



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**LBW Setting One with Communion**  
**Sunday, April 21, 2024**

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# WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRELUDE

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.*

**P** Look, here is water!

**C** **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

**P** At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection, you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Stand*

# HYMN

# 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!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jillson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4  
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## **GREETING**

**P** Christ is risen!

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

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** **And also with you.**

**A** We stand before the throne of God, surrounded by an innumerable throng of people, gathered from every corner of the earth in praise.

**C** **When we sing out with joy before God our maker, we are not alone. All the resurrected sing with us!**

**A** All those whom God has called will hear the voice of the Good Shepherd, and they will follow him.

**C** **God's church is undivided on earth, even as in heaven.**

**A** Let us celebrate the promise of life, for Christ is risen.

**C** **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

# HYMN OF PRAISE



☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. ☐ I Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was



slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. ☐ II Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. ☐ I Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu - ia,  
 al-le-lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia. For the Lamb who was  
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.  
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.  
 Al-le-lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray together,

**C** O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Sit*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

## FIRST LESSON: ACTS 4:5-12

L A reading from Acts.

<sup>5</sup>The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is ‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.’ <sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**



## PSALM: 23 (Read Responsively)

- L <sup>1</sup>The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.
- C <sup>2</sup>**The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**
- L <sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O Lord, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.
- C <sup>4</sup>**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**
- L <sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- C <sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

## SECOND LESSON: 1 JOHN 3:16-24

- L A reading from First John.

<sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? <sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we

should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

- L The Word of the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL: JOHN 10:11-18

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the Tenth Chapter.  
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>11</sup>“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care 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>I have other sheep

that do not belong to 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 in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.  
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit*

**SERMON**

**Pastors Peterson**

*Stand*

# HYMN

## 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.

## NICENE CREED

**P** Let us confess our faith together using the Nicene Creed  
**C** **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son, he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen**

*Sit/Kneel*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

*A brief silence.*

A Shepherding God, gather your church whenever we wander from you and one another. Empower our church in ministries around the world to worship and serve alongside global companions as equal partners and coworkers in the gospel. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A O God our creator, you bring forth all life on earth. Calm storms, bring water to parched places, and protect the climate, that this planet would sustain life in all its variety. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A O God our savior, you offer wisdom and guidance beyond all human knowledge. Instruct lawmakers, judges, and elected officials to make decisions grounded in your justice and care for all people. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Loving God, protect the very young and the very old, those living without housing, victims of domestic abuse, and all who live with chronic illness or compromised immune systems *especially*... Guide communities to actively care for people who are vulnerable. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Gracious God, help this and all communities of faith to listen for your voice. Call us away from things that distract us from following you. Invite us to more deeply love and serve people who are lonely, isolated, and on the margins.  
God of grace,  
C **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P Living God, we give thanks for our ancestors in faith  
Strengthen us to share the good news in our own day. God  
of grace,  
C **hear our prayer.**

P Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.  
C **Amen.**

## **PEACE**

P Peace of the Lord be with you all.  
C **And also with you.**

*Share Christ's Peace with one another.*

*Sit*

## **OFFERING**

*The Offering is received and presented to the Lord.*

*Stand*

## OFFERTORY



**C** Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

**A** Let us pray, Risen One,

**C** You call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.



## MEAL

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everliving God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



