

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 20 & 21, 2024

The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (11:00)

Stella Stroup

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.**

*** HYMN OF PRAISE**

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”

v.3. Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high:
Alleluia to the Savior Who has gained the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit, Fount of love and sanctity!
Alleluia, alleluia To the triune Majesty!

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*** SALUTATION**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P 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.

C **Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

5:30

8:30 Praise Choir

11:00 Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Acts 4:5-12

Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he can proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.

⁵The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their 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 questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let 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. ¹¹This Jesus is
'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.'

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

PSALM: Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³He restores my soul,
and guides me along right pathways for His name's sake.

⁴**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.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶**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 READING: 1 John 3:16-24

Jesus' death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God's commandments.

¹⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How 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?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And 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. ²⁴All 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.

* GOSPEL VERSE

Congregation:

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, Lord to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e-ter-nal life: Al-le-lu-ia!

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10th chapter.

C **Speak, Lord, your servants are listening!**

GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.

[Jesus said:] ¹¹"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

¹²The 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. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care 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. ¹⁶I 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. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No 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 **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON Pastor Sharon

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Borning Cry"

ELW #732



1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
2 "When you heard the won - der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
3 "In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold.
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
If you find some - one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell.”
 I’ll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun.”
 I’ll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise.”



4 “I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I’ll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold.”

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RITE OF CONFIRMATION (11:00)

Brogan Allen Burdick
 Hailey Lynn Hansen
 Williams Thomas Hayes
 Caiden Chris Loose-Ives
 Ayden Jay Michael McIntosh
 Abigail Rose Nelson
 Chloe Hazel Perfect

Will Jonathan Sadr
 Beran Robert Stroup
 Dallis Marie Lynn Thompson
 Rebecca Lorraine Faye Thompson
 Hudson Curtis Whitney
 Lillian Eloise Willson

* THE APOSTLES’ CREED (5:30 / 8:30)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. **Amen**

*** PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (5:30 / 8:30)**

P 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.

P 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.

THE OFFERING



*** THE OFFERTORY**

“Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring”

ELW #691

1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.
3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.

We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, b. 1957
Music: English folk tune; arr. Alice Parker, b. 1925
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Welcome to the Feast of Holy Communion.(Gluten free wafers available, ask the Pastors)
We believe that in the sacrament Holy Communion, the crucified and risen Christ is present, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. This real presence is a mystery. All who trust in Jesus and call upon his name as Lord are invited to receive Holy Communion. Guests who are with us, who regularly commune in their home congregations, are also welcome. Children who have not yet been instructed in receiving the sacrament are encouraged to come forward to receive a blessing.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 testament in my blood,
shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

* THE 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**

* INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P The gifts of God for the people of God.

C I am not worthy to receive you, Lord;
but only say the Word and I shall be healed.

* LAMB OF GOD

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

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“One Bread, One Body”

WOV #710

Refrain

One bread, one bod - y, one Lord of all;
 one cup of bless - ing which we bless,

G C/G GM⁷ C/G G D Em B
 Em D G Em A D D⁷

and we, though man-y through-out the earth,

G C/G GM⁷ C/G G D Em B

we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

Em D G Em A D G C/G G

1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
 2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
 3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,

Em D Em D

wom - an or man, no more.
 one in the Lord of all.
 gath-ered to one for all.

Em F Am D Refrain

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 Music: John Foley, SJ, b. 1939

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“We Come to the Hungry Feast”

ELW #479



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943
Music: Ray Makeever
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P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C Amen.

*** PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P Gracious God,
you have prepared a table before us
and nourished us with your love.
Send us forth
to proclaim your goodness
and share the mercy of Christ,
our redeemer and friend.

C Amen.

*** BLESSING**

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



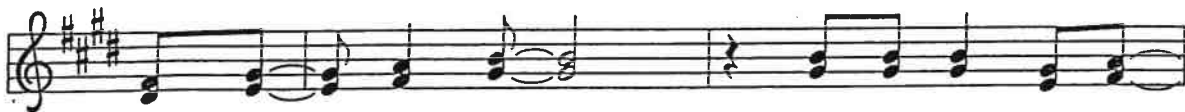
Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.



1 Take my hands and let them move at the im -
 2 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on -
 4 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be



pulse of thy love; take my feet and let
 would I with - hold; take my in - tel - lect
 ly for my King; take my lips and let
 no lon - ger mine; take my heart, it is



them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.
 them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
 thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, adapt.; Spanish text: Vicente Mendoza, 1875–1955

Music: William Dexheimer Pharris, b. 1956; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954

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* DISMISSAL

P Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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