

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



# ST. LUCAS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

## **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024

### **The Season**

Easter is not just a holiday. Easter is history. On time's infinite line, Jesus' resurrection is the punctiliar moment that defines reality for us all. Christ has indeed been raised. So, the reality: Jesus is exactly what he claimed to be—the Son of God, our Lord and Savior. The reality is Jesus' resurrection proves that “all will be made alive” (1 Corinthians 15:22).!

### **The Sunday**

Today, there are plenty of people—pastors, religious leaders, etc.—who claim they can provide healing for your soul. Yet, Scripture warns that “many” of these are “false prophets” (1 John 4:1) who “distort the truth” (Acts 20:30). But the resurrection reality is that our Good Shepherd is faithful. He will raise up true sub-shepherds who know Christ and proclaim the truth of his gospel.

### **Prayer before Worship**

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

Thank you, loving Lord, for cleansing me of my sins and adopting me into your family through the miracle of Holy Baptism. As I worship today, help me remember what my baptism means to me. Lead me to feel genuine sorrow for my sins and empower me to put down the sinful nature that still lives in me. Lift me up as I hear your promise of forgiveness and give me strength to live a life pleasing to you.

### **Serving in Worship**

Presiding Minister: Pastor Timothy Henning

Organist: Laura Schulz

Ushers: Mike Beyer (6 pm Saturday)

Dan Zuehlke (8 am Sunday)

Steve Wolter (10:30 am Sunday)

# Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense

CW 446

Stand for the 5<sup>th</sup> stanza



1 Je - sus Christ, my sure de - fense and my Sav - ior,  
2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, lives; I, too, un - to  
3 No, too close - ly am I bound un - to him by  
4 I am flesh and must re - turn un - to dust, whence  
5 Glo - ri - fied, I shall a - new with this flesh then



now is liv - ing! Know - ing this, my con - fi - dence  
life shall wak - en. End - less joy my Sav - ior gives;  
hope for - ev - er; faith's strong hand the rock has found,  
I am tak - en; but by faith I now dis - cern  
be en - shroud - ed; in this bod - y I shall view



rests up - on the hope he's giv - ing, though the  
shall my cour - age then be shak - en? Shall I  
grasped it, and will leave it nev - er. E - ven  
that from death I shall a - wak - en with my  
God, my Lord, with eyes un - cloud - ed; in this



night of death be fraught still with man - y an anx - ious thought.  
fear, or could the head rise and leave his mem - bers dead?  
death now can - not part from its Lord the trust - ing heart.  
Sav - ior to a - bide in his glo - ry, at his side.  
flesh I then shall see Je - sus Christ e - ter - nal - ly.

Text: Otto von Schwerin, 1616–1679; (sts. 1–3): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.; (st. 4): tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941; (st. 5): tr. Evangelical Lutheran Hymn-Book, 1912, alt.

Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

Text and tune: Public domain



O Lord, o - pen my lips,



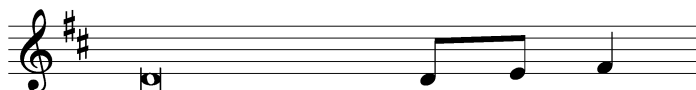
**and my mouth shall de - clare your praise.**



Has - ten to save me, O God;



**O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.**



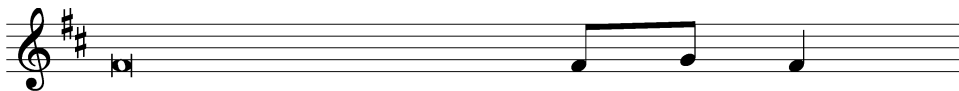
*General* Jesus Christ is Lord of all:



