

The Fourth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 21, 2024, 9:00am



The Risen Savior Is Our Good Shepherd

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OPENING HYMN #432

"I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"

(Stand for final verse)



1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb; Ev - er glad at heart I
2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my staff and
3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the shep - herd's



am, For my shep - herd gent - ly guides me, Knows my
stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me, In - to
lamb? And when my short life is end - ed, By his



needs and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry
pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, he
an - gel hosts at - tend - ed, He shall fold me



day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.
bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.
to his breast, There with - in his arms to rest.

INVOCATION

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Lord Have Mercy

Kyrie

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



C: A - men.

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

O Lord, Our Lord

C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in
all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,
you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;
you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and
ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,
but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,
how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.
O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,
you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;
you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the
King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). It consists of ten staves of music. The lyrics are placed below the notes. There are several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above the notes) in the second, third, and fourth staves. The piece concludes with a double bar line and a key signature change to two sharps (F# and C#).



PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Acts 4:23-33

The Good Shepherd protects his own in all trial

²³After Peter and John were released, they went to their own friends and reported everything the high priests and the elders had said. ²⁴When they heard this, with one mind they raised their voices to God and said, "Master, you are the God who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and everything in them. ²⁵By the Holy Spirit, through the mouth of our father David, your servant, you said: Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? ²⁶The kings of the earth take their stand, and the rulers are gathered together against the Lord and against his Anointed One. ²⁷"For certainly, in this city both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and people of Israel, were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. ²⁸They did whatever your hand and your plan had decided beforehand should happen. ²⁹"Now Lord, look at their threats and give to your servants the ability to keep on speaking your word with all boldness ³⁰as you stretch out your hand to heal and as signs and wonders take place through the name of your holy servant Jesus." ³¹After they prayed, the place where they were gathered was shaken. Also, everyone was filled with the Holy Spirit, and they continued to speak the word of God with boldness. ³²The whole group of believers was

one in heart and soul. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they held everything in common. ³³The apostles continued to testify about the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ with great power, and abundant grace was on all of them.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 23

Refrain



The Lord is my shep-herd; there is noth-ing I shall want.

Psalm tone



The LORD is my shepherd,*
I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;*
he leads me beside quiet waters.

He restores my soul;*
he guides me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,*
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Refrain

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.*
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,*
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

**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.**

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

1 John 3:1-2

The Good Shepherd makes us the Father's children

¹ See the kind of love the Father has given us that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are! The world does not know us, because it did not know him. ² Dear friends, we are children of God now, but what we will be has not yet been revealed. We know that when he is revealed we will be like him, and we will see him as he really is.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me. Alleluia. (John 10:14)



GOSPEL

John 10:11-18

The Good Shepherd gives his life to give the flock life

¹¹ "I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired man, who is not a shepherd, does not own the sheep. He sees the wolf coming, leaves the sheep, and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the sheep and scatters them. ¹³ Because he works for money, he does not care about the sheep. ¹⁴ "I am the Good Shepherd. I know my sheep and my sheep know me ¹⁵ (just as the Father knows me and I know the Father). And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I also have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also, and they will listen to

my voice. Then there will be one flock and one shepherd. ¹⁷This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life so that I may take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have the authority to lay it down, and I have the authority to take it up again. This is the commission I received from my Father.”



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY #375

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My
 3 Con - fused and fool - ish oft I strayed, But
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With
 5 You spread a ta - ble in my sight, A



good - ness fails me nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 Sav - ior gent - ly leads me; And where the ver - dant
 yet in love he sought me And on his shoul - der
 you, dear Lord, be - side me; Your rod and staff my
 ban - quet here be - stow - ing; Your oil of wel - come,



I am his, And he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feeds me.
 gent - ly laid And home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still, Your cross be - fore to guide me.
 my de - light; My cup is o - ver - flow - ing!

6 And so through all the length of days
 Your goodness fails me never.
 Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise
 Within your house forever!

SERMON

1 John 3:1-2

We are Safe in Our Father's Family

1. Remember your identity.
2. Treasure the blessings.

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING

*At this time our offering will be brought forward and presented to the Lord.
For those still desiring to give an offering, an offering plate remains near the Usher's Cart at the back of the church.*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(Pastor will lead prayer)

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms and placed all things under his feet for the benefit of the Church. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Sanctus



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.

I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -
 va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.
 The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: A - men.

O Christ, Lamb of God

Agnus Dei

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you
 take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us your peace. A - - men.

