

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Confirmation Sunday

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Worship Focus

**Risen to Relate: The Sheep and the Shepherd.
Jesus Provides Tender Care.**



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OPENING HYMN

515 - Shepherd of Tender Youth



1 Shep - herd of ten - der youth, Guid - ing in
2 You are our ho - ly Lord, Christ, the in -
3 You are our great High Priest; You have pre -
4 Oh, ev - er be our guide, Our shep - herd
5 So now and till we die Sound we your



love and truth Through de - vious ways, Christ, our tri -
car - nate Word, Heal - er of strife, You did your -
pared the feast Of ho - ly love; And in our
and our pride, Our staff and song. Je - sus, O
prais - es high And joy - ful sing; In - fants and



um - phant King, We come your name to sing
self a - base That from sin's deep dis - grace
mor - tal pain None calls on you in vain;
Christ of God, By your en - dur - ing Word
all the thron'g Who to your Church be - long



And here our chil - dren bring To join your praise.
You might thus save our race And give us life.
Our plea do not dis - dain: Help from a - bove!
Lead us where you have trod; Make our faith strong.
U - nite to swell the song To Christ, our King.

Text: attr. Clement of Alexandria, c. 170-c. 220; tr. Henry M. Dexter, 1821-90, alt.
Tune: OLIVET (664 6664) Lowell Mason, 1792-1872, alt.

INVOCATION

Minister The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation **And also with you.**



CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, *And*



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion, *Refrain*

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Tune: FESTIVAL CANTICLE (Irregular with Refrain) Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923, © 1975, 1988 Richard Hillert.
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Acts 4:23-33

The Good Shepherd tenderly answered the Apostles' prayer to enable them to live and witness boldly.

ACTS 4:23 On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them. ²⁴ When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. "Sovereign Lord," they said, "you made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. ²⁵ You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David:

“ ‘Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?

²⁶ The kings of the earth take their stand
and the rulers gather together
against the Lord
and against his Anointed One.’

²⁷ Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. ²⁸ They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. ²⁹ Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. ³⁰ Stretch out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”

³¹ After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

³² All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had. ³³ With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all.

PSALM

Psalm 23 (Hymn 375)



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My
 3 Con - fused and fool - ish oft I strayed, But
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With
 5 You spread a ta - ble in my sight, A



good - ness fails me nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 Sav - ior gent - ly leads me; And where the ver - dant
 yet in love he sought me And on his shoul - der
 you, dear Lord, be - side me; Your rod and staff my
 ban - quet here be - stow - ing; Your oil of wel - come,



I am his, And he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feeds me.
 gent - ly laid And home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still, Your cross be - fore to guide me.
 my de - light; My cup is o - ver - flow - ing!

6 And so through all the length of days
 Your goodness fails me never.
 Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise
 Within your house forever!

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–77, alt.

Tune: ST. COLUMBA (87 87 Iambic) Irish melody, c. 18th century, alt.



SECOND LESSON 1 John 3:1,2

The Good Shepherd has lavished his love on us by making sinners like us his own children once again.

¹JOHN 3:1 How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Adult Choir

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me. Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 10:11-18

Jesus is our Good Shepherd, who lays down his life for the sheep and takes it up again... the one who knows his sheep and is known by them.

¹⁰JOHN 10:11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³ The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

¹⁴ "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me-- ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father--and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. ¹⁷ The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life--only to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



HYMN OF THE DAY

360 - The Lord's My Shepherd; I'll Not Want



1 The Lord's my shep - herd; I'll not want. He
2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain And
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet
4 My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed In
5 Good - ness and mer - cy, all my life, Shall



makes me down to lie In pas - tures green; he
me to walk doth make With - in the paths of
will I fear no ill; For thou art with me,
pres - ence of my foes; My head thou dost with
sure - ly fol - low me, And in God's house for -



lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.
right - eous - ness, E'en for his own name's sake.
and thy rod And staff me com - fort still.
oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.
ev - er - more My dwell - ing - place shall be.

Text: *The Psalms of David in Meeter*, Edinburgh, 1650.
Tune: BELMONT (CM) William Gardiner, 1770-1853, adapt.

