FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 8, 2022 - 9:30 a.m.

AS WE GATHER

It is Good Shepherd Sunday, and the familiar twenty-third Psalm is echoed throughout our worship. Our Lord went through the valley of the shadow of death in our place, leading from death to eternal life. There is work to do before we get to eternity, for following our Shepherd entails confessing our faith even when death's shadow falls on us. It means vigilance against wolves attacking amid Christ's flock, as Paul warns in the First Reading. But in his vision, John tells us that Christ is now the victorious Lamb on His eternal throne. We can be confident that what we believe by faith we shall know by experience in the unending joy of the Father's house.

PRELUDE "Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed" -Getty

HYMN "For All the Saints" *LSB* 677

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, Who Thee by faith before the world confessed, Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

- Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.

 Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 3 Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold, Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old And win with them the victor's crown of gold!

 Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 4 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 5 And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long, Steals on the ear the distant triumph song, And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.

 Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 6 The golden evening brightens in the west; Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest; Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day: The saints triumphant rise in bright array; The King of Glory passes on His way.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,

Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,

Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:

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INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 23:1, 6b; Revelation 7:17*

Pastor: The LORD is my shepherd;

People: I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures.

Pastor: For the Lamb in the midst of the throne

People: will be their shepherd,

Pastor: and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes. **People: And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord, **People: who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: I said I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Pastor: Lord, our God,

People: we confess that we have strayed from hearing the voice of Your Son, our Shepherd, who went through death to eternal life for us. We have failed to trust in You fully. We have sinned in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. Grant us to hear anew our Shepherd's voice and to follow wherever He leads, until we see Him with You in Your eternal house.

Pastor: Fellow sheep within Christ's fold, our Lord Jesus was God's sacrificial Lamb and has gone through death, paying for the sins of all people, and He now reigns in eternity. Therefore, in His stead and by His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the \maltese Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

INTROIT *Psalm* 78:70–72; 79:13; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b

Pastor: I am the good shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me, and I lay down My life for the sheep.

People: He chose David His servant and took him from the sheepfolds;

Pastor: from following the nursing ewes He brought him to shepherd Jacob His people, Israel His inheritance.

People: With upright heart he shepherded them

Pastor: and guided them with his skillful hand.

People: But we Your people, the sheep of Your pasture, will give thanks to You forever; from generation to generation we will recount Your praise.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

KYRIE

People: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

HYMN OF PRAISE "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" *LSB* 709

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,

Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,

Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;

Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;

Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.

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SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

FIRST READING Acts 20:17–35 (Paul commends the word of grace to the church overseers as they care for the flock.) Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. And when they came to him, he said to them: "You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 23; antiphon: v. 4

Lector: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

People: He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

Lector: He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

People: 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.

Lector: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

People: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Lector: 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.

EPISTLE Revelation 7:9–17 (On the heavenly throne, John sees the Lamb who has conquered death and become the Shepherd.) After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the

Lamb. 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 shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Romans* 6:9; *John* 10:14

Pastor: Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has

dominion over Him.

People: Alleluia. I am the good shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *John 10:22–33* (Jesus affirms that no one following His voice can be snatched from Him. He and the Father are one.)

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one." The Jews picked up stones again to stone him. Jesus answered them, "I have shown you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you going to stone me?" The Jews answered him, "It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you but for blasphemy, because you, being a man, make yourself God."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY "Onward, Christian Soldiers" *LSB* 662

Onward, Christian soldiers,

Marching as to war,

With the cross of Jesus

Going on before.

Christ, the royal master,

Leads against the foe;

Forward into battle

See His banners go! Refrain

ref Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
Going on before.

Like a mighty army
 Moves the Church of God;

 Brothers, we are treading
 Where the saints have trod.

 We are not divided,

All one body we, One in hope and doctrine, One in charity. Refrain

3 Crowns and thrones may perish,

Kingdoms rise and wane,

But the Church of Jesus

Constant will remain.

Gates of hell can never

'Gainst that Church prevail;

We have Christ's own promise,

And that cannot fail. Refrain

4 Onward, then, ye faithful, Join our happy throng, Blend with ours your voices In the triumph song: Glory, laud, and honor Unto Christ, the king; This through countless ages

Men and angels sing. Refrain

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SERMON "Power of a Promise" John 10:27-28

I. Tender Moments and Power of a Promise

II. Setting and War (10:22 and 1 Maccabees)

- What does the Feast of Dedication celebrate? What happened?
- What is the ancient war?
- What crowbars do the devil and world use?
- III. Promises and Victory (10:27-28)
 - 3 Promises
 - 1) My sheep hear my voice
 - What do the pronouns tell us?
 - 2) I give them eternal life and they will never perish
 - Grammatically, what is Jesus doing?
 - 3) And no one is able to snatch them out of my hand
 - How is this war won?
 - "The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught." Isaiah 50:4

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING "Oh How Good It Is" -Getty

We offer our gifts to the Lord as we use this time in our service for contemplation and preparation for the sacrament of communion. Offerings can be placed in the plates at the back entrance doors as you leave the sanctuary.

PREFACE 2 Timothy 4:22 Pastor: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you. Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

Holy holy Lord God of power and might Heav'n and earth are full of your glory Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is he who comes In the name of the Lord Hosanna in the highest Hosanna in the highest

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **People: Amen.**

WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: 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."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST 1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9–13

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.