DISTRIBUTION - *If you are visiting today we ask you to speak with our pastor before communing. Holy Communion expresses our special oneness in faith and confession, so we welcome like-minded believers from other WELS or ELS congregations. We respectfully ask other Christians to receive instruction before communing with us. If you have any question about our practice please speak to the pastor after the service. Thank you.*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN #152

"I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
3 He lives to bless me with his love; He lives to
4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to
5 He lives to si - lence all my fears; He lives to

this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save. He lives all - glo - rious
plead for me a - bove. He lives, my hun - gry
guide me with his eye. He lives to com - fort
wipe a - way my tears. He lives to calm my

once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing Head!
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
trou - bled heart; He lives all bless - ings to im - part.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives and loves me to the end. He lives, and I shall conquer death.
He lives, and while he lives I'll sing; He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King. He lives to bring me safely there.

8 He lives, all glory to his name!
 He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
 Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
 "I know that my Redeemer lives!"

Thank the Lord



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joyce and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life. We pray this through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - - men.

BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

CLOSING HYMN #765

"Day by Day"



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me,
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me



Bring - ing com - fort to my anx - ious soul.
Strength to serve and wis - dom to o - bey;
When my bur - dens grow too great to bear;



Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me
I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
Oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



Draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal.
O'er the paths I strug - gle day by day.
When I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.



Love di - vine, be - yond all mor - tal meas - ure,
I will fear no e - vil of the mor - row;
Day by day, no mat - ter what be - tide me,



Brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest;
I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace.
You will hold me ev - er in your hand.



Sav - ior, lead me to the home I treas - ure,
Sav - ior, help me bear life's pain and sor - row;
Sav - ior, with your pres - ence here to guide me,

Where, at last, I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
 Till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
 I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday (4/21)	9:00 AM	Worship (w. Holy Communion) Fellowship to Follow
	10:15 AM	Sharing the Greatest Message Presentation
	12:00 PM	Together We Shine @ NLHS
Monday (4/22)	6:30 PM	Council Meeting
Wednesday (4/24)	6:30 PM	Bible Study
Sunday (4/28)	8:00 AM	Worship (Examination)
	9:00 AM	Reception & Fellowship
	10:15 AM	Worship (Confirmation)
	5:45 PM	WELS Youth Night @ NLHS

SHARING THE GREATEST MESSAGE Today, following the service, Dave Malnes, president of Praise and Proclaim Ministries will present an overview of the new dynamic of evangelism in a post-Christian digital world and ways to reach a distracted audience. He will define ‘digital evangelism,’ describe tools used for digital evangelism campaigns, and provide tips for members to participate. No one will be asked to commit, pressured, or forced into anything. Please consider your opportunity to come learn ways to share your faith comfortably as opportunities arise.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY is next Sunday. We give God thanks for the faith created in Ben Colrud, Jordan Feit, Blake Hoiby, and Carter Nechuta and we pray that he keeps their faith strong. In fact, our presence in worship demonstrates to all the ongoing need to be actively in the Word of God. Refreshments follow service.

NLHS SCRIP is on sale today. Carissa Luedtke, Tracy Pawlowski, or Cassy Ewald are available to take and fill orders. (You may place an order any Sunday, you just need to contact one of these representatives.) ...What is SCRIP? You purchase gifts cards for everyday expenses such as gas, groceries, clothing, household items or dining out. A percentage of each gift card purchased is given to NLHS as a rebate. Questions? Need more information? Reach out to Pastor Ewald.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY Immanuel is in need of lawn mowing help throughout the summer. If you are interested and could help out, please sign up on the bulletin board, A schedule will then be created. Any questions, please contact Nathan Nechuta.

NEW BEGINNINGS BABY BOTTLE – Ladies Aid is collecting money/loose change for New Beginnings, A Home for Mothers, sponsored by Christian Life Resources. This is a Christian-based home for single mothers which helps assist residents in becoming responsible parents. We'll be collecting donations through May 12th. The baby bottle can be found on the Usher's Cart. See the bulletin board for additional information about NEW BEGINNINGS or contact Joy Peterson at 920-737-3147, Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS! On Tuesday, April 16th, Pastor Buschkopf married his long-time fiancé, Rose Patingo, at Mountain of the Lord Lutheran Church before friends and family. Pastor Ewald conducted the service. Andy & Rose will hold a wedding affirmation and reception on June 1st. We rejoice with Pastor & Rose on this very special occasion of their lifelong commitment to each other.

WELS YOUTH NIGHT- at NLHS is Sunday, April 28th from 5:45-8:30pm. This event is free, and we are inviting all area teens (WELS and their guests) from 8th to 12th grade to join us. There will be pizza, devotion and a Nerf war in the gym set up for you to enjoy. This "war" be like "paint ball" but with nerf guns. Eye protection is encouraged. Both guns and ammo will be provided. It also helps if you can sign-up in

advance on the website mysaintpeter.org. Thank-you and we'll see you there!

