

The Second Sunday after Easter

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CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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**WELCOME** To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world.

If you are looking for a church home or would like to know more about our beliefs and practices, please see the pastor. He will be glad to visit with you at your convenience.

**Organ Prelude** Mrs. Kathy Lueck

**Hymn** 436 *The Lord's My Shepherd*

**Order of Service** Page 12ff. in The Worship Supplement

**Old Testament Lesson** Ezekiel 34:11-16 “For thus says the Lord God: “Indeed I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock on the day he is among his scattered sheep, so will I seek out My sheep and deliver them from all the places where they were scattered on a cloudy and dark day. And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land; I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, in the valleys and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them in good pasture, and their fold shall be on the high mountains of Israel. There they shall lie down in a good fold and feed in rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I will feed My flock, and I will make them lie down,” says the Lord God. “I will seek what was lost and bring back what was driven away, bind up the broken and strengthen what was sick; but I will destroy the fat and the strong, and feed them in judgment.”

**Gospel Lesson** John 10:11-16 “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. But a hireling, *he who* is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. I am the good shepherd; and I know My *sheep*, and am known by My own. As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock *and* one shepherd.

**Hymn** *Lamb of God*

**Sermon** Revelation 5:1-14 And I saw in the right *hand* of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals. Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?” And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it. So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it. But one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals.”

And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits

of God sent out into all the earth. Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.

Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth."

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!"

And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: "Blessing and honor and glory and power *Be* to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!" Then the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.

## Lion? Or Lamb?

### The Offertory

### The Offering

### Hymn *The Lamb*

### Prayer + The Lord's Prayer

### The Benediction

### Hymn 799 *This is the Feast of Victory*

**VOTERS MEETING** At last Sunday's meeting, the voters discussed and/or adopted the following: Carmen Rosen was welcomed into communicant

membership by transfer from Bethel in Morris, MN. The Trustees reported on the storm drain/sidewalk (sinking) issue and will pursue finding a solution. The \$20k loan balance that was used in purchasing the Hotzler property will be paid to the member-lender. Stocks given to the Cemetery Fund have resulted in a substantial balance to be used for cemetery improvements, straightening headstones, etc. The picnic table donated in memory of Herman Eigenberg will arrive this month. The Trustees were asked to cement a section to the west of the elevator entrance, as well as a section of the sidewalk. They were also asked to check the parsonage windows in order to make them more fuel efficient. Craig Ahrens and Phil Strike will represent the congregation at the MN Delegate Conference (June 11), as well as the Convention in June. Larry Boernsen has offered to serve as an alternate. The Budget Committee meets on the last Sunday of June. Next Quarterly meeting: July 10. Adapted from Secretary Bruce Eigenberg's minutes.

**BAPTISM** Henry Elmer Gaddes, son of Kamren Gaddes and Brianna nee DeWall (great grandson of Alice DeWall) was born on March 2, 2018 and was born again of Water and the Spirit in Baptism yesterday afternoon.

**BOOK STUDY GROUP** The next group meeting will be held tomorrow evening at 6:30. You are welcome to attend in person or online.

**CLC NEWS** Pastor Michael Wilke, Saginaw, MI, has returned the call to Winter Haven, FL. Pastor David Ude, Appleton, WI has the call to Lynnwood WA. Seminary graduate Zachary Sippert was assigned to the joint-parish of Bowdle and Ipswich, SD. Teacher graduate Kendra Rodebaugh was assigned to Spokane Valley, WA. Pastor Luke Willitz will be installed as the first fulltime pastor at Living Savior Lutheran Church in Eden Prairie. The service is at 4 pm today.

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**USHERS** 05/01 Trevor B., Tim Z., Joshua E., Christian K., David R.  
05/08 Kendall B., Kraig B., Larry B. Jonathen L.  
05/15 Phil S., Zachary S., Nathan V., Anthony F.

**CLEANING** (Wk. 4) C. Ahrens, A. Fogelman, M. Fogelman  
D. Voit, N. Voit