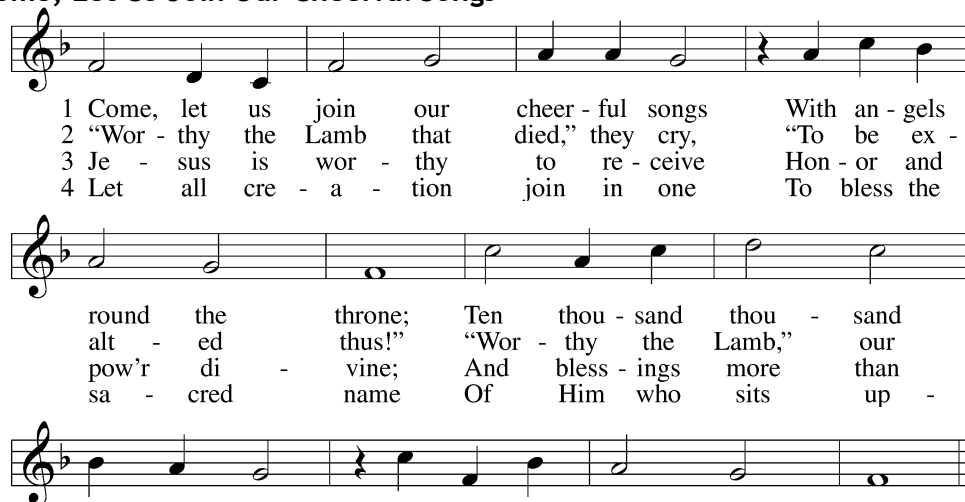


# MAY 11, 2025 - THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Prelude** - "My Shepherd's Sabbath Song" by C. Kreutzer.

*Stand*

## **812 Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs**



1 Come, let us join our cheer - ful songs With an - gels  
2 "Wor - thy the Lamb that died," they cry, "To be ex -  
3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re - ceive Hon - or and  
4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one To bless the

round the throne; Ten thou - sand thou - sand  
alt - ed thus!" "Wor - thy the Lamb," our  
pow'r di - vine; And bless - ings more than  
sa - cred name Of Him who sits up -

are their tongues, But all their joys are one.  
lips re - ply, "For He was slain for us!"  
we can give Be, Lord, for - ev - er Thine.  
on the throne And to a - dore the Lamb.

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*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

## **Invocation**

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## **Easter Dialog**

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- P** Sing to the Lord a new song,  
**C** for He has done marvelous things.
- P** The Lord is my strength and my song;  
**C** He has become my salvation.
- P** Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;  
**C** His love endures forever.
- P** This is the day the Lord has made;  
**C** we will rejoice and be glad in it.
- C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

## **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

**C** 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.

*Sit*

### First Reading

*Acts 20:17–35*

<sup>17</sup>Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. <sup>18</sup>And when they came to him, he said to them:

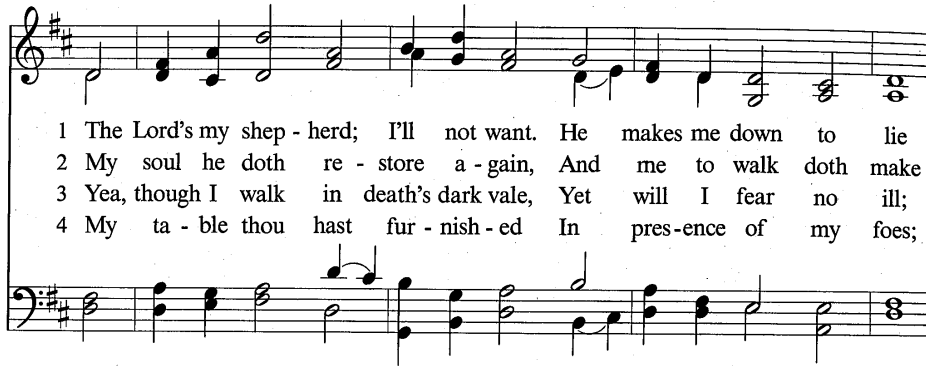
“You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, <sup>19</sup>serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; <sup>20</sup>how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, <sup>21</sup>testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>22</sup>And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, <sup>23</sup>except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. <sup>24</sup>But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. <sup>25</sup>And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. <sup>26</sup>Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, <sup>27</sup>for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. <sup>28</sup>Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. <sup>29</sup>I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; <sup>30</sup>and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. <sup>31</sup>Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. <sup>32</sup>And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. <sup>33</sup>I coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel. <sup>34</sup>You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. <sup>35</sup>In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

