

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Confirmation Sunday

May 12, 2019

Worship Focus

Easter Afterglow – Listen to the Right Voice



“My sheep hear my voice.
I know them, and
they follow me.”

- John 10:27

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OPENING HYMN

432 - I Am Jesus' Little Lamb



1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb; Ev - er glad at heart I
2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my staff and
3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the shep-herd's



am, For my shep - herd gent - ly guides me, Knows my
stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me, In - to
lamb? And when my short life is end - ed, By his



needs and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry
pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, he
an - gel hosts at - tend - ed, He shall fold me



day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.
bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.
to his breast, There with - in his arms to rest.

Text: Henrietta L. von Hayn, 1724–82; tr. composite.

Tune: WEIL ICH JESU SCHÄFLEIN BIN (77 88 77) Choralbuch . . . Brüder-Gemeinen, Leipzig, 1784.

INVOCATION

Minister

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



Congregation

A - men.

M Beloved in the Lord: Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me a sinner.**

LORD HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in C major, 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us." The notes are simple quarter and eighth notes, with a final double bar line at the end of the second staff.

ABSOLUTION

M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of 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.

C: A - men.

The image shows a single staff of musical notation in C major, 4/4 time. The melody consists of a quarter note 'A', followed by a dotted quarter note, and then a half note 'men.' with a final double bar line.

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

Junior Choir

Where Shall I Go From Your Spirit?

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Refrain

Where shall I go from your spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

If I go up to the heav'ns, you are there, and if I lie down in the depths, you are there.

Refrain

And if I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I go to the ends of the earth,

Even there you will guide me, Your hand will hold me fast.

Refrain

You are there, you are with me.

Wherever I may be, you are there.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

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 13:15-16a, 26-33

Paul was a voice to be listened to as he preached both Good Friday and Easter to the Christians in Pisidian Antioch.

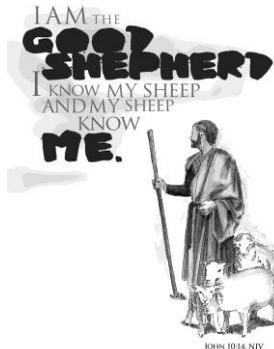
^{ACTS 13:15} After the reading from the Law and the Prophets, the synagogue rulers sent word to them, saying, “Brothers, if you have a message of encouragement for the people, please speak.”

^{16a} Standing up, Paul motioned with his hand and said:

²⁶ “Brothers, children of Abraham, and you God-fearing Gentiles, it is to us that this message of salvation has been sent. ²⁷ The people of Jerusalem and their rulers did not recognize Jesus, yet in condemning him they fulfilled the words of the prophets that are read every Sabbath. ²⁸ Though they found no proper ground for a death sentence, they asked Pilate to have him executed. ²⁹ When they had carried out all that was written about him, they took him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb. ³⁰ But God raised him from the dead, ³¹ and for many days he was seen by those who had traveled with him from Galilee to Jerusalem. They are now his witnesses to our people.

³² “We tell you the good news: What God promised our fathers ³³ he has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising up Jesus. As it is written in the second Psalm:

“ ‘You are my Son;
today I have become your Father.’



- M** Risen and ascended Lord, in your loving care we can live every day without worrying; no needful thing will you fail to provide:
- C** **The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.**
- M** By your holy word you feed our souls and strengthen our faith. In your gracious forgiveness we are refreshed and restored:
- C** **He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul.**
- M** You turn us away from the paths of sin, and move us to walk in the ways of God:
- C** **He guides me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**
- M** Though we walk in danger all the way, though the shadows of death enfold us at last, we will not fear. Your love goes with us wherever we go; in your comforting word we find courage and strength; your triumphant cross brings life from death:
- C** **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.**
- M** You have called us to sit at your heavenly feast. Our table of blessing overflows, and you will not allow earthly enemies, nor Satan himself, to snatch them away:
- C** **You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies: you anoint my head with oil: my cup overflows.**
- M** Good Shepherd, your mercies will never end. They will follow us as we follow you. Grant us to walk in your grace and love till we come to dwell in the heavenly home which you have prepared for us above:
- C** **Surely, goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen.**



SECOND LESSON Revelation 7:9-17

In vision God gave John a glimpse of heaven. In it, John saw the Lamb who is also our Shepherd.

REVELATION 7:9 After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ And they cried out in a loud voice:

“Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”

¹¹ All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying:

“Amen!
Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor
and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever.
Amen!”

¹³ Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes--who are they, and where did they come from?”

¹⁴ I answered, “Sir, you know.”

And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ Therefore,

“they are before the throne of God
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them.

¹⁶ Never again will they hunger;
never again will they thirst.
The sun will not beat upon them,
nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷ For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd;
he will lead them to springs of living water.
And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

VERSE OF THE DAY



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the announcement of the Gospel the congregation responds:



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

GOSPEL John 10:22-30

Jesus' sheep listen to the voice of their Good Shepherd.

