

So there will be one flock, one shepherd



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# Good Hope Lutheran Church

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 21, 2024

10:30 a.m.

The Prelude & Meditation

The Ringing of the Bell

The Welcome & Announcements

The Spark Choir        *“The Colors of the Rainbow” and “Hallelujah”*

\*The Easter Proclamation

Easter Proclamation (*spoken boldly*)

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

This is the day the Lord has made.

**We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

The angel spoke to the disciples, "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene who was crucified. He is risen." Alleluia!

**Christ has destroyed death. Alleluia!**

Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things;

**His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.**

\*The Hymn                    *“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”*                    #481

\*The Greeting

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

**And also with you.**

\*The Prayer of the Day

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.**

The First Reading

-Acts 4:5-12

<sup>5</sup>The next day the rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is ‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.’ <sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

L: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

-Psalm 23

<sup>1</sup>The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

**<sup>2</sup>The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O Lord, and guide me along right pathways for your name’s sake.

**<sup>4</sup>Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,**

**and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

## The 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.

L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

\*The Gospel Acclamation

“Alleluia, Lord...”

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A reading from the Gospel of John.

**C: Glory to you O Lord.**

\*The Holy Gospel

-John 10:11-18

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. **C: Praise to you O Christ.**

The Children’s Sermon

The Sermon

The Hymn                                    *“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”*                                    #456

The Easter Creed and Baptismal Remembrance

Here is water, the place where your life in the Lord began. Once you were no people; now you are God's people.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**Yes, 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.**

Do you renounce the devil and all evil works and ways?

Do you renounce your old, dead life?

**Yes, for once we were dead in our sins, but now we are alive in**

## **Christ Jesus!**

Is it your desire to live as an Easter alleluia?

**We will continue to celebrate the presence of God's love in our lives. We will continue to grow with each other in Christ, our risen Lord. We will live as Easter alleluias!**

\*The Exchange of Peace

The Offering

\*The Offertory

*“Create in me...”*

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\*The Prayers

\*The Lord’s Prayer

\*The Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope bless you now and always. **Amen.**

\*The Sending

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

\*The Hymn *“I Know that My Redeemer Lives”* vss. 1, 2, 7 & 8 #352

\*The Silent Prayer

\*The Postlude

\*Congregation stand if you are able.

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**THE OFFERING TODAY** is for Current Expenses. The offering next Sunday is for Benevolence.

**THIS WEEK AT GOOD HOPE**

Wed., April 24	3:00 p.m.	Summit House Worship
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation
Sat., April 27	9:00 a.m.	Bridal Shower for Melissa Hofbauer
Sun., April 28	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Senior Choir Practice
	10:30 a.m.	Worship/Holy Communion/ Confirmation

**WE HAVE BEEN** asked to pray for Violet Siefken, 9 week old baby of Aaron & Kellie (Morris) Siefken. Violet will be having her second open heart surgery and all prayers are very much appreciated! Thank you!

**THE FIRST COMMUNION** Workshop will be held on **Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall** for anyone who is ready. First Communion for those who attend the workshop will be on Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> during our 10:30 a.m. worship service. **If you and your child/ren are planning on attending the workshop, please let Pastor John know ASAP! Thank you!**



**TITONKA CARE CENTER** Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Titonka Care Center. Please join us for the 2023 Year in Review, Employee Service Awards, Election of Board Member, Old and New Business. Refreshments will be served.

-Titonka Care Center Board of Directors



**PENTECOST SUNDAY** will be held Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Please wear red that morning!! Also, anyone wanting to bring red geraniums for the altar please have them at the church by noon on Saturday, May 18th. If you would like them in listed in the bulletin in memory or honor of a loved one, please let Kelly know by Thursday, May 16th. Thank you!!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** St. John's, Immanuel and Good Hope purchased a T.V. for the Titonka Care Center so that worship services can be live-streamed to the residents. We will need 1 or 2 volunteers every Sunday to go to the Care Center to set up the live-stream for the residents. To volunteer send your name, phone number and email address to [parishthre@wctatel.net](mailto:parishthre@wctatel.net) or there will be a sign-up sheet that you can fill out at the end of the service. This is a great way to participate in our church's ministry and to make a difference to people in our community!