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

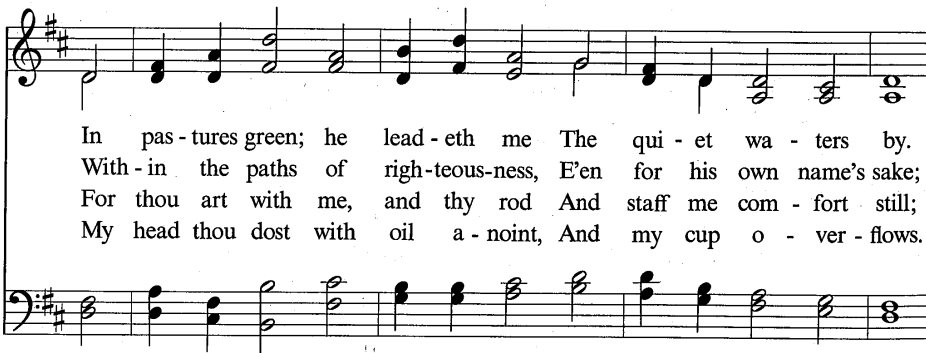
**C** Thanks be to God.

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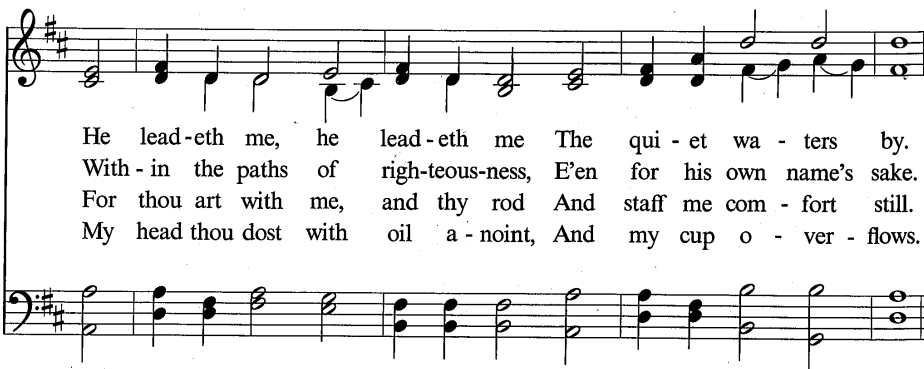
## The Lord's My Shepherd



1 The Lord's my shep - herd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie  
 2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain, And me to walk doth make  
 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I fear no ill;  
 4 My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed In pres - ence of my foes;



In pas - tures green; he lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.  
 With - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, E'en for his own name's sake;  
 For thou art with me, and thy rod And staff me com - fort still;  
 My head thou dost with oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.



He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.  
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 For thou art with me, and thy rod And staff me com - fort still.  
 My head thou dost with oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.

- 5 Goodness and mercy all my life  
 Shall surely follow me,  
 And in God's house forevermore.  
 My dwelling-place shall be.

Text: Psalter, Edinburgh, 1650  
 Tune: J. L. Macbeth Bain, c. 1840-1925, adapt.

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## Epistle

Revelation 7:9-17

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup>and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup>And all the angels were standing 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>saying, "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, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" <sup>14</sup>I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

<sup>15</sup>“Therefore they are before the throne of God,  
and serve him day and night in his temple;  
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.  
<sup>16</sup>They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;  
the sun shall not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat.  
<sup>17</sup>For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of living water,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

### Alleluia and Verse

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**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel

John 10:22–30

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.  
**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>22</sup>At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup>and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade 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 Christ, tell us plainly.” <sup>25</sup>Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name bear witness about me, <sup>26</sup>but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. <sup>30</sup>I and the Father are one.”

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

## 711 Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us



1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; Much we  
 2 We are Yours; in love be - friend us, Be the  
 3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and  
 4 Ear - ly let us seek Your fa - vor, Ear - ly

need Your ten - der care. In Your pleas - ant pas - tures  
 guard - ian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin de -  
 sin - ful though we be; You have mer - cy to re -  
 let us do Your will; Bless - ed Lord and on - ly

feed us, For our use Your fold pre - pare.  
 fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.  
 lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
 Sav - ior, With Your love our spir - its fill.

Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have

bought us; we are Yours. Bless - ed Je - sus,  
 chil - dren when we pray. Bless - ed Je - sus,  
 let us turn to You. Bless - ed Je - sus,  
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## Sermon

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## Apostles' Creed

**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  $\text{✠}$  everlasting. Amen.

## 592 Dearest Jesus, We Are Here (10:30)

sts. 1–3

1 Dear - est Je - sus, we are here, Glad - ly Your com-  
2 Your com-mand is clear and plain, And we would o -  
3 There-fore we have come to You, In our arms this  
mand o - bey - ing; With this child we now draw near  
bey it du - ly: "You must all be born a - gain,  
in - fant bear - ing. Tru - ly here Your grace we view;  
In re - sponse to Your own say - ing That to You it  
Heart and life re - new - ing tru - ly, Born of wa - ter  
May this child, Your mer - cy shar - ing, In Your arms be  
shall be giv - en As a child and heir of heav - en.  
and the Spir - it, And My king-dom thus in - her - it."  
shield-ed ev - er, Yours on earth and Yours for - ev - er.

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## Rite for the Sacrament of Holy Baptism (10:30)

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*Administered to Tristan Matthew Merrow, Son of Andrea (Schrumm) and Matthew Merrow*

## 592 Dearest Jesus, We Are Here (10:30)

sts. 4–5

4 Gra - cious Head, Your mem - ber own; Shep - herd, take Your  
5 Now in - to Your heart we pour Prayers that from our  
lamb and feed it; Prince of Peace, make here Your throne;  
hearts pro - ceed - ed. Our pe - ti - tions heav'n - ward soar;  
Way of Life, to heav - en lead it; Pre - cious Vine, let  
May our hearts' de - sires be heed - ed! Write the name we  
noth - ing sev - er From Your side this branch for - ev - er.  
now have giv - en; Write it in the book of heav - en!

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**Anthem (10:30)** - The Sunday School children sing “*We Thank You Lord For Mothers*” by Beth Mochnick.

*Kneel*

### **Prayer of the Church**

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God, in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*Each petition ends:*

**P** Lord, in Your mercy:

**C** **Hear our prayer!**

*The Prayers conclude:*

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all those for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

### **Lord’s Prayer**

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**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

### **Collect**

**A** Let us pray.  
Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Stand*

### **Benediction**

*LSB 166*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** **Amen.**

## 838 The Saints in Christ Are One in Every Place



1 The saints in Christ are one in ev - 'ry place  
2 In chains for Christ! His pris - 'ners love to sing,  
3 To live is Christ, for us, to die is gain;  
4 Lord Je - sus Christ! Heav'n's praise let earth re - peat;



To serve the Gos - pel of His cost - ly grace;  
For slaves and free re - joice to praise our King;  
Where then shall be our hun - ger, dan - ger, pain?  
The work that You be - gan, You will com - plete.



From those first days to this, our hope the same:  
What though the Church on earth still suf - fers wrong?  
Our joy to preach good news to rich and poor,  
By grace let ev - 'ry foe be - come Your friend;



The love of Christ, one Lord, one sav - ing name.  
The cross of Christ re - mains our pil - grim song.  
Then be with Christ, to live for - ev - er - more.  
Your day, O Christ, shall dawn and nev - er end.

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**Postlude** - "*Hosanna In The Highest*" by Christopher Gale.

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