JOHN 10:22 Then came the Feast of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter,²³ and Jesus was in the temple area walking in Solomon's Colonnade. ²⁴The Jews gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly."

²⁵Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The miracles I do in my Father's name speak for me, ²⁶but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. ²⁷My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one."

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the reading of the Gospel the congregation responds:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

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.**



HYMN OF THE DAY

374 - My Shepherd Will Supply My Need



1 My shep - herd will sup - ply my need— Je -
 2 When I walk through the shades of death, His
 3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God At -



ho - vah is his name. In pas - tures fresh he
 pres - ence is my stay; One word of his sup -
 tend me all my days; Oh, may his house be



makes me feed Be - side the liv - ing stream.
 port - ing breath Drives all my fears a - way.
 my a - bode And all my work be praise.



He brings my wand - 'ring spir - it back When
 His hand, in sight of all my foes, Will
 There would I find a set - tled rest While



I for - sake his ways And leads me, for his
 still my ta - ble spread; My cup with bless - ings
 oth - ers go and come, No more a stran - ger



mer - cy's sake, In paths of truth and grace.
 o - ver - flows; His oil a - noints my head.
 or a guest But like a child at home.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Tune: RESIGNATION (CM D) *A Compilation of Genuine Church Music*, Winchester, VA, 1832.

SERMON

John 10:27,28

Remember the Relationship between The Good Shepherd and His Sheep

1. What He wants from them
2. What they should expect from Him

PRAISE AND PRAYER



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING

11:00 – service continues on page 13 with the Rite of Confirmation

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (8:00)

Let us pray for the whole Church of God and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

For all baptized children of God, that they would remain in the green pastures of the Holy Church, where their Good Shepherd ever cares for them, providing for their every spiritual need, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all pastors in Christ, especially our Synod president together with our district and circuit leaders, that the voice of our Good Shepherd, in whose stead and by whose command they serve, would be heard and received through them, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the members of this parish, for those who are confirmed in their faith this day, and for all Christians everywhere, that we would follow in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake, receive strength to resist sin and temptation in our lives, and cling in repentance and faith to the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls, knowing that, by His wounds, we have been healed, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those whom God has placed in authority over us, especially our president, our governor, and all who make, administer and judge our laws, that they would steer clear of pride and greed, serving not their own interests but the interests of our country's citizens, promoting peace and the common good for all, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick and suffering, and for all who have requested our prayers, [*especially...*] that they would be well cared for and restored to health, or given grace to accept their time of tribulation with courage and hope, knowing that they always remain in their Good Shepherd's loving arms, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For goodness and mercy to follow us all the days of our lives, that we would, together with the saints who have gone before us, dwell in the house of the Lord forever, 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, the Good Shepherd who laid down His life for us, and who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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.

8:00 – service continues on page 17 with the hymn

RITE OF CONFIRMATION (11:00)

Confirmation is a public profession of the Christian faith, following a period of instruction. It is a rite by which one is recognized as properly prepared to receive the Lord's Supper.

Those being confirmed stand and approach the altar.

Ethan Ezekiel Crooks

Andrew Jackson Gutzmer

Princess Osariamien Ogiemwonyi

Matthew Lloyd Quam

Ryan Daniel Weed

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

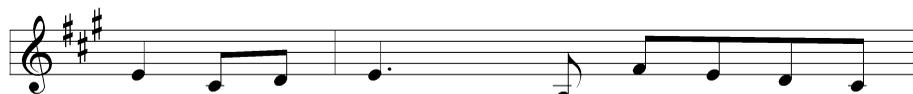
M Your church now invites you to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's body and blood. Accept this invitation with deep reverence and holy joy. Regard your communing at the Lord's Table as a precious privilege given you by God through his Church; receive this Sacrament thankfully and often. The almighty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

HYMN

745 – May the Peace of God



1 May the peace of God our heav'n - ly Fa -
 peace which pass - es un - der - stand -



ther, And the grace of Christ the ris - en
 ing, And this grace which makes us what we



Son, And the fel - low-ship of God the
 are, And this fel - low-ship of his Com -



Spir - it Keep our hearts and minds with - in his
 mun - ion Make us one in spir - it and in



love. And to him be praise for his
 heart.



glo - rious reign From the depths of earth to the



heights of heav'n. We de - clare the name of the

Lamb once slain— Christ e - ter - nal, the King of
 kings.
 2 May this kings.

Tune: MAY THE PEACE OF GOD (10 9 10 9 and Refrain)
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PRAYER AND BLESSING

M Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ’s holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

M 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.

C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

CLOSING HYMN

382 - My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'
 2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me
 4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I



blood and right - eous - ness; I dare to make no oth -
 his un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and storm -
 in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly prop
 then in him be found, Clothed in his right - eous - ness



er claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
 a - lone, Fault - less to stand be - fore his throne.



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; All



oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt.
 Tune: MAGDALEN (88 88 88) John Stainer, 1840–1901.

After worship, please feel free to stay and greet your neighbors.

Confirnation

