

**Fourth Sunday of Easter/
Baptism of Ashlynn Rai & Rebecca Lynn
April 25, 2021 10:30 a.m. Service**

The good shepherd
lays down his life
for the sheep.



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER/ BAPTISM OF ASHLYNN RAI & REBECCA LYNN

Divine Service – Setting Four

April 25, 2021 10:30 a.m.

Welcome & Announcements

+ INVOCATION +

LSB 203

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

[P] We begin in the name into which we are baptized; In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

[C] Amen.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

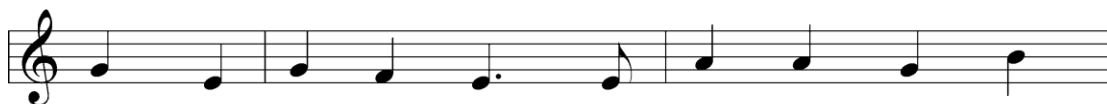
Opening Hymn

LSB 599 sts. 1-4
(to the tune of LSB 358)

“O Gracious Lord, with Love Draw Near”



1 O gra - cious Lord, with love draw near To these, Your
2 Sus - tain the work You have be - gun In these u -
3 De - liv - er them from ev - 'ry wile, From all that
4 Lord, keep them firm in their in - tent To You, Your



chil - dren gath - ered here; The Spir - it's gift in
nit - ed to Your Son, For in that pure bap -
would their hearts be - guile, From world - ly ways and
Word and Sac - ra - ment. O make them bold, their



them re - new: The gift of faith that clings to You.
tis - mal flood They have been cleansed by Je - sus' blood.
Sa - tan's lies, That they may not Your Word de - spise.
faith to share And make them strong, each cross to bear.

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+ HOLY BAPTISM +

LSB 268

(This rite occurs in the place of Confession and Absolution reminding us all that our sin is washed away in the cleansing flood of Baptism as promised in God's Holy Word)

(1 Peter 3:21, Acts 22:16, Rom 6:1-11)

Matthew 28:18b-19; Mark 16:16a; 1 Peter 3:21

P Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." And the apostle Peter has written, "Baptism now saves you."

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His

own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

The pastor addresses the candidates:

P How are you named?

R *Ashlynn Rai Santoro.*

P How are you named?

R *Rebecca Lynn Warner.*

The pastor makes the sign of the holy cross upon the foreheads and hearts of the candidates while saying:

P Ashlynn/Rebecca, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your ✠ forehead and upon your ✠ heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

P Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold Ashlynn and Rebecca according to Your boundless mercy and bless them with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in them which has been inherited from Adam, or has been committed, would be drowned and die. Grant that they be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian

Church and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, they will be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

The pastor addresses the sponsors:

P From ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for baptismal candidates. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church sponsors confess the faith expressed in the Apostles' Creed and taught in the Small Catechism. They are to pray for them, support them in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper. They are at all times to be examples to them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for the neighbor.

P Is it your intention to serve Ashlynn and Rebecca as sponsors in the Christian faith?

R *Yes, with the help of God.*

P God enable you both to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.

C **Amen.**

Stand

Mark 10:13-16

P Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. 13 People were bringing little children to Jesus to have Him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. 14 When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. 15 I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” 16 And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The pastor places his hand on the heads of the candidates, as the congregation joins in praying: *LSB 270*

P 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.

P The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even ✠ forevermore.

C Amen.

Speaking with Ashlynn and Rebecca the congregation answers the following three Creedal questions:

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

C Yes, I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

C Yes, I believe 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 quick and the dead.

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

C Yes, 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.

Sit

The pastor addresses the candidates and asks the following questions:

P Ashlynn/Rebecca, do you renounce the devil?

R Yes, I renounce him.

P Do you renounce all his works and all his ways?

R Yes, I renounce them.

P Ashlynn/Rebecca, do you desire to be baptized?

R Yes, I do.

The pastor pours water three times on the heads of the candidates while saying:

P Ashlynn Rai Santoro/Rebecca Lynn Warner,
I baptize you in the name of the Father and of
the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The pastor places his hand on the heads of the newly baptized while saying: *LSB 271*

P The almighty God and Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth
of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you
all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to
life ✠ everlasting.

C Amen.

The pastor gives a white cloth to the newly baptized while saying:

P Receive this white cloth to show that you
have been clothed with the robe of Christ's
righteousness that covers all your sin.

So shall you stand without fear before the judgment seat of Christ to receive the inheritance prepared for you before the foundation of the world.

The pastor lights the baptismal candle and gives it to the newly baptized while saying:

P Receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world. Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end.

A *In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you both members of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and heirs with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our sisters in Christ, that together we might hear His*

Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

C Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.