THE PASCHAL CANDLE, the large candle standing beside the altar (and later, the baptismal font), symbolizes the living presence of Christ. 'Paschal' [pronounced: pa-skel] has to do with Passover, that event in the history of Israel when God spared the lives of those who spread the blood of a perfect lamb over the doorframes of their houses. (Exodus 14:1-30) The Bible calls Jesus our 'Passover Lamb,' slain for us. (1 Corinthians 5:7)

On the Paschal Candle are a variety of symbols: A depiction of Jesus as the Sacrificial Lamb of God; a cross, the means by which we are saved through our baptisms; and two Greek letters, an Alpha [Α] and an Omega [Ω], which remind that Jesus is the Beginning and the End. Most importantly, the Paschal Candle symbolizes the resurrection victory over the darkness of sin and death. It is lit during the Easter season and whenever there is a baptism (or funeral), serving as a visual reminder of the close connection between Jesus' resurrection and the new life he gives us at baptism.

Serving You in Worship:			
	Usher	Live Streaming	Display
Today April 21, 9:00 AM	Terry Landwehr	Rev. em. Suckow	Nicole Luedtke
Next Week Sunday April 28, 8:00 AM	Jim Nechuta	Tracy Pawlowski	Kayla Cihlar
Next Week Sunday April 28, 10:15 AM	Rod Sparby	--	Janie Dawson

NORTHLAND NOTES

"**CINDERELLA AND THE SUBSTITUTE FAIRY GODMOTHER**" will be presented on April 24-27. Cinderella's hopes to attend the ball and meet the prince rest on the rusty wand of the only Fairy Godmother available. Will she make it there on time? Join us to find out. We will have productions open to the public on Friday at 12:30 PM and Saturday 1 PM and 3 PM. Contact NLHS office for tickets

DEBT REDUCTION: Northland's total debt has now gone from \$3,500,000 to \$1,080,294. Can your Christ-compelled heart get us to the next goal: only \$30,294 to get to \$1,050,000 remaining (which gets us to only 30% of debt left)? Then, let's keep praying we get the other \$50,000 by June 30 to get below \$1M! PRAISE GOD!

NLHS Together We Shine Silent Auction and Soup Tasting Event is TODAY, noon to 3pm. Come out to support NLHS, bid on fabulous auction items, sample a delicious variety of soups, savor on sweet treats, and you can even get your face painted! It's not too late to bring a donated item for the auction or baked goods for the bake sale. Hope to see you there!

BLOOD DRIVE! Because our Blood Drive was canceled due to a snow day, we will be holding it on Thursday, May 2. Would you like to give the gift of life? Email Miss Stelter at astelter@nlhs.org to participate.

HOUSING FOR COMMUTING & FOREIGN STUDENTS, 24-25 - Would you consider hosting a commuting or a foreign student next school year? We are looking for several families who would open their hearts and homes to students who live a little too far away to travel each day or a student far from home. The bonus is that we are able to share Jesus with these students. You would receive a stipend for the student's room and board, as well as new experiences, warm memories, and often lifetime friendships. Call or email if you are interested in this unique opportunity, 715-359-3400 or nlhsoffice@nlhs.org.

QUICK NOTES

Northland High School Delegate Meeting Tuesday, April 16th - 7:00 PM

(Complete information can be found on NLHS bulletin board)

- **Administration:** We have 111 students and their families as part of this ministry. As of now, we have 122 students for next year and are still working toward our goal of 128 students.
- **Mission Advancement:** Thanks to God's blessings through wise spending, sacrifice, and Christ-compelled hearts, the debt has been reduced from \$3,500,000 to \$1,080,294. With \$80,295 in gifts by June 30, we will reach our goal of getting the debt under \$1-million. May Christ compel hearts to reach this goal!
- **Communications Committee:** Everyone has their own way in which they prefer to receive information. We try to share Northland information and updates in many different ways (Northland Notes email, Facebook, etc). If you have ideas for something different that you think would be effective for your congregation, please let us know. Thank you for your support of Northland and the opportunity to educate students from your congregations.
- **Operations Committee:** We continue to make plans to build sustainability in this ministry while supporting growth and moving from old debt & surviving to new opportunities & thriving.
- **Learning Committee:** Please let Ryan Wiechmann know if you have any connections for partners to help with funding for our Biomedical Program starting next year.
- **Finance Committee** Dime and Dollar income was budgeted for \$200,000 for this fiscal year, and through March is on pace to meet that amount. Please encourage your congregations to consider donating their items and their time to this important resource for NLHS.