

Please sit

First Reading

Acts 4:5-12

Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he can proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.

- L: ⁵The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is
- 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.'
- ¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

1 John 3:16-24

Jesus' death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God's commandments.

- L: ¹⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?
- ¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.
- ²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Alleluia

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Holy Gospel

John 10:11-18

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

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.

P: [Jesus said:] ¹¹"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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Please sit

Hymn of the Day

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

Hymn No. 709

If you think your child might be unable to sit through the entire service, this would be an appropriate time to take him/her to the nursery.

Message

"Love Is in the Air" (1 John 3:16-24)

Pastor James

Musical Reflection

Faith Statements (8:00)

James Conschafter

(11:00)

Leah Karnes

Announcements

Pastor Johann

Please fill out a Welcome card and place it in the offering plate near the sanctuary doors after the service, or hand it to an usher as you leave.

Anthem (8:00)

"Grazioso"
Handbell Choir

Arnold B. Sherman

Anthem (11:00)

“Fairest Lord Jesus”
Sanctuary Choir

Derek Hakes

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nations
O thou of God and man the Son
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor
Thou my soul’s glory, joy, and crown
Fair are the meadows, fairer still the
woodlands
Robed in the blooming garb of spring
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer
Who makes the woeful heart to sing

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the
moonlight
And all the twinkling starry host
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heav’n can boast
Beautiful Savior, Lord of all the nations
Son of God and Son of Man
Glory and honor, praise, adoration
Now and forever more be Thine. Amen

Please stand

Offertory Prayer

C: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

At the end of each petition, the prayer leader will say, “God of grace, . . .”

The congregation responds, “hear our prayer.”

Please see the News and Announcements sheet for a listing of intercessions.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface and Proper Preface

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Sanctus [Holy, Holy, Holy]

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Lord’s Prayer

**C: 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.**

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini [The peace of the Lord]

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

C: **And also with you.**

Agnus Dei [Lamb of God]

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Distribution

We believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine, according to His Word: “This is My Body . . . this is My blood” (Matthew 26:26-27), and that in this sacrament our Lord gives us forgiveness of our sins, unity with God, and strength for a life of service.

We invite all baptized Christians who have made their First Communion, examined themselves, discern the body and blood of Christ in the sacrament for the forgiveness of their sins, and sincerely seek to amend their lives to join us at His Table.

Distribution procedure: Please come forward by the center aisle or as instructed by the usher. Fill the rail, beginning at the end near the wall. Kneel. Cup your hands to receive the bread. Then, take an individual cup from the tray as it is passed. **Cups in the innermost circle of the communion tray contain juice** for those who do not wish to drink wine. **For those who need gluten-free wafers:** Bring with you one of the brightly colored pieces of paper from the pews and hand it to the communion assistant who is distributing the wafers. That person will bring a gluten-free wafer to you.

Return to your seat via the aisle next to the windows. Place your empty communion cup in the bowl near the end of the rail. If you are unable to walk to the communion rail, please speak to an usher, and we will bring the sacrament to you.

Distribution Hymns “The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”
“O Savior, Precious Savior”

Hymn No. 710
Hymn No. 527

Please stand

Post-Communion Collect

P: Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

C: **Amen.**

Blessing

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope
✠ bless you now and always.

C: **Amen.**

Closing Hymn “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Hymn No. 525

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

“Canticle on St. Fulbert”

Gordon Slater

As your schedule permits, please be seated during the postlude for a time of prayer and reflection.

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Please join us for coffee and conversation in the church entry area following the service.

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Serving Today

| | 8:00 | 11:00 |
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| Worship Leader | Pastor Johann | Pastor Johann |
| Preacher | Pastor James | Pastor James |
| Crucifer | Timothy Austin | * |
| Acolyte | David Huang | * |
| Scripture Reader | Georgia Thorstenson | Don Kidwell |
| Prayer Leader | Chris Miller | Jerry Johnson |
| Cantor | | Shelby Young |
| Communion Assistants | Pastor Johann (host) Pastor James (host) Elizabeth Huang (tray) Walt Peter (tray) | Pastor Johann (host) Pastor James (host) John Purtillo (tray) Nancy McGarry (tray) |
| Ushers | Ric Nickerson (lead) Gary Budzier | Jim Ellis (lead) Marty Gurtz |
| Choir Director | | Anne Lee |
| Handbell Director | Anne Lee | Anne Lee |
| Organist | Anne Lee | Anne Lee |
| Altar Guild | Michelle Tenhaeff | Sharon Gurtz |
| Projectionist | Jeff Donahue | Jeff Donahue |
| Audio Engineer | Dan LaMaestra | Dan LaMaestra |
| Livestream Manager | | Matt Hardy |
| Greeter | Deanine Thrash (door) Donna Harper (welcome center) | Don Kidwell (door) Karen Kidwell (welcome center) |
| Guest Welcome | Paul Kasulis | Heidi Cooper |
| Engagement | Heidi Cooper | Heidi Cooper |
| Opener | Ric Nickerson | |
| Closer | | Martin Farley |
| Coffee Setup | Wenda Smith | |
| Kitchen Cleanup | | Drew Lipman |

* = Unfilled as of April 17

Board of Servant Leaders

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|------------------------|-----------------|
| Linda Terlecki, chair | Laura Blackburn |
| Rob Fekete, vice-chair | Paul Kasulis |
| Drew Lipman, secretary | Goodwyn Morgan |
| | Deanine Thrash |

Core Ministry Areas

Worship

Team Leaders: Georgia Thorstenson and Julie Schorfheide; Staff Liaison: Pastor Johann
The Worship Team encompasses music, seasonal celebrations, arts, worship schedule, Sanctuary Choir (Anne Lee), Handbell Choir (Anne Lee), traditional worship, and contemporary worship (Dan LaMaestra), the worship spaces, and support personnel (e.g., ushers, greeters, acolytes).

Discipleship

Team Leader: Pastor James
The Discipleship Team oversees adult education, Sunday school, Vacation Bible School, children's ministry (Michelle Tenhaeff), and youth ministry (Holly Vanderhoof).

Parish Life

Team Leader: Brian Cors; Staff Liaison: Heidi Cooper
The Parish Life Team helps foster our community through Life Groups, member engagement, fellowship events, new member inclusion, concerts, public events, picnics, and intergenerational events, and reaches out to guests who worship at Good Shepherd.

Mission

Team Leader: Pastor Johann
Through the Mission Team, Good Shepherd supports a variety of mission efforts: world and local (Bill and Lisa Schuler), synod/district, social ministry and community service (Holly Vanderhoof). Evangelism, publicity, media, and social media (Jeff Donahue) support these efforts.

Congregational Care and Nurture

Team Leader: June McGurn; Staff Liaison: Pastor Johann
The Congregational Care and Nurture Team helps support the mental, physical, emotional, and spiritual health of the congregation through literature, programs, and opportunities to serve others at Good Shepherd. This ministry's volunteers help in many ways: at memorial services and receptions; through member care visits and transportation; by sending cards for life events; and by arranging meals ("Take Them a Meal" team, Caroline Ruppert) for the sick and infirm, for their families, and for families with newborns.

Administration

Team Leader: Pastor Johann
This team is in charge of property (Roger Thorstenson), financing the mission (Mike DeWan), stewardship (Don Kidwell), human resources/personnel (Matt Franker), communications (Jeff Donahue), contracts, church office, calendar/program management, and technology (Gary Budzier).

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