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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday, April 21, 2018 - 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 22, 2018 - 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.

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As We Gather

This Sunday in the Church Year is often called "Good Shepherd Sunday." The appointed Psalm for the day is Psalm 23, which is among the most well-known psalms. The Gospel from John 10 records Jesus revealing Himself as the Good Shepherd. While fewer and fewer people are familiar with what it is like to take care of sheep, this metaphor of God's protection and provision has become a great source of comfort and hope. God grant that you find such blessed comfort as you dwell securely here in the house of the Lord.

Prelude & Welcome

Entrance Hymn (Please stand on last verse) "Christ Is Our Cornerstone"

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1 Christ is our cor - ner - stone, On Him a - lone we build;
2 Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we im - plore,
3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hal - lowed courts shall ring;



With His true saints a - lone The courts of heav'n are filled. On His
And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us ev - er - more Un - til
Our voic - es we will raise The Three in One to sing And thus

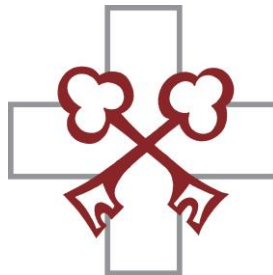


great love Our hopes we place Of pres - ent grace And joys a - bove.
that day When all the blest To end - less rest Are called a - way.
pro - claim In joy - ful song, Both loud and long, That glo - rious name.

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.



Confession & Absolution

(based on 1 Peter 2:25)

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **who made heaven and earth.**

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Though we have strayed like sheep, let us return to the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls.

C: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy goes after His lost sheep. The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep, and for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd, God forgives you all your sins. With joy, He returns you to His flock. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

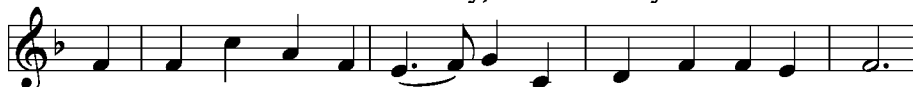
Hymn of Praise

"Gloria in Excelsis"

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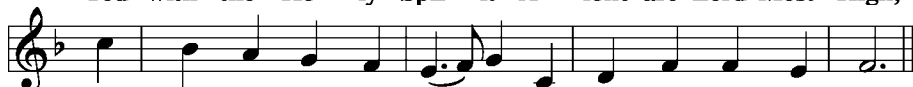
1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



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-shipped 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 Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Let us pray. Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, Jesus Christ, 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.**

✠ The Word of the Lord ✠

First Reading (*Please be seated*)

“The stone that was rejected”

Acts 4:1-12

¹ As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ²greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand. ⁵On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹²And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

“By this we know love”

1 John 3:16-24

¹⁶By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷But if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him? ¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. ¹⁹By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²²and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴Whoever keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Procession and Song (*Please stand*) **“Christ is Risen He is Risen Indeed”** *Getty/Cash*
 (*While the verse is sung, the Gospel procession moves into the center of the congregation. The congregation stands and faces the cross in the center. The Gospel is read from our midst to symbolize the Risen Christ standing among us with the good news of His victory.*)



How can it be the One who died has borne our sin thru sac-ri-fice to con-quer ev-ry
 sting of death Sing sing Hal-le-lu-jah Christ is ri-sen He is
 ris-en in-deed Oh sing hal-le-lu-jah Join the cho-rus sing
 with the re-deemed Christ is ris-en He's ris-en in-deed.

Holy Gospel **“I am the Good Shepherd”** *John 10:11-21*

¹¹I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.” ¹⁹There was again a division among the Jews because of these words. ²⁰Many of them said, “He has a demon, and is insane; why listen to him?” ²¹Others said, “These are not the words of one who is oppressed by a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Gospel Procession and Song (*cont.*)

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| <p>1 The power that raised Him from the grave
 Now works in us to powerfully save
 He frees our hearts to live His grace
 Go tell of His goodness</p> | <p>2 Christ is risen He is risen indeed
 Oh sing hallelujah
 Join the chorus sing with the redeemed
 Christ is risen He is risen indeed</p> |
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Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made, who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

(Please be seated)

Hymn of the Day "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"

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1 The Lord's my shep - herd, I'll not want; He makes me
2 My soul He doth re - store a - gain And me to
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I
4 My ta - ble Thou hast fur - nish - ed In pres - ence
5 Good-ness and mer - cy all my life Shall sure - ly



down to lie In pas - tures green; He
walk doth make With - in the paths of
fear no ill; For Thou art with me,
of my foes; My head Thou dost with
fol - low me; And in God's house for -



lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.
righ - teous - ness, E'en for His own name's sake.
and Thy rod And staff me com - fort still.
oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.
ev - er - more My dwell - ing place shall be.

1) The Good Shepherd teaching is a _____

³⁹ Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, so that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.” ⁴⁰ Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, “What? Are we blind, too?” ⁴¹ Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, ‘We see,’ your guilt remains.”

—John 9:39-41

¹⁹ The Jews who heard these words were again divided. ²⁰ Many of them said, “He is demon-possessed and raving mad. Why listen to him?” ²¹ But others said, “These are not the sayings of a man possessed by a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?”

—John 10:19–21

2) The fundamental question of the Good Shepherd is:

“I am the gate for the sheep.”

—John 10:7

“I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.”

—John 10:10

“I am the good shepherd.”

—John 10:11

“I know my sheep and my sheep know me.”

—John 10:14

“I lay down my life for the sheep.”

