

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday, April 20, 2024 - 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 21, 2024 - 8:00 a.m.

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## As We Gather

*Flocks of sheep can number in the hundreds or even thousands. Imagine keeping track of so many on the annual trek from winter quarters to summer pastures and back again. Large groups of spectators have gathered in rural Idaho to watch the overwhelming crossing of the sheep across a major highway. Keeping track of two or three thousand sheep is quite a task! Jesus, our Good Shepherd, knows how to care for not just thousands but millions of His people. Assured that we are part of His flock, we travel through life following our caring Shepherd!*

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**A Note on Holy Communion** *Guests are encouraged to see details about Communion on p. 9.*



**A Note on Offerings** *As an act of worship and thanksgiving, we offer to God what He has first given to us: the first and best of our time, talents, and financial gifts. Donation boxes are located by each entry door or if you would like to contribute online, with either a onetime or ongoing gift, please use [clcs.org/give](https://clcs.org/give) or the QR code to the left.*

Welcome





1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to  
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy  
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -  
 4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy



sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,  
 help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,  
 strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter  
 love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,



Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less  
 Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a  
 Bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I  
 How I'll sing Thy won - drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er



glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me  
 strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to  
 feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my  
 tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine



ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.  
 res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.  
 heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.  
 an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

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P = Pastor; L = Worship Leader; C = Congregation

**Call to Worship**

*The Invocation - Matthew 28:19*

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

C: **Amen.**

P: By this we know love,

C: **that Jesus laid down His life for us.** (1 John 3:16a)

P: “I am the good shepherd,” says the Lord.

C: **The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.** (John 10:11)

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## Confession of Sin & Annoucement of Forgiveness

*The Absolution - John 20:21-23*

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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

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

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: **and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

## Introit (8:00 a.m. - please be seated)

*Calvary Chorale*

Setting by Paul Bunjes (1914-1998)

*Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands, alleluia!*

*Sing forth the honor of His name, make His praise glorious, alleluia, alleluia!*

*Say unto God: How terrible art Thou in Thy works!*

*Through the greatness of Thy power shall Thine enemies submit themselves unto Thee.*

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost:*

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

*Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands, alleluia!*

*Sing forth the honor of His name, make His praise glorious, alleluia, alleluia!*

## Prayer for God's Mercy

*The Kyrie - Matthew 20:30-31*

LSB 186



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The musical score is written on ten staves of music. Each staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are printed below the notes, with some words aligned under specific notes. The lyrics are as follows:

c Glory be to God on high and on earth peace, good - will toward  
 men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,  
 we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
 O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.  
 O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;  
 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.  
 Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.  
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -  
 on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.  
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,  
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## 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, 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.**

## Children's Message *(Please be seated)*

### ✠ The Word of the Lord ✠

#### First Reading

**“The Lord is my shepherd”**

*Psalm 23*

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. <sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. <sup>3</sup> He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. <sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. <sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

#### Second Reading

**“By this we know love...he laid down his life for us”**

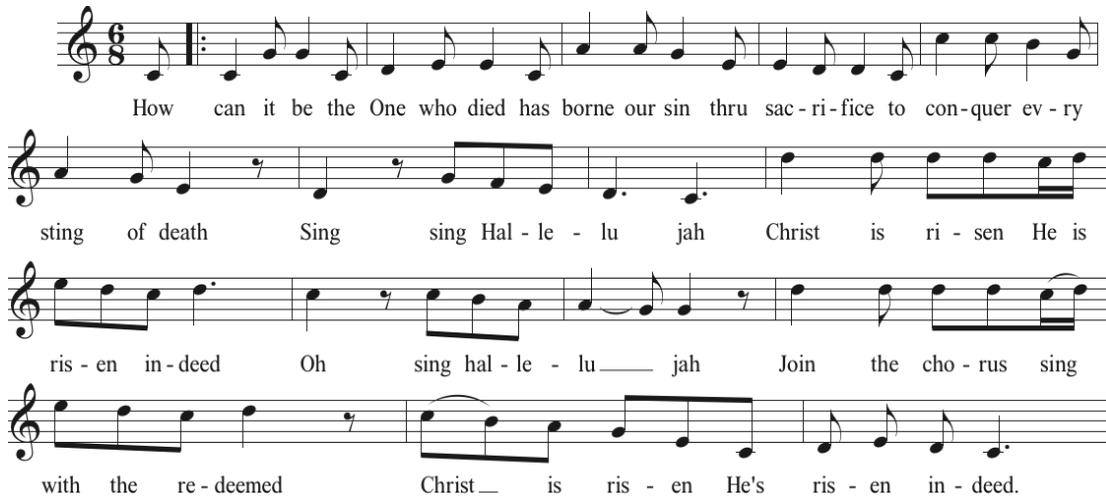
*1 John 3:16-24*

<sup>16</sup> By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. <sup>17</sup> But 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? <sup>18</sup> Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. <sup>19</sup> By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; <sup>20</sup> for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup> Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; <sup>22</sup> and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup> And 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. <sup>24</sup> Whoever 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 & Song** (*Please stand*)      **“Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed”**      *Getty*  
*(The Gospel is read from the center of the congregation to symbolize the risen Jesus standing among us with the good news of His victory over death and the grave. He is alive. Alleluia!)*



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.

