

# Fourth Sunday of Easter

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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

*\*An asterisk denotes that the congregation is invited to stand*

**Prelude:** "Sheep May Safely Graze" - J S Bach

*Gretchen Theesfield, violinist*

## Call to Worship

*Sunday School Kids*

## Welcome

**\*Gathering Hymn:** "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us" ELW #789

## Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

In the waters of baptism,  
we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ,  
and we are a new creation.  
For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God,  
who was, who is, and who is to come.

Leader: We thank you, God, for your river of life,

**All: flowing freely from your throne:  
through the earth,  
through the city,  
through every living thing.**

Leader: You rescued Noah and his family from the flood;  
You opened wide the sea for the Israelites

**All: Now in these waters you flood us with mercy,  
and our sin is drowned forever.  
You open the gate of righteousness  
and we pass safely through.**

Leader: In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters.

**All: You nourish us and enclose us in safety.  
You call us forth and send us out.  
In lush and barren places, you are with us.  
You have become our salvation.**

Leader: Now breathe upon this water  
and awaken your church once more.

**All: Claim us again as your beloved and holy people.  
Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.**

Leader: To you, our Beginning and our End,  
our Shepherd and Lamb,  
be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving,  
now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## **Kyrie**

*Please see page 3 of the "Now the Feast and Celebration" booklet*

## **Hymn of Praise**

*Please see page 4 of the "Now the Feast and Celebration" booklet*

## **\*Prayer of the Day**

O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **First Reading: Acts 9:36-43**

*Lector: Art Check*

<sup>36</sup>Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup>At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. <sup>38</sup>Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." <sup>39</sup>So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. <sup>40</sup>Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. <sup>41</sup>He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. <sup>42</sup>This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup>Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 23:** *"The Lord is My Shepherd" - Cathy Moglebust*

*Memorial Handbells; Gretchen Theesfield, violinist; Jim Stage, narrator*

## Second Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

Lector: Art Check

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

<sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood 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>singing,

“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, robed in white, and where have they come from?” <sup>14</sup>I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

<sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;

<sup>17</sup>for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### \*Gospel Acclamation

*Please see page 8 of the “Now the Feast and Celebration” booklet*

## Gospel Reading: John 10:22-30

The Gospel according to John

**Glory to You, O Lord**

<sup>22</sup>At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup>and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico 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 Messiah, tell us plainly.” <sup>25</sup>Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; <sup>26</sup>but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand.

<sup>30</sup>The Father and I are one.”

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ**

## **Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day:** *"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"* ELW #502

### **Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

### **Prayers of Intercession**

#### **Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## **THE MEAL**

### **Offering**

**Music Voluntary:** *"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"*, I & II - arr. Cathy Moglebust  
*Memorial Handbells*

## **Offering Prayer**

Living God,  
you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together  
in your peaceable reign,  
and you welcome us all at your table.  
Reach out to us through this meal,  
and show us your wounded and risen body,  
that we may be nourished and believe  
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **The Great Thanksgiving & Holy Holy**

*Please see page 11 of the "Now the Feast and Celebration" booklet*

## **Words of Institution**

### **\*Lord's Prayer**

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.

## **Invitation to Commune**

The risen Christ dwells with us here.  
All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

**Communion Hymns:** "Lamb of God" - please see page 14 of the "Now the Feast and Celebration" booklet  
 "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb" LW (see below)  
 "Have No Fear Little Flock" ELW #764

## I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

TRUST

*Words: Henrietta L. von Hayn, 1778. Translation composite.  
 Music: 'Weil Ich Jesu Schäflein Bin' from Bruder Choral-Buch, 1784.  
 Setting: "Church Book for the Use of Evangelical Lutheran Congregations", 1893.  
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♩ = 112

1. I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at heart I am;  
 2. Day by day, at home, a - - way, Je - sus is my Staff and Stay.  
 3. Who so hap - py as I am, Ev - en now the Shep - herd's lamb?

For my Shep - herd gen - tly guides me, Knows my need, and well pro - - vides me,  
 When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me, In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me;  
 And when my short life is end - ed, By His an - gel host at - - tend - ed,

Loves me ev - 'ry day the same, Ev - en calls me by my name.  
 When I thirst, He bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.  
 He shall fold me to His breast, There with - - in His arms to rest.