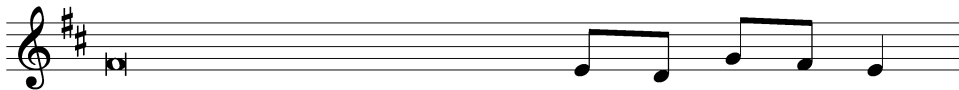
**praise and thanks to God!**

# O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord

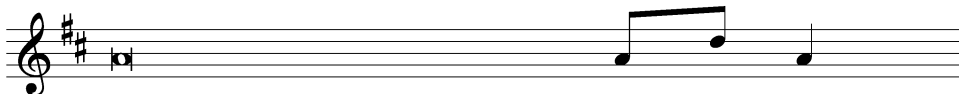
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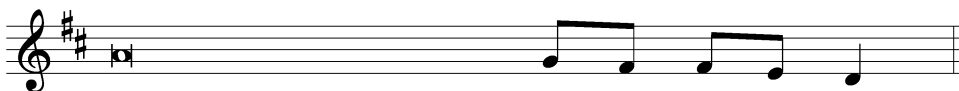
- 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
- 2 For the Lord is a great \_\_\_\_\_ God
- 3 The sea is his, for he made \_\_\_\_\_ it,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
- 2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
- 3 and his hand formed the dry \_\_\_\_\_ land.



- 1 Let us come into his presence with thanks - giv - ing,
- 2 The deep places of the earth are in his hand;
- 3 O come, let us worship and bow \_\_\_\_\_ down,
- 4 For he is our God,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.
- 2 the heights of the hills are al - so his.
- 3 let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er.
- 4 and we are the people of his  
pasture and the sheep of his \_\_\_\_\_ hand.

*Be seated*

# Psalm 23

CW 553



1 The Lord's my shep - herd; I'll not want. He makes me  
 2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain and me to  
 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I  
 4 My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed in pres - ence  
 5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly



down to lie in pas - tures green; he lead - eth  
 walk doth make with - in the paths of right - eous -  
 fear no ill; for thou art with me, and thy  
 of my foes; my head thou dost with oil a -  
 fol - low me, and in God's house for - ev - er -



me the qui - et wa - ters by. He lead - eth  
 ness, e'en for his own name's sake; with - in the  
 rod and staff me com - fort still; for thou art  
 noint, and my cup o - ver - flows. My head thou  
 more my dwell - ing place shall be; and in God's



me, he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.  
 paths of right - eous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake.  
 with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.  
 dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.  
 house for - ev - er - more my dwell - ing place shall be.

Text: The Psalms of David in Meeter, Edinburgh, 1650 Tune: James L. Macbeth Bain, 1860–1925 Text and tune: Public domain

## First Reading

Acts 20:28–32

*The Good Shepherd directs his sub-shepherds to keep watch over the flock.*

<sup>28</sup>Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. <sup>29</sup>I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. <sup>30</sup>Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. <sup>31</sup>So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears.

<sup>32</sup>“Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Second Reading**

*1 John 4:1–6*

*John encourages us to test all those who claim to have a spiritual message.*

<sup>1</sup>Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. <sup>2</sup>This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, <sup>3</sup>but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.

<sup>4</sup>You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. <sup>5</sup>They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. <sup>6</sup>We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## **Gospel**

*John 10:11–18*

*Jesus explains why he is the good shepherd.*

<sup>11</sup>“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own 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. <sup>13</sup>The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

<sup>14</sup>“I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

## Children's Sermon

Children may come forward to the front pew

### The King of Love My Shepherd Is

CW 552



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose  
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my  
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but  
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with



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



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.

5 You spread a table in my sight,  
a banquet here bestowing;  
your oil of welcome, my delight;  
my cup is overflowing!

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, 1821-1877, alt.

Tune: Irish, 18th cent.

Text and tune: Public domain

## Sermon

Acts 20:28-32 *You are Christ's Flock*



# I Am Content! My Jesus Lives Again

CW 464



1 I am con-tent! My Je-sus lives a - gain, in whom my  
2 I am con-tent! My Je-sus is my head; his mem - ber  
3 I am con-tent! My Je-sus is my light, my ra - diant  
4 I am con-tent! Lord, set me ev - er free and wake me



heart is pleased. He has ful - filled the law of God for me,  
I will be. He bowed his head when on the cross he died  
sun of grace. His cheer - ing rays beam bless - ings forth for all:  
from the dead that I may rise for - ev - er - more to be



God's wrath he has ap - peased. Since he in  
with cries of ag - o - ny. Now death is  
sweet com - fort, hope, and peace. This Eas - ter  
with you, my liv - ing head. The chains that



death could per - ish nev - er, I al - so shall not  
brought in - to sub - jec - tion for me by Je - sus'  
sun has brought sal - va - tion and ev - er - last - ing  
hold my bod - y, sev - er; then shall my soul re -



die for - ev - er. I am con - tent! I am con - tent!  
res - ur - rec - tion. I am con - tent! I am con - tent!  
ex - ul - ta - tion. I am con - tent! I am con - tent!  
joyce for - ev - er. I am con - tent! I am con - tent!