☩ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

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.**

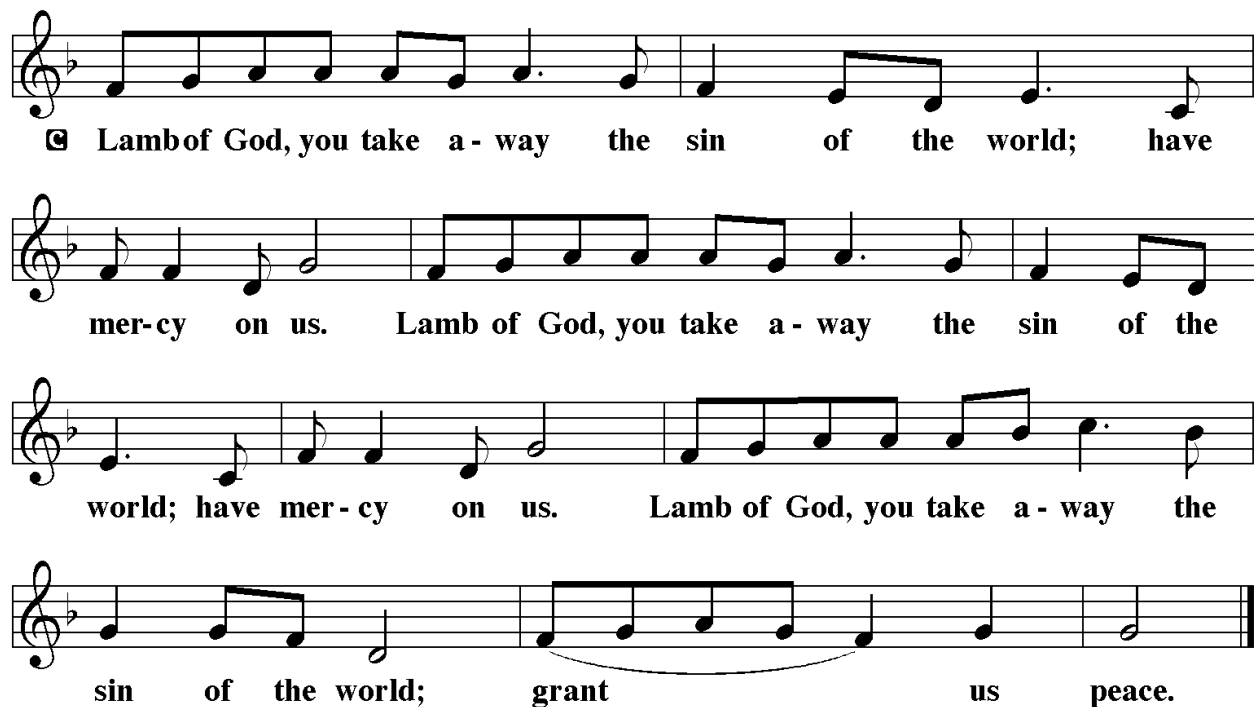
## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P These are the gifts of God, for the people of God.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*Sit*

## COMMUNION CANTICLE



☞ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

### *HOLY COMMUNION*

*will be celebrated today around the altar. Come to the altar and kneel or stand. Receive the host and consume. The assisting minister will offer wine or grape juice, take and consume. After you are finished communing, place your cup in the empty tray provided.*

*We believe that Christ is present in, with, and under each element. Children who have not received instruction are invited forward for a blessing.*

*All are welcome to the table of the Lord!*

*We will sing the following Hymns during Holy Communion:*

*LBW 210 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*

*LBW 501 He Leadeth Me*

*Stand*

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

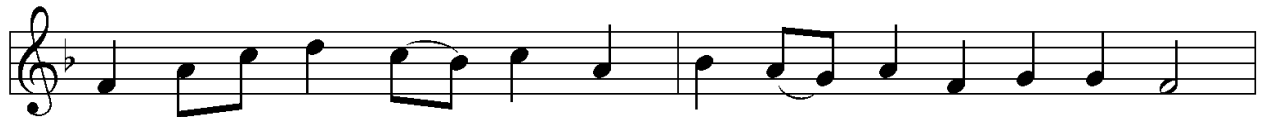
**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C** Amen.

## POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



**C** Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joyce and proud-ly bear his name.



He re- calls his prom- is - es and leads his peo- ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks- giv - ing. Al- le - lu - ia. Al- le - lu - ia.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**A** Let us pray. Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

**C** Amen.

## BLESSING

**P** The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ✠ bless you now and always.

**C** Amen.

HYMN

Savior, like A Shepherd Lead Us



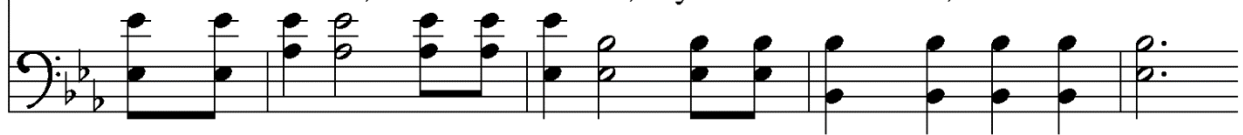
1 Sav - ior like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.  
 2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;  
 3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;  
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your fold pre-pare.  
 keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.  
 you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
 bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.  
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.  
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.  
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.



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 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.



## **DISMISSAL**

**A** Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**C** **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## **POSTLUDE**

### **THIS WEEK AT ADVENT**

Today – 10:45am Sunday School; 11am Confirmation

4/22 Mon. – 11 am Book Group

4/24 Wed.- 6pm Bell Choir, 7pm Sanctuary Choir

4/27 Sat. – Youth Group

# NOTES

*“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,  
generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.”  
(Galatians 5:22)*

**We pray this week that KINDNESS grows in us.**

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

**Pastors**

Rev. Andrea Windsor-Peterson & Rev. Jason Peterson

**Director of Music & Organist**

Joel Haywood

**Assisting Minister**

Violet Hermann

**Greeter**

Noreen Gaynor and Julie Fillgrove

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