Stand

P Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted Ashlynn and Rebecca the new birth in Holy Baptism. We humbly implore You that, as they have now become Your children, You would keep them in their baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure they may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

P Peace ☩ be with you.

C Amen.

All return to their places.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD + *LSB 204*

Introit *Ps. 23; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b*

P I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

C **The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.**

P He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

C **He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

P 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.

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

P Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

P C 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.

P I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47, LSB 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Hymn of Praise/Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204

Luke 2:14, John 1:29



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 205

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C And also with you.

P 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.

C Amen.

Sit

First Reading

Acts 4:1-12

4 The priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to Peter and John while they were speaking to the people. 2 They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people, proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead. 3 They seized Peter and John and, because it was evening, they put them

in jail until the next day. 4 But many who heard the message believed; so the number of men who believed grew to about five thousand.

5 The next day the rulers, the elders and the teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. 6 Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and others of the high priest's family. 7 They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: "By what power or what name did you do this?" 8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! 9 If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a cripple and are asked how he was healed, 10 then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. 11 He is 'the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.'"

12 Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

adapt. from Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6

A C Christ has risen from the dead. [God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor, He has given him dominion over the works of his hands; he has put all things under his feet.

Second Reading

1 John 3:16-24

16 This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. 17 If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? 18 Dear children, let us not love

with words or tongue but with actions and in truth. 19 This then is how we know that we belong to the truth, and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence 20 whenever our hearts condemn us. For God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

21 Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God 22 and receive from him anything we ask, because we obey his commands and do what pleases him. 23 And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. 24 Those who obey his commands live in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Praise

LSB 550 sts. 1-3

“Lamb of God”

1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have
2 Your Gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and
3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have

sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y
scorned Him as He died: The hum - ble King they named a
brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and

sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.
fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
rod, And to be called a lamb of God.

Refrain

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!

O wash me in His pre - cious blood, My Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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Stand

Alleluia and Verse

John 20:31, LSB 205



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

John 10:11-18

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John,
the tenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd
lays down his life for the sheep. 12 The hired
hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So
when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the

sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. 13 The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for 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 have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. 17 The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life – only to take it up again.

18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day

LSB 709 sts. 1-6

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant
love He sought me And on His shoul - der
Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my

I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.
com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever!

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Sermon

Pastor Tom Rhodes

“Good Shepherd”

Offering


In quiet devotion and responding in personal stewardship of God's abundant provision to you, please use the offering plates in the back as you enter or exit. (This is just as it says: An offering to God through His church. As a reassurance to those in worship today, especially our guests - this is not an obligation - the good news of Jesus is free to all!)

Stand

Offertory (no intro)

LSB 781 sts. 1-2

We Give Thee But Thine Own



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive

All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

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Prayer of the Church

LSB 207

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the gifts of divine peace and pardon, with all our hearts and with all our minds, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the renewal of the Church, that our heavenly Father would make all the baptized, especially Ashlynn and Rebecca, joyful witnesses of the Savior's resurrection victory, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For an end to abortion in our land and that our nation might again come to value every life from conception to natural death as a priceless gift of God, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who do not know the Good Shepherd, that they be brought to saving faith and come to experience with us the joy of living under His watchful eye, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the lonely, the afflicted, those in prison, those persecuted for the faith and all the sick, and for all those on our prayer list and cards, that the Holy Spirit would comfort them and grant them strength and healing, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who pass through the valley of the shadow of death, that in the companionship of their great Good Shepherd and in the confidence of His victory over death and the grave, they may fear no ill, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the faithful who have gone before us and who dwell in the house of the Lord forevermore, let us give thanks and praise, asking that we together with them may look forward to the joy of our resurrection, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13, LSB 209

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

Benedicamus and Benediction

LSB 212

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

C Amen.

Sit

Closing Hymn

LSB 735 sts. 1-4

“Have No Fear, Little Flock”



1	Have	no	fear,	lit - tle	flock;	Have	no	fear,	lit - tle
2	Have	good	cheer,	lit - tle	flock;	Have	good	cheer,	lit - tle
3	Praise	the	Lord	high a -	bove;	Praise	the	Lord	high a -
4	Thank - ful	hearts	raise to	God;		Thank - ful	hearts	raise to	



flock,	For	the	Fa -	ther	has	cho -	sen	To
flock,	For	the	Fa -	ther	will	keep	you	In
bove,	For	He	stoops	down	to	heal	you,	Up -
God,	For	He	stays	close	be -	side	you,	In



give you the King-dom; Have no fear, lit-tle flock!
His love for - ev - er; Have good cheer, lit-tle flock!
lift and re - store you; Praise the Lord high a - bove!
all things works with you; Thank - ful hearts raise to God!

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