

Fourth Sunday of Easter - Good Shepherd Sunday

11:00 a.m. April 21, 2024 (Blended DS 2)

Welcome

Confession and Absolution

Stand

Opening Worship

“Holy Is the Lord”

We stand and lift up our hands
For the joy of the Lord is our strength
We bow down and worship Him now
How great how awesome is He
And together we sing

Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory

We stand and lift up our hands
For the joy of the Lord is our strength
We bow down and worship Him now
How great how awesome is He
And together we sing
Ev'ryone sing

Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory

It's rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown
It's rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown

Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
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Holy is the Lord.

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“I Will Love You”

Before there was time
Before there was space
Before there was anything,
You filled this place

You formed the earth
You formed my soul
You knew my story
Before it was told

I will love You
And I give You
Everything, everything

I will love You
All of my days,
All of my days

In my imperfection
This cracked reflection
Less than the image
You first had in mind

You saw the best in me
What no one else could see
Or ever hope to find

I will love You
And I give You
Everything, everything

I will love You
All of my days,
All of my days

I find Your forgiveness
Amazing, amazing

I stand in awe of You
My King

I will love You
And I give You
Everything, everything

I will love You
All of my days,
All of my days

I will love You
And I give You
Everything, everything

I will love You
All of my days,
All of my days

All of my days.

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

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.

People: **Amen.**

Sit

Service of the Word

Psalm 23 (Spoken responsively, people in bold) *both services*

¹The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

²**He makes me lie down in green pastures.**

He leads me beside still waters.

³He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴**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.

⁵You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me**

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

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.

First Reading Acts 4:1-12

¹As 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."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle 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.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Holy Gospel John 10:11-18

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

People: **Glory to You O Lord.**

¹¹[Jesus said:] "I 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."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" LSB 709

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever.
- 2 Where streams of living water flow,
My ransomed soul He leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid
And home rejoicing brought me.

- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill
 With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,
 Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
 Thy cross before 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 “What is Good about the Good Shepherd?” (John 10:11-18)

Stand

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.**

Prayer of the Church

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord, beseeching Him for the needs of ourselves and others.

Trusting in God's loving response, we pray for the church and all who are called to lives of service to God's people, asking that the Lord will bless His under-shepherds and all who care for His flock. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We pray the Holy Spirit guide each of us into gracious ways and instill in us a holy confidence in the goodness of our God, aiding us in our prayers. With thanks for the faithful examples set by those whose earthly journeys are complete and whose witness to Christ yet inspires us. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We pray for the blessing of God upon our nation and its leaders that we may lead peaceable lives, and we pray for the needs of ourselves and others for healing and restoration, for solace and comfort, [*especially those whose names we boldly call out to You now . . .*]. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Gracious God, we lift to you today, the students and teachers of our congregation. We lift to you our Preschool Director, teachers, aides, volunteers, and students. We ask your blessing for each of them. May they be sustained by your blessing. May they be reminded that this congregation embraces their call to teaching and learning and surrounds them with love and care as well. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Precious Father, we pray for our college students that they learn to live independently outside of the boundaries that were set for them at home. Guide them to make good choices that will keep their thoughts, words, and deeds pure, always remembering to honor You. That each student will gain confidence and deepen their faith, and strengthen their journey of faith in our Savior Jesus Christ. Thank you for your active presence in their lives. Your wisdom is pure, help them to desire only Your wisdom. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: These things and all else that we should have asked grant us according to Your gracious will, O Lord, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

People: **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

**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.

Sit

Offering

Offering Song "Give Thanks"

Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son

Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son

And now let the weak say I am strong
Let the poor say I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us

And now let the weak say I am strong
Let the poor say I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us

Give thanks

Give thanks

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Stand

Service of the Sacrament

Communion Confession

Pastor The Lord's Supper is God's gift for Christians. God desires for His people to receive this gift of faith, believing it is "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." He does not want it misused through

unbelief in God's promise which results in judgement. *(Matthew 26:26-28, 1 Corinthians 11:27-29, Luther's Small Catechism: Sacrament of the Altar (LSB 326-327))*

This means that as we come together at the Lord's Table as one body we affirm and confess:

People **I recognize and confess "I am a sinner." I repent of my sin and ask God's forgiveness.** *(1John 1:8-10, Augsburg Confession Articles XI and XII)*

I believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from sin, Satan, and death. *(Romans 10:9, Augsburg Confession Article III)*

Through faith, I receive in the Lord's Supper my risen Savior Jesus Christ's true body and blood, under the form of bread and wine, given and shed for the forgiveness of my sin, the strengthening of my faith, and life everlasting. *(Matthew 26:26-28, Augsburg Confession Articles X and XIII)*

The Words of Our Lord

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Sit

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"Living Hope"

How great the chasm
that lay between us
How high the mountain
I could not climb

In desperation
I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name
into the night

Then through the darkness
Your loving-kindness
Tore through the
shadows of my soul

The work is finished
the end is written
Jesus Christ
my living hope

Hallelujah

praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah
death has lost its grip on me

You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope
Who could imagine
so great a mercy
What heart could fathom
such boundless grace

The God of ages
stepped down from glory
To wear my sin
and bear my shame

The cross has spoken
I am forgiven
The King of kings
calls me His own

Beautiful Savior
I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ
my living hope

Hallelujah
praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah
death has lost its grip on me

You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope

Hallelujah
praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah
death has lost its grip on me

You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope

Then came the morning
that sealed the promise
Your buried body
began to breathe

Out of the silence
the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave
has no claim on me

Jesus Yours is the victory
Jesus Yours is the victory

Hallelujah
praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah
death has lost its grip on me

You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope

Jesus Christ my living hope
Oh God You are my living hope

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“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

Amazing grace
how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me

I once was lost
but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught
my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved

How precious did
that grace appear
The hour I first believed

My chains are gone
I've been set free
My God my Savior
has ransomed me

And like a flood
His mercy rains
Unending love

amazing grace

The Lord has promised
good to me
His word my hope secures

He will my shield
and portion be
As long as life endures

My chains are gone
I've been set free
My God my Savior
has ransomed me

And like a flood
His mercy rains
Unending love
amazing grace

The earth shall soon
dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine

But God who called
me here below
Will be forever mine

Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

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Stand

Dismissal

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.

People: **Amen.**

Benediction *(Numbers 6:24-26)*

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen.**

Sit

Announcements

Stand

Closing Song “Our God”

Water You turned into wine
Opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like You
None like You

Into the darkness You shine
Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You
None like You

Our God is greater
Our God is stronger
God You are higher than any other
Our God is healer
Awesome in power our God our God

Into the darkness You shine
Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You
None like You

Our God is greater
Our God is stronger
God You are higher than any other
Our God is healer
Awesome in power our God our God

Our God is greater
Our God is stronger
God You are higher than any other
Our God is healer
Awesome in power our God our God

And if our God is for us
Then who could ever stop us
And if our God is with us
Then what could stand against

And if our God is for us
Then who could ever stop us
And if our God is with us
Then what could stand against

What could stand against

Our God is greater
Our God is stronger
God You are higher than any other
Our God is healer
Awesome in power our God our God

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