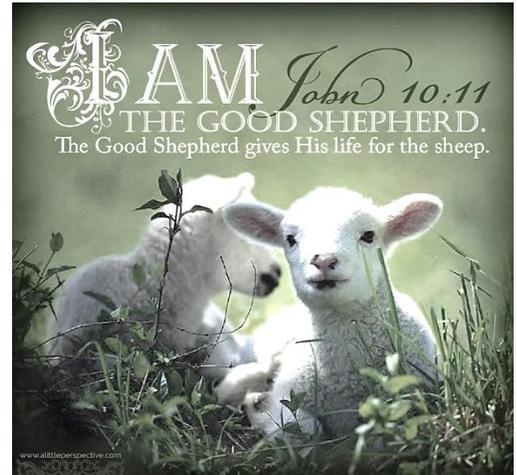


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FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Sunday, April 25, 2021**

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*



*RINGING OF BELL*

PRELUDE *He Leadeth Me & Brother James' Air*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

P: Savior, Shepherd, Messiah— we know you by many names, Lord. Your presence fills our lives— all that we are and all that we have comes from you; all that you do declares your love for us.

**All: Yet when trouble comes, when adversity plagues us,  
we wonder where you are; we even wonder who you are.  
How quickly we forget that you are always with us.  
Dispel our gloom and despair. Change our garments  
of darkness into robes of dazzling light. Spread your  
table before us, and feed us from your hand.  
Lead us in the paths of righteousness, for it is  
in your name that we pray. Amen.**

P: Even in the darkest valley, though death's shadow may threaten us,  
we need not fear, for the Lord is with us.

**All: God will comfort and shelter us. No harm will come to us.  
No one can snatch us out of the Lord's hand.  
God will wipe away every tear from our eyes.**

GREETING

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

**All: And also with you.**

## KYRIE *Spoken*

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**All: Amen.**

L: Let us worship Holy God.

**All: Alleluia.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY *We pray together*

**O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S WORD

### SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 3:16-24

<sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>How 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?

<sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

<sup>23</sup>And 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. <sup>24</sup>All 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. **HERE ENDS THE READING.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

**All: You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

## THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO: JOHN 10:11-18

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>11</sup>“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The 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. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I 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. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No 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. The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: Pastor Julie Rogness

MUSIC & REFLECTION: *My Shepherd, You Supply My Need*

*Piano Only/No Vocal*

ELW #782 VSS. 1

*My Shepherd, you supply my need; most holy is your name.  
In pastures fresh you make me feed, beside the living stream.  
You bring my wand'ring spirit back when I forsake your ways,  
And lead me, for your mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.*

PUBLIC DOMAIN: Text: attr. Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

## 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.**

## SHARING THE PEACE — OFFERING OF GIFTS

### OFFERING PRAYER

P: God of love,  
you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table.

**All: Receive our lives and the gifts we offer.  
Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world;  
for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER

### BLESSING

P: May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom  
to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.  
The God of life, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever. **All: Amen.**

### HYMN      **Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us**      ELW #789      VSS. 1 & 4

- 1      **Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care.  
In your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use your fold prepare.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours.**
- 4      **Early let us seek your favor, early let us do your will;  
blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.**

PUBLIC DOMAIN: Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779-1847

### *RINGING OF BELL*

### DISMISSAL

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
L: Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!  
**All Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### POSTLUDE      *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

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## **CALENDAR**

Sun/Apr 25	9 am	WORSHIP – In-Person & Live-Streamed
Sun/Apr 25	7 pm	AA
Tue/Apr 27	7 pm	Kenyon Area Internship
Wed/Apr 28	6:30	Confirmation
Thu/Apr 29	7 pm	AA
Sat/May 1	10 am	<i>Lucas Internship Project-- @ First</i>
Sun/May 2	9 am	WORSHIP – In-Person & Live-Streamed
Sun/May 2	10 am	<i>Lucas Internship Project-- @ Vang</i>
Wed/May 5	7 pm	<i>Lucas Internship Project-- @ Holden</i>

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