

The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

April 25, 2021

**Welcome to Village Lutheran Church!** We rejoice that you are with us today. If you are a visitor, please complete a “Visitor’s Card” found in the pew rack and then place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. If you are new to the area, are seeking a church home, or are currently without pastoral care, Pastor Golden would enjoy the chance to meet you and learn how Village can best serve you.

**The Lord’s Supper** We welcome to the altar to receive the Lord’s Supper those who are members of congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) or church bodies in fellowship with the LCMS. This historic practice of the Church flows from Christ’s teaching in Holy Scripture that those who receive His body and blood should be able to examine themselves (1 Cor. 11:28), that they discern the body of Christ present in the Supper (1 Cor. 11:29), and that there are to be no divisions (doctrinal or otherwise) among those who receive His body and blood (1 Cor. 11:18). The Supper is given by Christ that we may live free from sin’s guilt. Should you struggle with guilt after receiving the Supper, Pastor is available for private confession and absolution. Those who do not receive the Supper may come forward for a blessing, crossing their arms over their hearts to indicate such. Gluten-free host is available; speak with Pastor before the service to request such. If mobility challenges prevent you from ascending the stairs to the altar, inform Pastor that he may bring the Supper to you. Ushers are available to offer a hand to those ascending the stairs. Should you have any questions, please see Pastor before the service.

### **In Our Prayers:**

**Strength and healing** Alison (friend of Charlotte), Barbara (friend of Scott & Cheryl), Betty, Brian, Bruce (father of Jonathan), Cemantha (niece of Dan), Dan, Darrel, David, Dick, Don (grandfather of Jonathan), Don (brother of Judy), Dorothy, Elizabeth, Fred, Hannah, Jackson (grandson of Scott & Cheryl), Jan, Janie, Jim & Penny (friends of Bill & Debra), John (friend of Alan & Judy), John (friend of Sharon), Judy, London (friend of Linn), Luke, Mike, Mike (son-in-law of Judy & Mike), Millie (friend of Alan & Judy), Paul (nephew of Kathy), Peter, Preston (nephew of Judy), Scott, Scott (friend of Linn), Stephanie, Steve, Tammy (friend of Linn), Tom, Valerie (wife of Jack); **Our homebound members; Those who rejoice; Those who mourn; For those in the military**, especially Tom and Aaron; **For those outside the faith that the Spirit would call them to faith**, especially Ken, Michael and Sarah; **Village Lutheran Preschool, its students, staff, and families; All Seminary students and Washington University students** that the Spirit would instill and strengthen their faith in Christ; **All missionaries**, especially Phillip (Francophone Africa), David & Jennifer (LCMS-Dominican Republic), and Tirzah (Dominican Republic); **For the community in which we live**, specifically its residents, civic leaders, government officials, and educational institutions; **Those who are unemployed or underemployed due to the pandemic.**

### **Serving Us Today**

Celebrant: Pastor Kevin Golden, PhD

Assistants: Seminarians Jonathan Lackey (8:15) & Adam Tanney (10:45)

Altar Guild: Pat Gilbert and Marilyn Daughhetee

Flowers are given in grateful thanksgiving to God for His abundant blessings and in honor of all of the saints who have gone before us.

Pastor's Welcome

Opening Hymn "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

LSB 711

*Stand*

Confession and Absolution

LSB 151

Entrance Hymn "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"

LSB 710

Kyrie

LSB 152

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 154

Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** 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.



*Sit*

First Reading

Acts 4:1–12

<sup>1</sup>As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, <sup>2</sup>greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. <sup>3</sup>And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. <sup>4</sup>But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

<sup>5</sup>On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. <sup>12</sup>And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Choir/Congregation

Refrain

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -  
yond my fears, from death in - to life.

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**A** *antiphon*

**A** *God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,  
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,  
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.*

**C** *antiphon*

**A** *Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,  
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,  
my spirit shall sing the music of your name.*

**C** *antiphon*

**A** *Though I should wander the valley of death,  
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,  
your rod and your staff: my comfort and my hope.*

**C** *antiphon*

**A** *You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,  
crowning me with love beyond my power to hold.*

**C** *antiphon*

**A** *Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life.  
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore.*

**C** *antiphon*

**Epistle**

1 John 3:16–24

<sup>16</sup>By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. <sup>17</sup>But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? <sup>18</sup>Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

<sup>19</sup>By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; <sup>20</sup>for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; <sup>22</sup>and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we

believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us.