Text: tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.; attr. Johann J. Möller, 1660–1733, abr  
Tune: Johann R. Ahle, 1625–1673  
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Be seated

**Offering** God's people offer their first and best to the Lord in response to the Lord's blessings to them. The offering is gathered in a basket in the church entrance before or after the service. If you prefer to give electronically, you may scan this graphic to access [www.stlucaswels.org/donate](http://www.stlucaswels.org/donate).



## Lord, Have Mercy

CW 213

Hear my voice when I call, O Lord; be merciful and answer me.

**Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.**

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn. The second staff contains the melody for the second line, which includes the chorus. The lyrics are written below the notes.

## Prayer of the Day

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 the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger. And in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

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.

Let us praise the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the prayer. The second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.



The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



A - men.

## Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep

CW 551



1 Je - sus, shep - herd of the sheep, who your  
 2 In your prom - ise firm we stand, none can  
 3 By your blood our souls were bought, by your  
 4 Fa - ther, draw us to your Son; we with  
 5 We, in robes of glo - ry dressed, join th'\_as -



Fa - ther's flock does keep, safe we wake and  
 take us from your hand; speak— we hear— at  
 life sal - va - tion wrought; by your light our  
 joy will fol - low on till the work of  
 sem - bly of the blest, gath - ered to e -



safe we sleep, guard - ed still by you.  
 your com - mand, we will fol - low you.  
 feet are taught, Lord, to fol - low you.  
 grace is done, there to live with you.  
 ter - nal rest in the fold with you.

## Acknowledgments

Morning Prayer from Christian Worship

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## Announcements

**Band Registration for 2024-2025 School Year:** The Elementary School Band Program offered by KML has begun online registration for the 2024-2025 school year. Parents and current fourth through seventh grade students who wish to learn more about the program and our free summer band camps are invited to attend one of two informational sessions on Sunday, April 28 at 2:00 PM and Tuesday, April 30 at 7:00 PM. We also have one final concert performance at KML on Tuesday, April 23 at 6:30 PM if you would like to see and hear the group in action. Admission to this concert is free! All three events will be held in the KML Performing Arts Center Auditorium. If you would like more information, please contact Nate Amundson, the Director of Elementary School Bands, at [nate.amundson@kmlhs.org](mailto:nate.amundson@kmlhs.org) or visit [www.kmlhs.org/kmlbands](http://www.kmlhs.org/kmlbands).

**Taste of Missions:** Taste of Missions is back! Join us in person at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, Wis., OR online on Sat., June 15, 2024, to get a "taste of missions" no matter where you might be around the world. We're looking forward to a fun day of commissioning new missionaries in worship, trying ethnic bites, and family-friendly fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Find all the details at [tasteofmissions.com](http://tasteofmissions.com).

**Upcoming Concerts at KML:** All are invited to attend the upcoming band and choir concerts at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School. (All concerts are available live at [kmlhs.org/stream](http://kmlhs.org/stream) for those unable to attend in person.)

- **Jazz & Echoes Concert:** Wednesday, May 8, 6:30 PM
- **Percussion Concert:** Saturday, May 11, 6:30 PM
- **Spring Concert:** Saturday, May 18, 6:30 PM

**The Lutheran Chorale of Milwaukee Presents - *Sola Scriptura*:**

Saturday, April 27 at 4 p.m. ~ Christ the Lord Lutheran Church, Brookfield

Sunday, May 5 at 4 p.m. ~ St. Paul's Lutheran Church, East Troy

The Lutheran Chorale of Milwaukee, under the direction of Levi Nagel, will present their annual spring concert entitled *Sola Scriptura*. It will highlight sacred texts that are direct quotes from

God's Word and will feature piano, organ, brass, strings, and the 48-voice Lutheran Chorale. We hope you will join us for this monumental concert as we sing the Word of God. A freewill offering will be collected. For more information and to make an online donation, visit [LutheranChorale.org](http://LutheranChorale.org).

