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## The Fourth Sunday of Easter May 8, 2022



**Color of the Day:** White-the festival color of the Church. It is reserved for celebrations that reflect themes of purity, light, innocence, holiness, and redemption, including special events in Jesus' life as His Birth, Baptism, Transfiguration, and Resurrection.

**Opening Hymn** ..... #482 - *This Joyful Eastertide*

**Confession and Absolution** ..... Page 151

### ✠ ✠ ✠ Service of the Word ✠ ✠ ✠

**Introit** ..... Page 152

Ps. 78:70-72;79:13; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b

I am the good | shepherd.\*

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

He chose David his servant and took him from the | sheepfolds;\*

from following the nursing ewes he brought him to shepherd Jacob his people, Israel his in- | heritance.\*

With upright heart he shep- | herded them\*

and guided them with his | skillful hand.

But we your people, the sheep of your pasture, will give thanks to you for- | ever;\*

from generation to generation we will re- | count your praise.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,\*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

I am the good | shepherd.\*

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

**Kyrie** ..... Page 152

**Hymn of Praise (This Is The Feast)** ..... Page 155

**Salutation & Collect of the Day** ..... Page 156

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.

**Old Testament Reading** ..... Page 156

Acts 20:17-35

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

**Gradual** ..... Page 156

adapt. From Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6

Christ has risen | from the dead.\*

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor,

He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;\*

he has put all things un- | der his feet.

**Epistle Reading** ..... Page 156

Revelation 7:9-17

<sup>9</sup>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, <sup>10</sup>and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup>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, <sup>12</sup>saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." <sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" <sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>“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. <sup>16</sup>They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. <sup>17</sup>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.”

**Alleluia & Verse (Common)**..... Page 156

**Holy Gospel**..... Page 157

*John 10:22-30*

<sup>22</sup>At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup>and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. <sup>24</sup>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.” <sup>25</sup>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, <sup>26</sup>but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>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. <sup>30</sup>I and the Father are one.”

**Children’s Message**

**Hymn of the Day** ..... #709 – *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

**The Sermon** ..... Hearing Sheep - John 10:22-30

*Want to read along, miss a sermon, need some inspiration, need a review of church doctrine? Check out Pastor Bogs’ blog at: rabswritings.blogspot.com or Pastor Mendez’s blog at: pastormendez.blogspot.com.*

**Introduction**

In our text \_\_\_\_\_ .

As we listened \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Jesus is Confronted**

At this point we have to stop \_\_\_\_\_ .

Before we continue \_\_\_\_\_ .

Jesus’ answer is \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Society Today Confronts Jesus**

Fast forward two thousand year \_\_\_\_\_ .

Too often, today \_\_\_\_\_ .

**The Shepherd**

Jesus used the imagery of \_\_\_\_\_ .

We are Jesus’ \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Membership Has Its Privileges**

As a member we \_\_\_\_\_ .

As a member we \_\_\_\_\_ .

As a member we \_\_\_\_\_ .

As a member we \_\_\_\_\_ .

As a member we \_\_\_\_\_ .

**How Are We Members?**

We are members \_\_\_\_\_ .

By God’s grace \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Other Notes or Questions for Pastor:**

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**Creed** ..... Page 158

**Reception of new members** - This morning we welcome into membership the following: Nadine Reed (transfer); Jarrod Musgrove (reaffirmation of faith); Maria Musgrove (adult instruction); Sherry Betz (adult instruction); Chris, Brenda, Rebecca and Rachel Paulsel (transfer).

**Prayer of the Church & Offering**..... Page 159

*Our First Fruits and Tithes are our regular, top priority, proportionate, grateful gifts to the Lord for the work of the Gospel. Our Offerings are special gifts for special causes over and above our tithes. This is an act of worship for members and friends of St. Matthew who are moved by God’s love to respond to the Gospel. Guests should not feel obligated to participate.*

**Offertory** ..... Page 159

⌘ ⌘ ⌘ **Service of the Sacrament** ⌘ ⌘ ⌘

**Preface**..... Page 160

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 & Prayer of Thanksgiving** ..... Page 161

**Lord’s Prayer and The Words of Our Lord** ..... Page 162

**Pax Domini and Agnus Dei**..... Page 163

**Distribution** ..... Page 164

*Before partaking of the Lord’s Supper, we ask that you read our communion statement on the pew insert behind the Bible. Thank you.*

**Distribution Hymns** ..... #711 – *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*  
#740 – *I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb*  
#710 - *The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want*

**Post-Communion Canticle (Thank the Lord)** ..... Page 164

**Post-Communion Collect and Benedictionn**..... Page 165/166

**Closing Hymn** ..... #477 - *Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven*