

# Fourth Sunday of Easter

## *Good Shepherd Sunday*

April 21, 2024



*"Oh come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!"*

### PRAYER UPON ENTERING

Lord Jesus, our risen Savior, You are our Good Shepherd for You gave Your life for us, Your sheep. We owe You heartfelt thanks and praise and our continual love and devotion for all that You have done and still do to ensure our earthly and eternal welfare. Teach us to focus our eyes of faith on You, the Good Shepherd, and to cast our cares on You. Hear us merciful Shepherd. Amen.

WELCOME to all who worship with us this Good Shepherd Sunday. Our joyous celebration of our Savior's Resurrection continues this Fourth Sunday of Easter. To our guests we extend a warm welcome. If you are without a church home, we invite you to prayerfully consider Hope. Worship with us again soon!

HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated in our worship. We believe that in the Sacrament God offers His very body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. We welcome to the Lord's Table those who embrace this understanding of the nature of the Sacrament, repent of their sins, and seek to forgive and love as Christ forgives and loves us. We believe that such participation is a statement of agreement with our Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. For those with special needs, grape juice is in the center of the tray. Gluten-free hosts are also available. Please inform Pastor of your need.

### WORSHIP NOTES

ORDER OF SERVICE - Divine Service Setting Four, p. 203ff.

HYMNS            466            709            633            547

SERMON    *"My Shepherd Became a Lamb"*    John 10:11-18

## HOPE EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod*

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Divine Service: Sunday 9:30 AM

Sunday Morning Bible Study: 8:15 AM

Wednesday Children's Ministry Classes: 4:00 PM

**Serving in God's House Today**

**Our Pastor:** Rev. Gary Albert  
**Acolyte:** Isaiah Perlewitz  
**Elder on Duty:** Jim Holbrook  
**Greeter:** Gary Chapman  
**Bulletin Sponsors:** Gene & Joan Hojan  
**Altar Guild:** Bonnie Deutsch  
**Reader:** Bob Vogt  
**Organist:** Jolene Albert

**Board of Elders** will meet **this morning** following Fellowship.

**Quarterly Congregation Meeting - Sunday, April 28**, following Fellowship. Agenda items include reports from the Board of Elders and the Board of Trustees, the financial report, and updates on the Call for a new pastor and progress on the renovation of the parsonage, as well as other items. Plan to attend! Your input, support and involvement are important.

**Precepts Bible Study:** We will be studying the third section of the book of John, beginning on Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. The class will meet from 5:30 - 7:00 pm. Please come with the first lesson completed. The workbook is available from Pastor. If you have any questions, call Jane Reilley at 847-212-1026.

**Fellowship Volunteers:** A big thank you to those who have donated food, and to those who have set up, heated and set out food, served and cleaned up in order for all of us to enjoy a time of fellowship together each week. **More volunteers are always appreciated!** If you can serve on a team of two to take care of the setup, heating food and serving, please contact Nancy Vogt at (715)547-3084 or email bobandnancy4813@gmail.com. Training will be provided and you will serve no more than once per month. If you can help by bringing food or with clean-up/dishes, please do so as you are able. Thank you!  
*“And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.” Acts 2:42*

**May Newsletter Deadline** - please have items you would like included in the May newsletter to Pastor by this coming Tuesday, April 23. Thank you!

**Memorial Service** - A memorial service will be held at Hope on **Saturday, May 11**, beginning at 11 AM, for Rodney Bathke, a former long-time, active member of Hope. A luncheon will follow the service. You are most welcome to attend.

**Birthday wishes go out this week to** David Gunderson (Monday, April 22) and Jean Trispel (Wednesday, April 24). **Anniversary wishes go out to** Pastor & Jolene Albert (Monday, April 22). May God bless you all in the coming year!

**Prayer List** – Please keep the following in your prayers: Donna Johnson, MacKenzie Moore, Carol Granberg, Lisa Smith, Jean Trispel, Christine & Scott Beattie, Sallee & Gary Gehrt, Jeff Bartlett, Tom Behling, Ken Boksa, Mike Bruning, David Gunderson, Karl Hoessel, Rick Hojan, Rick Lapp, Roger Sauter, Paul Schultz, Dave Steffen, Morris Wise. Our homebound members: Florence Ninko, Jill James, & Augusta Santy Specht. Please keep our congregation in your prayers as we seek God's guidance to provide for our pastoral needs now and in the future. For our mission partners: the Bakers in Mongolia, the Olivers in Taiwan, the Lehmanns in Puerto Rico, the Cundiffs & Bombaros in Latvia.

**A Measure of Our Love**

Attendance at April 14th Worship Service: 58  
Offering Envelopes: \$2,305.00 Loose Plate: \$29.00  
Faith/Hope/Love Campaign: \$1,500.00

**In case of emergency or hospitalization**, please contact Pastor Albert at home in Marshfield at 715-384-2855, or on his cell phone at 715-323-8874. You may also e-mail him at gmalbert@charter.net. Please inform us if you are going to be homebound for a period of time.

**TABLE PRAYER** Receive our heartfelt thanks, Heavenly Father, for all Your blessings – the food we share, the fellowship we enjoy, our time together – and make us mindful of all who lack such daily gifts that we may joyfully share our blessings with others. Amen.