—John 10:15

“I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again.”

—John 10:18

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Special Music (6:30 p.m.)

“At The Lamb's High Feast”

Calvary Handbells

Offering Hymn

“O Christ, Our True and Only Light”

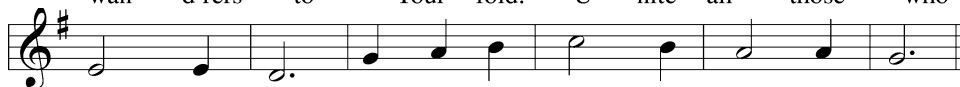
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1 O Christ, our true and on - ly light, En - light - en
3 O gent - ly call those gone a - stray That they may
4 Shine on the dark - ened and the cold; Re - call the



those who sit in night; Let those a - far now
find the sav - ing way! Let ev - 'ry con - science
wan - d'ers to Your fold. U - nite all those who



hear Your voice And in Your fold with us re - joice.
sore op - pressed In You find peace and heav'n - ly rest.
walk a - part; Con - firm the weak and doubt - ing heart,

Prayer of the Church *(Please stand)*

- P:** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- L:** Lord, You are our Shepherd and You provide us with all we need to support this body and life. We lack for nothing. Help us to appreciate all the good gifts You have given us to support this bodily life: clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C:** **hear our prayer.**
- L:** Lord, when we are lost and weary, You restore our souls. Make us to lie down in the green pastures of Your Word and Sacraments, basking in the abundance we find in those good gifts. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C:** **hear our prayer.**
- L:** Lord, in this fallen world we often walk through the valley of the shadow of death. War, terror, disease, and chaos threaten to steal our peace of mind. Remind us daily that we need not fear any evil since You are with us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C:** **hear our prayer.**
- L:** Lord, send healing to all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [*especially . . .*]. Restore their health with the overflowing abundance that comes only from Your hand. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C:** **hear our prayer.**
- P:** Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.
- C:** **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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P: Hear us, O Lord, as we pray in Jesus' name and as He has taught us:

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.

The 8:00 a.m. service continues on page 11 with the Lord's Prayer.

Holy Communion - Jesus Christ is the Bread of Life. He says: "Come, for those who eat this bread and drink this cup will never hunger or thirst, but be raised up on the Last Day" (John 6). Whoever receives the Lord's Supper must be a believer in Christ (Hebrews 11:6); be sorry for their sins (Proverbs 28:13); believe that Christ offers His body and blood with the bread and wine (1 Corinthians 10:16); and be willing to forgive those who have sinned against you (Matthew 6:14-15). Come with faith in His promises to you and His presence in this holy meal.

As you approach the Lord's table, please move to the cross on the center rail.

Gluten-free wafers are available on the two stands at the front of the church.

Worshippers with a gluten allergy may pick up a sealed packet on their way to the communion rail.

✠ Service of Holy Communion ✠ 6:30 p.m. & 10:45 a.m.

The Words of Institution & the Peace of the Lord

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

Agnus Dei

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1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Distribution Hymn (Please be seated) "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen"

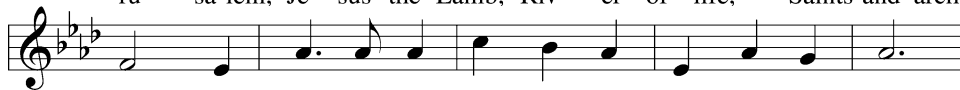
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1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re -
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter Tell - ing the
 3 Je - sus the vine, We are the branch - es; Life in the
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; Sor - row, be si - lent: Death put a -
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er, Gold - en Je -



sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen - dor, the Lamb, Heav - en for -
 sto - ry to o - pen our eyes; Break - ing our bread, Giv - ing us
 Spir - it the fruit of the tree; Heav - en to earth, Christ to the
 sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright. Cher - u - bim sing: "O grave, be
 ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb, Riv - er of life, Saints and arch -



ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 glo - ry: Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
 peo - ple, Gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
 o - pen!" Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
 an - gels, Sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Refrain



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!



“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

LSB 711



1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; Much we
 2 We are Yours; in love be - friend us, Be the
 3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and
 4 Ear - ly let us seek Your fa - vor, Ear - ly



need Your ten - der care. In Your pleas - ant pas - tures
 guard - ian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin de -
 sin - ful though we be; You have mer - cy to re -
 let us do Your will; Bless - ed Lord and on - ly



feed us, For our use Your fold pre - pare.
 fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.
 lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
 Sav - ior, With Your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have



bought us; we are Yours. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 chil - dren when we pray. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 let us turn to You. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 loved us, love us still. Bless - ed Je - sus,



bless - ed Je - sus, You have bought us; we are Yours.
 bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us chil - dren when we pray.
 bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to You.
 bless - ed Je - sus, You have loved us, love us still.

O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.

All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

L: Let us pray. O God our Father, fountain and source of all goodness, in loving-kindness You sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh. We thank You for giving us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your sheep but always to shepherd our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever,

C: Amen.

8:00 a.m. service continues here

Benediction

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.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn

“You’re My Good Shepherd”

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- 1 You’re my Good Shepherd, I’m Your sheep,
Always within the watch You keep
Over me even while I sleep.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 2 You led me to a living stream,
I heard Your voice give me a name:
“You are My own beloved lamb!”
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 3 Gather Your flock from ev’rywhere,
Carefree within Your loving care,
One Shepherd’s life and joy to share.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude