



"I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me."

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 8, 2022

11:00 AM

Concordia Lutheran Church, Conover, NC

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation with confidence in the Words of our Lord Jesus, who gives not only bread and wine but his true body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (1Cor 11:27-29). Reception of Holy Communion here at Concordia is a public confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar. Those who are not yet baptized, instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We stand.

OPENING HYMN “Crown Him with Many Crowns” 525

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 23:1, 6b; Revelation 7:17

P The LORD is my shepherd;

C I shall not want.

P For the Lamb in the midst of the throne

C will be their shepherd,

P and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

C And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P Lord, our God,

C we confess that we have strayed from hearing the voice of
Your Son, our Shepherd, who went through death to eternal
life for us. We have failed to trust in You fully. We have
sinned in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Forgive us and
renew in us faith and trust. Grant us to hear anew our
Shepherd's voice and to follow wherever He leads, until we
see Him with You in Your eternal house.

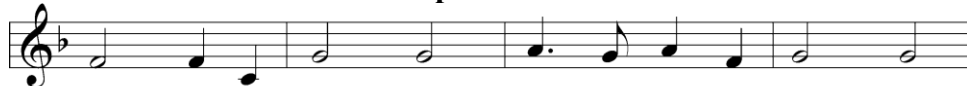
P Fellow sheep within Christ's fold, our Lord Jesus was God's
sacrificial Lamb and has gone through death, paying for the sins
of all people, and He now reigns in eternity. Therefore, in His
stead and by His command, I forgive you all your sins in the
name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Splendor and Honor"

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1 Splen - dor and hon - or, maj - es - ty and pow - er
2 Praised be the true Lamb, slain for our re - demp - tion,
3 To the Al - might - y, throned in heav'n - ly splen - dor,



Are Yours, O Lord God, fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing,
By whose self - of - f'ring we are made God's peo - ple:
And to the Sav - ior, Christ our Lamb and Shep - herd,



For by Your bid - ding was the whole cre -
A priest - ly king - dom, from all tongues and
Be ad - o - ra - tion, praise, and glo - ry



a - tion Called in - to be - ing.
na - tions, Called to God's ser - vice.
giv - en, Now and for - ev - er.

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep,

C 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;

P through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

We sit.

FIRST READING

Acts 20:17-35

L This is the Word of the Lord.

Pew Bible page 1182

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“The Lord Is My Shepherd”

Allen Pote

SECOND READING

Revelation 7:9-17

P This is the Word of the Lord.

Pew Bible page 1315

C Thanks be to God.

We stand.

ALLELUIA VERSE



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 10th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

After the Gospel is read:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

We sit.

HYMN OF THE DAY “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us” 711

SERMON “What Does Jesus Say?” Pastor Michael Geml

We stand.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal

Lamb, went through the valley of the shadow of death so that we might follow Him to Your eternal home in heaven. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
 Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom,

which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD’S PRAYER

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

AGNUS DEI

C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

We sit.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense”	741
“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”	709
“Have No Fear, Little Flock”	735

We stand.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls 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.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, we give thanks for the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation we have received in this Sacrament.

C Keep us strong in the faith that nothing shall separate us from You as we follow our Good Shepherd, who has led the way to the eternal banquet;

P through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN “Children of the Heavenly Father” 725

POSTLUDE