
Who else would take the way You chose:  
Will-ing-ly died, trium-phant rose.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Guests at Your table, help us stay  
Bound to our source of life, we pray:  
Make ev'ry day our Easter Day!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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## **PRELUDE:     “Soli Deo Gloria” by Wilson**

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# THE MESSENGER

April 22, 2018

**WELCOME!** Dear guest, we pray that your worship with us is as spiritually enriching for you as your presence is encouraging to us. We invite you to sign our guest book in the foyer and “Like” us on Facebook or follow us on Instagram. Please leave your email address if you would like periodic updates from Immanuel. Most importantly, come back and worship with us.

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Liz Kraft, Myron Kimber, Paul Krahenbuhl, Mike Albano, Sandra Newman, and Jim Teter.

**APRIL PASTORS:** April 29<sup>th</sup>: Pastor Fran Lieb

**OFFERING LAST SUNDAY:** \$1,503

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR** theme for next Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> is **"The Answer to Unhappiness"**. Guest Speaker: Rev. Michael Newman. What do you really want? What does your heart yearn for most? A blogger recently asked her readers the question: "If you could say in one word what you want more of in life, what would that be?" Can you guess the number one answer? It was happiness. (Acts 8:26-40). Hear *The Lutheran Hour* on stations KCMO (AM 710) at 8:00am, KCCV (FM 92.3) at 8:00am, KCCV (AM 760) at 8:30am, and KCCV (FM 101.5) at 8:30am.