<sup>24</sup>Whoever keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

### Alleluia and Verse

*Romans 6:9; John 10:14*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

**C** Alleluias

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

**C** Alleluias

**A** I am the Good Shepherd. I know My own and My own know me.

**C** Alleluias

### Holy Gospel

*John 10:11–18*

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



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>11</sup>[Jesus said:] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own 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>And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may 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 I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

**The Hymn of the Day** “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

LSB 709

*Stanza 1, all; Stanza 2, choir; Stanza 3, all, Stanza 4, men; Stanza 5, women; Stanza 6, all*

**Sermon**

*Stand*

**Apostles’ Creed**

*(inside back cover of hymnal)*

**Holy Baptism - Second**

*What benefits does Baptism give?*

It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

*Which are these words and promises of God?*

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.” (Mark 16:16)

**Prayer of the Church**

**Offertory** “What Shall I Render to the Lord?”

LSB 159

**Service of the Sacrament**

LSB 160ff.

Preface, Sanctus, Prayer of Thanksgiving, The Lord’s Prayer, The Words of Our Lord,  
Pax Domini, Agnus Dei

*Sit*

**Communion Hymn**

LSB 641

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

**Communion Hymn**

LSB 782

“Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings”

*Stand*

**Hymn of Thanksgiving**

LSB 164

“Thank the Lord”

**Post-Communion Collect**

LSB 166

**Benediction**

LSB 166

**Closing Hymn**

LSB 473

“Our Paschal Lamb, That Sets Us Free”

**Acknowledgments**

Divine Service, Setting One from Lutheran Service Book

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**Seasonal Insight:** White and gold paraments and vestments proclaim the victory of Christ along with the purity He delivers to us.

**Katie Luther:** The LWML National Convention will be June 24–27 in Lexington, Kentucky! The theme is “Running the Race . . . Looking to Jesus”, with the theme verse of Hebrews 12:1–2. All women of Village are encouraged to consider attending. Registration information is available online at [lwml.org](http://lwml.org). For further details, see Hannah Jackson, who plans to attend. Those not attending in person may watch parts of the Convention live-streamed.

**Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Bridgeton, MO**, a smaller family church, is seeking a substitute pianist for Sunday worship and occasional mid-week worship, funerals, etc. This position may grow into a regular once-a-month Sunday worship accompanist and if desired, the possibility of choir accompanist at weekly practices and once-a-month Sunday worship performances. Familiarity with Lutheran liturgies and hymns would be helpful but not necessary. Salary is negotiable based on proficiency, education, and experience. If interested, or know of anyone who might be, please contact the church office at 314-291-2395 or [ourchurchlady@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ourchurchlady@sbcglobal.net)

**This week on KFUE AM850 & [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org)**, study 1 Peter 4 through 2 Peter 1 on Sharper Iron’s “The Imperishable Inheritance” (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), learn about 1 Kings 4-7 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), and study our Lutheran Confessions on Concord Matters (Saturday at 10:00 a.m.). Find these programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or wherever you get your podcasts!

**1 Corinthians Bible Study** . . . The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon will begin a study this week on 1 Corinthians. You can listen at your convenience at [thewordendures.org](http://thewordendures.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

**John 10:14** – “**I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me.**” What does it mean to know the Lord? It starts with being known by the Lord. He claims us as His own and calls us by name. Then, once we are His, we learn to know Him. In knowing Him, we learn to imitate Him. That is how the Christian life of good works and generosity grows from the Lord’s grace.

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## Sunday, April 25:

8:15 AM Divine Service  
9:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Class  
10:45 AM Divine Service

## Tuesday, April 27:

6:00 PM Lifelight  
7:00 PM Quarterlife

## Wednesday, April 28:

4:00 PM Schola Cantorum  
5:00 PM Youth  
7:00 PM Adult Choir

## Thursday, April 29:

9:30 AM Women's Bible Study

## Friday, April 30:

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study

## Sunday, May 2:

8:15 AM Divine Service  
9:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Class  
10:45 AM Divine Service

**Listening to Village---**You can listen to Village's 8:15 service with these easy steps:

- 1) Call 1-800-457-9860
- 2) When prompted, enter passcode, 8109865#

Or, **listen on online** by clicking on *Livestream during worship services* on [villagelutheranchurch.org](http://villagelutheranchurch.org)