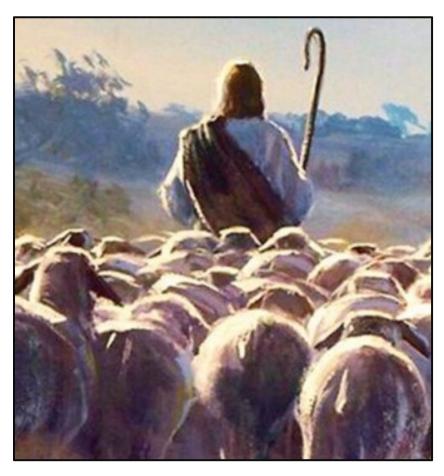


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Divine Service III
Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 11, 2025



Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P: In the name of the Father and of the \maltese 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.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

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, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the \maltese Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Service of the Word

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

P: I am the good shepherd.

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

P: He chose David his servant and took him from the sheepfolds;

C: from following the nursing ewes he brought him to shepherd Jacob his people, Israel his inheritance.

P: With upright heart he shepherded them

C: and guided them with his skillful hand.

P: But we your people, the sheep of your pasture, will give thanks to you forever;

C: 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.

P: I am the good shepherd.

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





Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Let us pray... one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sit

First Reading

Acts 20:17-35

¹⁷Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. ¹⁸And 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, ¹⁹serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, ²¹testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. ²²And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. ²⁴But 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. ²⁵And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. ²⁶Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, ²⁷ for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸Pay 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. ²⁹I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. ³²And 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. ³³I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵In 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.'''

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Memory Verse

Romans 6:9

We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

Epistle Revelation 7:9–17

⁹After 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, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And 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, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I 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.

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 shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them,

nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷For 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."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia



Holy Gospel

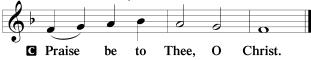
John 10:22-30

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



²²At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴So 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." ²⁵Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, ²⁶but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My 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. ³⁰I and the Father are one."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

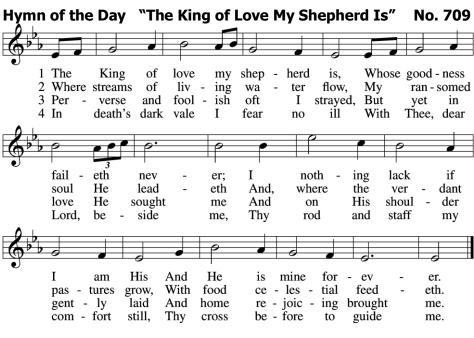
I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who

for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life \maltese of the world to come. Amen.

Sit



- 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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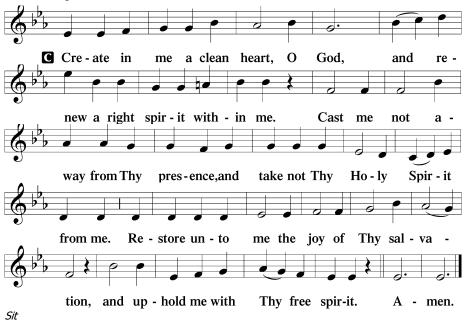
Sermon

Stand

P: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.

Offertory



Offering

Stand

Prayer of the Church - After each petition

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

P: The Lord be with you.





P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:



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.

The Words of Our Lord

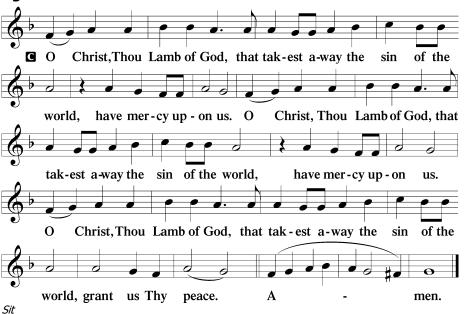
Pax Domini

Sanctus

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



Agnus Dei



THE DISTRIBUTION As we come to the altar, we come confessing our sins, looking to Christ for forgiveness, asking the Holy Spirit to change our sinful lives, and recognizing Christ's body and blood in the bread and wine.

In faithfulness to God's Word, our congregation practices closed communion. We invite to our altar all who have confirmed their faith with us before a Lutheran Church Missouri Synod congregation or who have met with Pastor. Our practice in no way implies that people of other denominations are not Christians but allows us to maintain a clear confession of our faith and affords proper pastoral care of individuals.

