

# WATER OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Fourth Sunday of Easter  
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## Online Worship Bulletin

*This worship bulletin can be used in conjunction with our online worship service available on our website: [www.wateroflifelc.org](http://www.wateroflifelc.org)*



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## PREPARATION

Describing Jesus as a Shepherd is a special image used in prayers, hymns, and Christian artwork. The believer receives a sense of assurance in knowing that the One being followed throughout life is Jesus, the Good Shepherd. The fact that our Lord chooses to repeat the words "I am the Good Shepherd" more than once indicates its importance to Him and to us. As we follow Jesus, we can be confident that He will lead us into that place where goodness and righteousness are eternal. *Lord God, our Shepherd, You gather the lambs of Your flock into the arms of Your mercy and bring them home.*

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✠ IN THE NAME OF JESUS ✠

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING SONG

*Here I Am to Worship*

Worship Video

## INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;

*Psalm 95:1-7*

**People: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

Pastor: For He is our God,

**People: And we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.**

Pastor: Let us come before God in true repentance, seeking forgiveness and amendment of our lives as we follow the Lord.

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

Pastor: Almighty God,

**People:** We confess that we are indeed sinful. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for these our sins. Have mercy on us because of Jesus, our Good Shepherd. Grant that, by the working of the Holy Spirit, we may follow where He leads until that time when, by His grace, we come to dwell in Your house forever. Amen.

**Pastor:** God has promised forgiveness to those who repent of their sins and turn to Him for grace. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

## **SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Pastor:** Let us pray together the Prayer of the Day.

**ALL:** 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. Amen.

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

### **First Reading**

**Acts 2:42-47**

<sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup>And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup>And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

### **Epistle Reading**

**1 Peter 2:19-25**

(<sup>18</sup>*Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust.*) <sup>19</sup>This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. <sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup>He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup>When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Reading

John 10:1-10

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup>But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." <sup>6</sup>This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## APOSTLES' CREED *(spoken together)*

**ALL: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

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*In Christ Alone*

Worship Video

SERMON

**Rev. Shawn Deterding**

PRAYERS

## THE LORD'S PRAYER *(spoken together)*

**ALL: 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.**

**BENEDICTION**

Numbers 6:24-26

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you.  
The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious unto you.  
The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

**CLOSING SONG**

*Jesus Messiah*

Worship Video



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