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**Holy Gospel**      **“I lay down my life that I may take it up again”**      *John 10:11-18*

<sup>11</sup> [Jesus said:] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> He 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. <sup>13</sup> He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup> I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> And 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. <sup>17</sup> For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. <sup>18</sup> No 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.”

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Gospel Procession & Song**

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

*The Apostles' Creed*

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.

## Hymn of the Day *(Please be seated)* "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" *LSB 709*

*(8:00 a.m. service - The congregation will sing verses 1-2, 4, 6. The choir will sing verses 3 & 5.)*



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

"By This We Know Love" *1 John 3:16-18; John 10:17-18*

Sermon Series "So What? What Difference Does Easter Make?" (Week 3)

*Listen to past sermons or share them with a friend at [clcs.org/sermons](http://clcs.org/sermons).*

## Offertory

### “Create in Me”

LSB 192



□ Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

## Offering Prayer

*By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.*

~ 1 John 3:16

## Prayers *(Please stand)*

- P: As we come before You, O Lord, give ear to our prayers and sustain in us a living hope.  
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. Great is Your faithfulness, O Lord,  
C: **Your mercies are new each morning.**  
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 these good gifts. Great is Your faithfulness, O Lord,  
C: **Your mercies are new each morning.**  
L: Lord, in this fallen world we often walk through the valley of the shadow of death. Violence, disease, and worry try to steal our peace. Remind us daily that we need not fear any evil since You are with us, Your rod and staff comfort us. Great is Your faithfulness, O Lord,  
C: **Your mercies are new each morning.**



## Song of the Angels

*The Sanctus - Isaiah 6:3*

LSB 195



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bles - ed is He, bles - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## 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.

## Words of Our Lord

*The Words of Institution - Mt. 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20, 1 Cor 11:23-25*

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

C: Amen.

## Lamb of God (*Sung*)

*The Agnus Dei - John 1:29*

LSB 198

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.  
Amen.

*(Please be seated)*

**Special Music (5:30 p.m.)**      **“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”**      *Calvary Handbells  
Arr. Sandra Eithun*  
*(For meditation and reflection, the text may be followed in the hymnal - LSB 633.)*

**Special Music (video)**      **“The Lord’s My Shepherd”**      *Sandra Wilson soloist  
Jacqueline Wiernicki-violin*

### **For Prayer & Personal Reflection during Communion Distribution**

**“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”** John 10:11

*What are you willing to sacrifice for in this life?*

*What would cause a shepherd to be willing to give his life for an individual sheep?*

**“[A hired hand] flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.**

**I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me...”** John 10:13-14

*What is the difference in the quantity and quality of care and compassion provided by the owner of the sheep and a hired hand?*

**“And 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.”** John 10:16

*Who are these sheep that are not of this fold?*

*How do we remain open to outsiders as a church?*

*How do we continue to invite and welcome others into God’s fold?*

**Post-Communion Hymn** *(Please stand & sing)* *The Song of Simeon - Luke 2:29-32*      *LSB 199*

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all  
people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

### **Post-Communion Blessing**

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

**L:** Let us pray.

...who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

## Blessing

*The Benediction of Aaron - Numbers 6:24-26*

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

## Sending Hymn

### “Praise to You and Adoration”

LSB 692



1 Praise to You and ad - o - ra - tion, Bless - ed Je - sus,  
2 Hold me ev - er in Your keep - ing; Com - fort me in  
Son of God, Who, to serve Your own cre - a - tion, Came to  
pain and strife. In my laugh - ter and my weep - ing Be with  
share our flesh and blood. Guide me that I nev - er may  
me through - out my life. Give me great - er love for You,  
From Your fold or pas - tures stray, But with zeal and  
And my faith and hope re - new In Your birth, Your  
joy ex - ceed - ing Fol - low where Your steps are lead - ing.  
life, and pas - sion, In Your death and res - ur - rec - tion.

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## Announcements

### ✝ LEADING OUR WORSHIP ✝

**Preacher:** Pastor Kurt Ebert

**Worship Leader:** (5:30p) Doug Wright

(8:00a) Pastor Sam Troemel

**Organist:** (5:30p & 8:00a) Tony Spelde

**Special Musicians:** (8:00a) Calvary Chorale