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God you take away All the sin of the world Oh Lamb of God have mercy on us And grant to us your peace

You are invited to receive the Lord's Supper if you believe and confess that Jesus Christ is your Savior from sin, you are a baptized child of the Triune God, and you believe that He gives you His body and blood in the bread and wine you receive. White grape juice can be found in the center of each tray for those who cannot receive alcohol. Children are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" *LSB* 710

- The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;He makes me down to lieIn pastures green; He leadeth meThe quiet waters by.
- 2 My soul He doth restore again And me to walk doth make Within the paths of righteousness, E'en for His own name's sake.
- Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,Yet will I fear no ill;For Thou art with me, and Thy rodAnd staff me comfort still.
- 4 My table Thou hast furnished In presence of my foes;My head Thou dost with oil anoint, And my cup overflows.

5 Goodness and mercy all my life Shall surely follow me: And in God's house forevermore My dwelling place shall be.

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"I Am Jesus' Little Lamb" LSB 740 I am Jesus' little lamb, Ever glad at heart I am; For my Shepherd gently guides me, Knows my need and well provides me, Loves me ev'ry day the same, Even calls me by my name.

- 2 Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my staff and stay. When I hunger, Jesus feeds me, Into pleasant pastures leads me; When I thirst, He bids me go Where the quiet waters flow.
- Who so happy as I am, Even now the Shepherd's lamb? And when my short life is ended, By His angel host attended, He shall fold me to His breast, There within His arms to rest.

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BLESSING

Pastor: May our Lord's body and blood strengthen and preserve you in true faith to life everlasting. Depart in peace and with joy.

People: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood.

People: Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end;

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers* 6:24–26

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 "Crown Him with Many Crowns" *LSB* 525

1 Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless king
Through all eternity.

2 Crown Him the virgin's Son,
The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won
Which now His brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic rose,
Yet of that rose the stem,
The root whence mercy ever flows,
The babe of Bethlehem.

3 Crown Him the Lord of love.
Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their wond'ring eyes
At mysteries so bright.

4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave And rose victorious in the strife For those He came to save. His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.

5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n,
Enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n
The wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns
As thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,
For He is king of all.
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DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "From the Breaking of the Dawn" -Paul and Betsy Hanson

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GENEROSITY THOUGHTS: John 10:27 – "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me." On their own sheep are in great danger. They need a shepherd to guide them. The sheep know the Shepherd's voice, and we delight to go where He leads. Of course, the world, the devil, and our own sinful flesh want to pull us in another direction. Namely, they want to pull us in the direction of death. But following the Shepherd means life. So, no matter how difficult the path is, let us follow the Shepherd!

ADDRESS CHANGES: Do you have any updates to your contact information? New address directories will be printed in May, so please let Maria know if you have any updates.

LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTIONS: It is time to renew (or begin) your subscriptions to *The Lutheran Witness*. Cost for the year is \$19.68 per subscription per year beginning August 2022. Renewals must be to the office by May 15. Checks should be made out to Emmaus.

JEENA'S BUSINESS is now open! You can visit Namaste Brows & Boutique at 1718B Lexington Ave N in Roseville. Brochures are available in the office. www.namastebrowsandboutique.com

ASCENSION SERVICE: Come join us! On May 25th at 6:30 p.m., Emmaus and Jehovah will be having a joint worship service to celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord. The service will be at Jehovah Lutheran Church and is open to all. Come check out this special service.

LLL ST. PAUL ZONE BANQUET: Saturday, May 22 at South Shore Trinity (2480 S. Shore Blvd, White Bear Lake). The ladies at South Shore Trinity are excited to serve a meal of meatloaf with all the fixings! Arrive sometime soon after 5:00 p.m. to register and find seats. Dinner will be served at 5:30. To reserve a spot, please call Del Jentz at 651-636-2297 or email drientz785@hotmail.com. Reservations help immensely. You can pay for the evening when you arrive. The cost for the events is \$10 per person / \$20 per couple. Checks can be made payable to St. Paul LLL Zone. If a wonderful dinner with all the trimmings (did we mention dessert???) is not enough to entice you to register, consider the facts: The entertainment is always exceptional, our speaker will be extremely interesting and intriguing, and you might win a valuable door prize. The fellowshipping opportunity with others interested in the effective spread of the Gospel in and of itself makes this annual event a "winner."

HEAR "THE LUTHERAN HOUR" on Sunday mornings at 6:05 a.m. on WCCO 830 AM radio. Next week's broadcast: "What the Bible Is About" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. To make sense of a 1000-piece jigsaw puzzle, one needs to know "the big picture." The Bible is like that, too. (1 Corinthians 15:3-5)

DCE INTERN COMING SOON!

Emmaus and Bethel are excited to welcome Micah Black as our DCE intern for this summer!

A native of the Lone Star State (and a lover of good, honest barbeque), this fall Micah will be entering his senior year at Concordia University Texas (Austin).

In pursuit of a degree in religious education and with the intent of becoming a called DCE in the LCMS, Micah wants to spend this summer gaining congregational, real-world experience working on the logistics and programming of a youth ministry. Because John1516s is building off our annual summer program to include new congregation partners and include fall/winter/spring activities, Micah thinks Bethel and Emmaus will

provide him with these opportunities and skills. As such, Micah's role will be to work with the existing summer program, while building out new congregational partners for the year-round youth group cooperative.

Micah looks forward to meeting you and being an active part of both churches this summer!