

The good shepherd  
lays down his life  
for the sheep.



**April 21, 2024**

10:00 a.m.

# "Fourth Sunday of Easter"

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*God sets a table before us and anoints us with the oil of gladness; our cup overflows (see Psalm 23:5; 45:7)*

*Welcome to worship!*



**In the spirit of Christian love and acceptance, we welcome all who have come to worship our God. May God's comfort and peace fill each of us as we worship before him.**

**If you are a member or a guest, PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT to fill out an attendance sheet located in your bulletin and drop it off in the attendance tray outside the sanctuary on your way out after service.**

## Today's Theme

**"One Shepherd and One Flock" (John 10:11-18)**

John, in his Gospel, quotes Jesus as "the Good Shepherd". Jesus says that the good shepherd lays his life down for the sheep. He compares His relationship to His sheep with the relationship between His Father and Him. Jesus also states that there are sheep outside of the pen that He must bring also. There shall be one flock and one shepherd. Jesus says He will lay down His life, only to take it up again.

# ✠ We Lift Our Hearts in Worship ✠

## Welcome & Time of Greeting

## Time of Praise and Worship

### Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)

One day when heaven was filled with His praises  
One day when sin was as black as could be  
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin  
Dwelt among men my example is He  
The Word became flesh  
And the light shined among us  
His glory revealed

Living He loved me dying He saved me  
Buried He carried my sins far away  
Rising He justified freely forever  
One day He's coming  
O glorious day  
O glorious day

One day they led Him up Calv'ry's mountain  
One day they nailed Him to die on a tree  
Suffering anguish despised and rejected  
Bearing our sins my Redeemer is He  
The hands that healed nations  
Stretched out on a tree  
And took the nails for me

Living He loved me dying He saved me  
Buried He carried my sins far away  
Rising He justified freely forever  
One day He's coming  
O glorious day  
O glorious day

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer  
One day the stone rolled away from the door  
Then He arose over death He had conquered  
Now is ascended my Lord evermore  
Death could not hold Him  
The grave could not keep Him  
From rising again (*rising again*)

*(Song continued on next page)*

Living He loved me dying He saved me  
Buried He carried my sins far away  
Rising He justified freely forever  
One day He's coming  
O glorious day  
O glorious day  
Glorious Day

One day the trumpet will sound for His coming  
*We long for Your coming*  
One day the skies with His glories will shine  
*Your glories will shine*  
Wonderful day my beloved one bringing  
My Savior Jesus is mine

Living He loved me dying He saved me  
Buried He carried my sins far away  
Rising He justified freely forever  
One day He's coming  
O glorious day  
O glorious day  
Glorious day  
O glorious day

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## Invocation

- Pastor: We gather together in the presence of our Shepherd God, who calls us each by name, who restores our souls.
- People: **Who leads us in the way of righteousness, and whose goodness and love never stops pursuing us. This is the God we have come to worship!**
- Pastor: Shout with joy to the Lord! Worship the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing with joy! Know that the Lord is God!
- People: **He made us, and we are his. We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**
- Pastor: Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and bless his name.
- People: **For the Lord is good. His unfailing love continues forever, and his faithfulness continues to each generation.**
- Pastor: We gather together to worship God, the Shepherd of our souls. Hallelujah!  
Amen!
- People: **Hallelujah! Amen!**

# Opening Prayer

**Pastor:** The Suffering Servant becomes the healing source. The stone rejected becomes hope's cornerstone. The Crucified One is raised to new life. The God of healing, hope and life is in our midst: Let us celebrate and worship our good God! O Good Shepherd, You desire to guide all into safety, refreshment, and peace. Meet us here today and fill us with your love, that we may look into your world with your loving knowledge, welcome our sisters and brothers with your joy and offer our lives with your generosity as members of your beloved community: in your name we pray, Amen.

**People:** Amen!

## Time of Confession and Forgiveness

**Pastor:** Lord, we confess.

**People:** Forgive us for not looking upon You as our Shepherd.

**Pastor:** Lord, we would follow you wherever you might lead. Lord, we would follow you. Forgive us when we stumble and when we stray.