## **“Thanks Be To You”**

*Please see page 15 of the “Now the Feast and Celebration” booklet*

### **Prayer After Communion**

We give you thanks, generous God,  
for in this bread and cup  
we have tasted the new heaven and earth  
where hunger and thirst are no more.  
Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection,  
that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus’ name.  
**Amen.**

### **Announcements**

#### **Blessing**

God, the Author of life,  
Christ, the living Cornerstone,  
and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,  
bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

#### **Dismissal**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:** *“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”, III & IV - arr. Cathy Moglebust*  
*Memorial Handbells*



## Prayers for Healing

If you have a prayer request, please email [pastorkathleen@mlcnevada.org](mailto:pastorkathleen@mlcnevada.org) or [emily@mlcnevada.org](mailto:emily@mlcnevada.org), or call the church office at 515-382-6509.

*Family and friends of +Darren Kluever following his death*

*Family and friends of +Ken Johnson following his death*

*Alyssa Wierson and family following the death of her sister*

*Liz and Bob Meimann and family following the death of their son-in-law +John Snitko*

*Family and friends of +Dr. Stuart Kolner (father-in-law of Leah Theesfield-Kolner) following his death*

Connie Robinson  
*sister of Shirley Klonglan  
- Prayers as she begins  
treatment for breast cancer*

Cari Reid

Annalissa Brodersen  
*daughter of Jack and  
Carol Vincent*

Jackie Byers  
*daughter of Shellie Black*

Arlen Anderson  
*brother of Judy Johnson*

Gloria (Jack) Aden  
*sister of Judy Johnson*

Julie Kowalczyck  
*aunt of Tanya Sorem*

Jerry Radke

Dan Stieler

Cassie Harrell

Sandy Peterson  
*friend of Kim Stieler*

Donna See

Kenny Amunson  
*uncle of Kim Stieler*

Janet Jacques

Chuck Ray

Katie Brockmeier  
*granddaughter-in-law of  
Ruth Brockmeier*

Norma Dannan  
*friend of Betty Runge*

Teresa & Kim Krebs  
and family

Michael Neal

Patricia Barrance  
*mother of Vanessa  
Borwick*

Jami Tharp

Fred Samuelson

Larry Christian

Jaylee Bartleson

Norma Gandrup

Sheila Collingwood  
*mother of Lyndsey  
De Vos*

Judy Coverdale

James Stephens

George Forsyth

Janeen Driscoll

Lynn Harris

Julie Sutherland

Jan Cook

# Announcements

## **WORSHIP NOTICE FOR SATURDAY, MAY 21**

Mark your Calendar! There will be no 5:00 PM worship service on Saturday, May 21. Pastor Kathleen will be traveling back from our Southeastern Iowa Synod Assembly in Coralville, Iowa. Please join us for worship on Sunday, May 22nd. Thank you for your understanding and please pray for all attending the Assembly as they gather around the theme of "Go Tell the World".

## **Celebrate Sandy Christian's 80th birthday!**

Please join Sandy Christian in celebration of her 80th birthday on Saturday, May 21 at the Regency Retirement Community Room in Nevada from 10am-2pm. Cards and well wishes are kindly requested.

## **Do you get our newsletters and other email notices?**

Make sure you email [emily@mlcnevada.org](mailto:emily@mlcnevada.org) to sign up to receive communications online. If you believe you are already on our list and are not receiving emails, please check your spam or "promotions" inboxes.

## **Ladies' Morning Devotion & Support Group**

Women of Memorial, you're invited to join an informal morning devotion and support group that will meet Tuesdays from 7:45 - 8:15am in the Lounge. Please feel free to stop in when you can (and bring a friend!)

## **Spring Intergenerational Sunday School Activities**

Grab a donut and join us for Intergenerational Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall from 10:15—10:30 on Sunday mornings. Prior to and following this brief lesson for all ages (adults included!) all are encouraged to join in an informal time of catching up and spending time together. Sunday School for kids will continue until 11:15 in their classrooms. **Please note: the last day of Sunday School will be May 22.**

## **Calling All Potential Acolytes:**

Have you been an acolyte in the past? Have you never been an acolyte before but always thought it would be fun to try it out? We need you! Please contact Vanessa Borwick or the church office if you would like to be part of this important ministry.

## **Online Giving with Tithe.ly**

Thank you for joining us for worship today! If you would like to support our ministries, online gifts can be made using <http://tithe.ly/give> or by scanning the QR code.



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