Distribution Hymns

"The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" No. 710 1 The Lord's I'll He shep - herd, makes my not want: me 2 My He soul doth store gain And me re a to 3 Yea, though Yet Ι walk in death's dark vale. will I 4 Mv ta ble Thou hast fur nish ed In ence pres 5 Good-ness and mer - cy all life Shall my sure ly





"I Am Jesus' Little Lamb" No. 740 1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at 2 Day Je - sus by day, at home, a - way, is my 3 Who E - ven so hap -Ι now the рy as am,

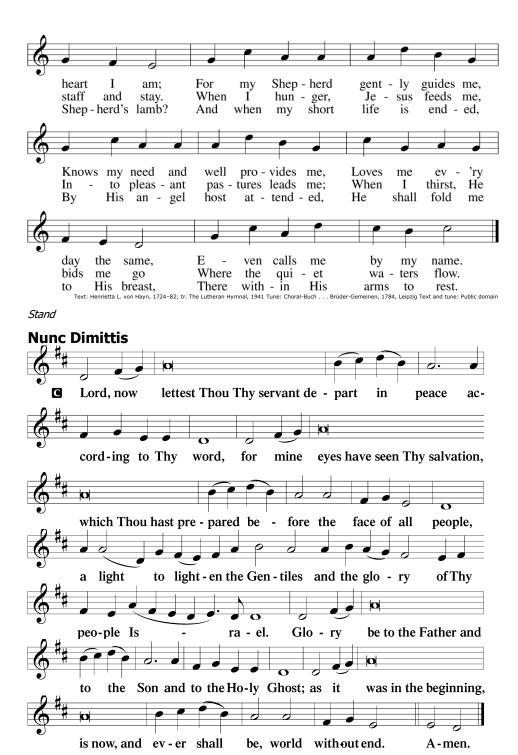
all things works with you; Thank - ful hearts raise to God!

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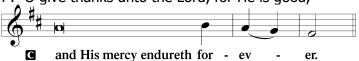
Lord

high a - bove!



Thanksgiving

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



P: Let us pray... one God, now and forever.



P: The Lord be with you.



Benedicamus

P: Bless we the Lord.

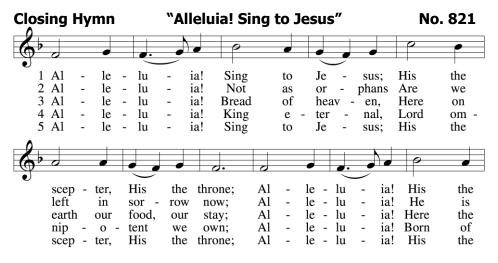


Benediction

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.



Sit





- THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Larry & Rose Anstine in honor of Braylee's Birthday
- ♣ Special Bouquet given by Bill, Beth, & Rachel in loving memory of Donna Fountaine
- IN OUR PRAYERS we remember all who are ill or under medical care, Cindy Griffith (Debbie Smith's sister), Duane Oestmann, Barb Sweet, Marty Viller, Diana Trent, Randy Sweet, Sue Krueger, Marcie Wellday, Dana Anderson, Janet Shrewsberry, Tyler Voegele, Deanna Hegedus, David Holloway (Jim Sr's brother), Joyce Holloway, Elise Smith, Mark Eckstein (Nancy Pond's Brother), Traci Williams (Teresa Holloway's step-sister), John Harper, Vida Rood (Nancy Pond's Aunt), Megan Goatley.

Thank you to all who helped make our hosting of WINKEL a success.



Thank You!!! Thank and any other contribution are very appreciated. We had a lot of nice comments from the Pastors.

CLASS OF 2025 ARK CITY HIGH SCHOOL GRADS



Dawson O'Donnell



Avery Moore



Isabella Corrado

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS -

FIRST READING: Acts 11:1-18

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-7

GOSPEL: John 16:12-22

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

TODAY: 9:00 am Sunday School

10:15 am Divine Service with Holy Communion

TUESDAY: NO Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY: 6:00 pm Catechism Class

7:00 pm Youth Group

NEXT SUNDAY: 9:00 am Sunday School

10:15 am Divine Service without Holy Communion

8:00 am Lutheran Hour on 1280 AM 10:30 am Lutheran Hour on 95.9 FM

THOSE SERVING AT REDEEMER

Officiating Elder: Eric Snider

Altar Committee: Sheryl Harper, Linda Shepard

Greeter: Ellen Kelly **Acolytes:** Hank Pike

STEWARDSHIP

May 4, 2025 - Worship - 64

Budget Needs Weekly - \$3,421.94 Home Budget Offering - \$2551.00

Missions - \$300.00

NYG - \$50.00

Shekels for a Seminarian - \$4.00