### **KML Spring Play**

Join us for Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School's production of the play *While the Lights Were Out\** by Jack Sharkey on **Friday & Saturday, May 3 & 4, at 7:00 PM** and **Sunday, May 5, at 2:00 PM**. Tickets will be sold at the door beginning 30 minutes before each performance. All tickets are general admission and \$5 each.

\**While the Lights Were Out* is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French, Inc. [www.concordtheatricals.com](http://www.concordtheatricals.com).

### **KMLES Spring Band Concert**

Please join us in person at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School or online ([kmlhs.org/stream](http://kmlhs.org/stream)) as the KML Elementary School Bands glorify God through music on **Tuesday, April 23, at 6:30 PM**. We hope you can join us!

**WELS Night at the Brewers:** Back and better than ever, WELS Night at the Brewers is returning for 2024! Save the date and plan to join thousands of WELS members for an evening at the ballpark on **Friday, July 12** to watch the Brewers take on the Nationals. Let's pack the stands with WELS connections!

Tickets for WELS members and guests continue to receive a discount of up to 50% and are reserved together in all three seating categories. Ticket prices are \$23 (Field Outfield Box), \$17 (Loge Outfield Box) and \$10 (Terrace Infield). Individual tickets are available **NOW** and can be purchased online at [brewers.com/wels](http://brewers.com/wels).

## **Celebrating God's Blessings This Week:**

### **BIRTHDAYS**

Briana Raether – 4/21  
Ralph Raether – 4/23  
Izabela Butzke – 4/24  
Kimberly Ehardt – 4/25

Amanda Paulus – 4/25  
Lianna Becht – 4/27  
Alice Ketter – 4/27

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

William & Irene Seefeldt – 4/25

# CALENDAR



Readings for April 21st - April 28th

<b>APR 21</b> Sunday	<b>APR 22</b> Monday	<b>APR 23</b> Tuesday	<b>APR 24</b> Wednesday
Leviticus 8:1-13,30-36 Luke 9:1-17  <b>Worship 8 am</b> Bible Study - 9:15 am Sunday School - 9:15 am <b>Worship 10:30 am</b>	Leviticus 9:1-24 Luke 9:18-36	Leviticus 10:1-20 Leviticus 11:1-15:33 Luke 9:37-62  Bible Study - 6:30 pm	Leviticus 16:1-24 Luke 10:1-22  Catechism Instruction 6th-8th Grade - 3:30 pm
<b>APR 25</b> Thursday	<b>APR 26</b> Friday	<b>APR 27</b> Saturday	<b>APR 28</b> Sunday
Leviticus 17:1-16 Luke 10:23-42  Fuel for Moms - 7:45 am Bible Study - 10 am	Leviticus 18:1-7, 20-19:8 Luke 11:1-13	Leviticus 19:9-18, 26-37 Luke 11:14-36  <b>Worship w/Communion 6:00 pm</b>	Leviticus 20:1-16, 22-27 Luke 11:37-54  <b>Worship w/Communion 8 am</b> Bible Study - 9:15 am Sunday School - 9:15 am <b>Worship w/Communion 10:30 am</b>
<b>Ushers for 4/27 &amp; 4/28</b>  Sat. 4/27 6 pm - Kempf Sun. 4/28 8 am - Stoltz Sun. 4/28 10:30 am - Strack	<b>Ushers for 5/4 &amp; 5/5</b>  Sat. 5/4 6 pm - Butzke Sun. 5/5 8 am - Schacht Sun. 5/5 10:30 am - Koch	St. Lucas Lutheran Church strives to be a congregation that is always inviting, always edifying, and always equipping. <a href="http://www.stlucaswels.org">www.stlucaswels.org</a>  <b>Contact Information</b> <b>Pastor Timothy Henning</b> (262) 707-6984 - <a href="mailto:thenning@stlucaswels.org">thenning@stlucaswels.org</a> <b>Principal Mark Hesse</b> (920) 915-1130 - <a href="mailto:mhesse@stlucaswels.org">mhesse@stlucaswels.org</a> <b>School/Church Office</b> (262) 626-2680 - <a href="mailto:church@stlucaswels.org">church@stlucaswels.org</a>	