

*I am the  
good shepherd*

JOHN 10:11





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“As followers of Jesus, we serve our neighbors locally and globally.”

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

10:30 a.m.

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE:** *Prelude on “Brother James’ Air”* – M. Searle Wright

### ACCLAMATION

*Throughout this worship folder, the text in bold type is said by the congregation.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

### INVOCATION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,  
the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth,  
our light and our salvation.

**Amen.**

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Do you reaffirm your baptismal faith, faith in resurrected Jesus as the Christ, our Lord and Savior? If so answer: I affirm my faith in Christ.

**I affirm my faith in Christ.**

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

**We thank you, O God.**

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.  
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.  
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

**We bless you, O God.**

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

**We praise you, O God.**

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

**HYMN #369:** *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!* LLANFAIR

### **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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

**And also with you.**

### **KYRIE**

*(music on p. 138 ELW Setting 3)*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE:** *This Is the Feast*

*(music on p. 140 ELW Setting 3)*

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.**

## **FIRST READING: Acts 4:5-12** *(printed on the back cover)*

*The congregation is seated. At the conclusion of the reading, the following is said:*

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **HYMN #778: The Lord's My Shepherd**      BROTHER JAMES' AIR

*(This hymn is a paraphrase of Psalm 23.)*

## **SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24** *(printed on the back cover)*

*At the conclusion of the reading, the following is said:*

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*(music on p. 142 ELW Setting 3)*

*The congregation stands to sing the Gospel Acclamation*

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL: John 10:11-18** *(printed on the back cover)*

*Prior to the reading of the Holy Gospel, the following is said:*

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the conclusion of the Gospel, the following is said:*

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

**SERMON**      *The congregation is seated.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY #502: The King of Love My Shepherd Is**      ST. COLUMBA

**NICENE CREED**

p. 104 *(ELW Setting 1)*

## **PRAYERS**

*Each petition concludes: God of grace, **hear our prayer.***

*The presiding minister concludes the prayers. The congregation responds: **Amen.***

**ANTHEM:** *I Am the Good Shepherd* – Thomas Matthews

**OFFERTORY HYMN:** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*      LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

*Assisting Minister:* Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The presiding minister continues with the proper Preface. At the conclusion of the Preface, the congregation sings the Sanctus.*

**SANCTUS**

*(music on p. 144 ELW Setting 3)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

p. 111 (*ELW Setting 1*)

**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.**

## FRACTION

The table of life is spread before us. Receive the goodness and mercy of God. All are welcome at this table where Christ is the host and the meal.

## AGNUS DEI

*(music on p. 146 ELW Setting 3)*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

## COMMUNION

*The congregation is seated. Lutherans teach that Christ is truly present with, in, and under the bread and wine of Holy Communion. We commune by pouring chalice. Please take an empty cup before going to the rail. (The pre-filled cups contain grape juice.) Those who wish to receive only a blessing at the altar should indicate this by crossing their arms over their chest. As the ministers distribute the elements, they say these words: The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. Each person may respond: Amen.*

**COMMUNION HYMN #789:** *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* BRADBURY

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Assisting Minister:* Let us pray: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

## BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**HYMN #544:** *Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing* ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN

## DISMISSAL

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:** *Presto (Concerto No. 5 in F Major)* – George Frideric Handel

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### Reminder Dates

Fellowship/Adult Forum at 9:00 am with Worship Service at 10:30 am on Sunday, April 21.

Mission and Service hearing after worship service in sanctuary on Sunday, April 21.

Primary Election April 23. See signup sheet in narthex to sit with Scott Barr.

Choir Rehearsal at 7pm on Thursday, April 25.

National Day of Prayer at BULC on Thursday, May 2 from 9am to 9pm.

Church Council has elected Vertex Mechanical Inc. to replace the two non functioning air conditioning units in the sanctuary at a cost of \$16,637.41. A congregational meeting will take place on May 5, 2024 following the 10:30 am worship service for the congregation's approval of this project. Please plan to attend this very important meeting.

**LOVE, Inc.** Join Jay Raleigh, Executive Director of LOVE, Inc for a discussion of LOVE, Inc's mission and how we can help impact our community!

Sunday May 5th 9:00-9:45 am during our Sunday school hour.

### **MUSIC NOTES:**

The hymns sung as the Psalm and Hymn of the Day are paraphrases of Psalm 23, the assigned psalm for this Fourth Sunday of Easter. Taken from the 1650 *Scottish Psalter*, "The Lord's My Shepherd" (*ELW* #778) is set to a melody written by James Leith MacBeth Bain (1840-1925). Affectionately known as "Brother James," Bain was a Scottish mystic, poet, and spiritual healer. Henry Baker (1821-1877), the author of "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" (*ELW* #502), was an English clergyman best remembered for his work as editor of *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, the most popular English hymnal ever published.

M. Searle Wright (1918-2004), the composer of the setting of "Brother James' Air" offered as the prelude, was an American organist, teacher, and composer who served from 1952 until 1971 as Director of Chapel Music for St. Paul's Chapel at Columbia University. Thomas Matthews (1915-1999), the composer of today's anthem, served as Assistant Organist at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York, as well as Organist and Choirmaster for the following Episcopal parishes: St. Martin-in-the-Fields Church, Philadelphia; St. Luke's Church, Evanston, Illinois; and Trinity Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given today to the Glory of God.

### SERVING IN THE LITURGY

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**FIRST READING: Acts 4:5-12**

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.”

**Psalms 23****SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24**

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.

**GOSPEL: John 10:11-18**

[Jesus said:] “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.”

**Next Sunday’s Readings:** Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8.

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