**People:** Forgive us when, distracted, we lose our way. Be the one to whom we turn, whose hand we hold, the Shepherd who leads us safely to the fold.

**Pastor:** We confess that we fear, even though You are with us, even though You promise to comfort us.

**People:** Forgive us for forgetting that You have prepared a table for us and that Your goodness and love will follow us all the days of our lives.

**Pastor:** Lord, you are good and upright; Instruct us sinners in your ways. Guide us in what is right and teach us your ways.

**People:** For the sake of your name, Lord, forgive us our sins, though they are great. Amen.



Please be seated

## † We Hear God's Word †

### First Reading . . . . . Psalm 23

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. <sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, <sup>3</sup> he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. <sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the darkest valley, 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 your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Reader: This is the Word of Our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

### Second Reading . . . . . 1 John 3:16-24

*The Apostle John, continuing in his first letter, speaks of Jesus laying down His life for us- that this is how we know what love is, and that we should be ready to do the same. We love not with words but with actions. We keep God's commands and do what pleases Him. His command is to believe in His Son and to love one another.*

<sup>16</sup> This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. <sup>17</sup> If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? <sup>18</sup> Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. <sup>19</sup> This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: <sup>20</sup> If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup> Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God <sup>22</sup> and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup> And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. <sup>24</sup> The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

Reader: This is the Word of Our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

## **Gospel Reading . . . . . John 10:11-18**

*John, in his Gospel, quotes Jesus as “the Good Shepherd”. Jesus says that the good shepherd lays his life down for the sheep. He compares His relationship to His sheep with the relationship between His Father and Him. Jesus also states that there are sheep outside of the pen that He must bring also. There shall be one flock and one shepherd. Jesus says He will lay down His life, only to take it up again.*

<sup>11</sup>“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. <sup>13</sup> The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup> “I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep 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 are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. <sup>17</sup> The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only 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 authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”

**Please be seated**

## **Response Song**

### How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God

When I in awesome wonder

Consider all the worlds

Thy hands have made

I see the stars

I hear the rolling thunder

Thy pow'r throughout

The universe displayed

Then sings my soul

My Savior God to Thee

How great Thou art

How great Thou art

Then sings my soul

My Savior God to Thee

How great Thou art

How great Thou art

How great Thou art

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And when I think  
That God His Son not sparing  
Sent Him to die  
I scarce can take it in  
That on the cross  
My burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died  
To take away my sin

Then sings my soul  
My Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art  
How great Thou art  
Then sings my soul  
My Savior God to Thee  
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## Message

Please stand



# † We Respond to God's Word †

## Affirmation of Faith

- Pastor: The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.  
People: **For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.**
- Pastor: And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.  
People: **For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.**
- Pastor: Once we were alienated from God and were enemies in our minds because of our evil behavior. But now he has reconciled us by Christ's physical body through death to present us holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— if we continue in our faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel.  
People: **This is the gospel that we have heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven.**
- Pastor: This is most certainly true. Amen!  
People: **Amen!**

**Please be seated**

## Offerings

**Please stand**

## † We Pray †

### Prayers of the Church

**Pastor:** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

After each portion of the prayers:

**Pastor:** Lord, in your mercy,

**All:** Hear our prayer.

*(The prayers conclude)*

**Pastor:** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**All:** 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.

### Dismissal Blessing

**Pastor:** "Now may the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do his will, working among us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

**People:** Amen.

## † We Depart in Peace †

### Benediction

**Pastor:** Finally, brothers and sisters rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.

**People:** Amen.

# Closing Song

## 10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

Bless the Lord O my soul  
O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before  
O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Bless the Lord O my soul  
O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before  
O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Bless the Lord O my soul  
O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before  
O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Bless the Lord O my soul  
O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before  
O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

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Bless the Lord O my soul  
O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before  
O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name  
Yes, I will worship Your holy name  
Lord, I'll worship Your holy name

Sing like never before  
O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name  
Worship Your holy name  
Worship Your holy name

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