SERMON

John 10:11-18

You are Safe in the Arms of Jesus

CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES’ CREED

(8:00 service only)

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

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there 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.**

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GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the gifts of divine peace and pardon, with all our hearts and with all our minds, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the renewal of the Church, that the heavenly Father would make all the baptized joyful witnesses of the Savior's resurrection victory, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who do not know the Good Shepherd, that they be brought to saving faith and come to experience with us the joy of living under His watchful eye, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the lonely, the afflicted, those in prison, those persecuted for the faith and all the sick, [*especially _____,*] that the Holy Spirit would comfort them and grant them strength and healing, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who pass through the valley of the shadow of death, that in the companionship of their great Good Shepherd and in the confidence of His victory over death and the grave, they may fear no ill, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the faithful who have gone before us and who dwell in the house of the Lord forevermore, let us give thanks and praise, asking that we together with them may look forward to the joy of our resurrection, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (8:00)

C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

CONFIRMATION (11:00)

Confirmation is a public profession of the Christian faith, following a period of instruction. It is a rite by which a person is recognized as one who is properly prepared to receive Holy Communion.

Those being confirmed stand and approach the altar.

Alison Claire Blevins

Mariam Joi Mansaray

Ethan Mark Jackson

Timothy Stoy Perkins

Matthew Christian Koelpin

Jackson Thomas Roson

Laura Evelyn Kopplin

Katherine Elyse Smith

M Brothers and sisters in Christ, our Lord Jesus said to his disciples: “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

In obedience to the Lord’s command, you have been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. You have been taught the precious truths of the Christian faith as confessed by the Evangelical Lutheran Church. You know what God has given you by his grace and what he expects of you as his dear child. You now have the privilege of receiving the Lord’s body and blood in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

You are here to make a public profession of your Christian faith. The apostle Paul, writing to the Romans, said: “If you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Therefore, lift up your hearts to the God of all grace and joyfully answer these questions:

M Do you this day, in the presence of God and of this congregation, acknowledge that in Baptism, God gave you forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation?

R **I do.**

M Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises?

R **I do.**

M Do you believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit?

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

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there 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.**

M Do you believe all the books of the Bible to be the inspired Word of God?

R **I do.**

M Do you believe that the teaching of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as you have learned to know it from Luther's Small Catechism, is faithful and true to the Word of God?

R **I do.**

M Do you intend to continue steadfast in this teaching and to endure all things, even death, rather than fall away from it?

R **I do, and I ask God to help me.**

M Do you intend faithfully to conform all your life to the teachings of God’s Word, to be faithful in the use of the Word and sacrament, and in faith and action remain true to God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—as long as you live?

R **I do, and I ask God to help me.**

The minister addresses the congregation.

M Since it is God alone who enables us both to will and to do his good pleasure, it is right for us, dear friends in Christ, to call on him for these confirmands, that he would graciously complete the good work which he has begun in them. Let us, therefore, bow our heads and pray.

PRAYER

M Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise you for your great goodness in bringing these sons and daughters of yours to the knowledge of your Son, Jesus Christ, and in giving them both hearts to believe and mouths to confess his saving name. Enable them to bring forth the fruits of faith and to continue steadfast and victorious until the day comes when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER (11:00)

C **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

M Brothers and sisters in Christ, what we as a Christian congregation have here asked our heavenly Father to confer on all of you, we now ask him to give each of you individually.

The minister may lay his hand on the head of each one and speak a blessing.

A confirmation text may also be read for each.

After all the confirmands have received the blessing, the minister dismisses them, saying

M Your church now invites you to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's body and blood. Accept this invitation with deep reverence and holy joy. Regard your communing at the Lord's Table as a precious privilege given you by God through his Church; receive this Sacrament thankfully and often. The almighty and most merciful God—Father, Son, (+) and Holy Spirit—bless and keep you.

CHOIR ANTHEM

These Alone Are Enough
Text and music 2004, Daniel L. Schutte.
Published by OCP Publications

1. *Take my heart, O Lord, take my hopes and dreams.
Take my mind with all its plans and schemes.*

Chorus

*Give me nothing more than your love and grace.
These alone, O God, are enough for me.*

2. *Take my thoughts, O Lord, and my memory.
Take my tears, my joys, my liberty.*

Chorus

3. *I surrender, Lord, all I have and hold.
I return to you your gifts untold.*

Chorus

4. *When the darkness falls on my final days,
Take the very breath that sang your praise.*

Chorus

PRAYER

M Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BLESSING

M Brothers and sisters, go in peace.
Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN

771 - I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light;
 2 I want to see the bright - ness of God;
 3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ;



I want to fol - low Je - sus.
 I want to look at Je - sus.
 I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world;
 Clear Sun of Right - eous - ness, shine on my path
 When we have run with pa - tience the race,



The star of my life is Je - sus.
 And show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark - ness at all; The



night and the day are both a - like. The



Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Tune: HOUSTON (10 7 10 8 and Refrain)

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