

Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21, 2024

686 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

INVOCATION

Liturgist: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Liturgist: Let us, who all like sheep have gone astray, hearken to the voice of the Good Shepherd and come in humility before that same Lord Jesus, one with the Father and Holy Spirit, and confess our need for His mercy.

Silence for personal reflection and confession

Liturgist: We humbly confess together:

People: **I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**

Liturgist: The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins.

People: **Amen.**

Liturgist: May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **Amen.**

✠ **WORD** ✠

970 Jesus, Name above All Names

1 Jesus, name above all names,
Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us,
Blessè Redeemer, living Word. (repeat)

SALUTATION

Liturgist: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Liturgist: Let us pray.

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, 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; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

CHIMES ANTHEM *"This Joyful Eastertide" LSB 482*

FIRST READING *Acts 4:1-12*

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *1 John 3:16-24*

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE

Liturgist: Alleluia! Jesus said, "I am the Good Shepherd.

People: The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." Alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL *John 10:11-18*

Liturgist: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the tenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

Liturgist: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

845 Where Charity and Love Prevail

SERMON – Vicar Kory Walstad

588 Jesus Loves Me

- 1 Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak, but He is strong.
- ref Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.
- 2 Jesus loves me! He who died
Heaven's gates to open wide.
He has washed away my sin,
Lets His little child come in. *refrain*
3. Jesus loves me when I'm good,
When I do the things I should.
Jesus loves me when I'm bad,
Even though it makes Him sad.
refrain

CREED *Apostles' Creed*

People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.

OFFERTORY 467 "Awake, My Heart, With Gladness" vs 1,2,6

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

People: **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.**

BENEDICTION *Hebrews 13:20–21; Numbers 6:24–26*

Liturgist: The Lord bless us and keep us.
 The Lord make His face shine on us and be gracious to us.
 The Lord look upon us with favor and ✠ give us peace.

People: **Amen.**

711 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us