



I am the Good Shepherd, I Lay down My life for the sheep.



† Sunday, April 21, 2024 †
† Fourth Sunday of Easter †
10:30 am Praise Service

Welcome in Jesus' Name

May God richly bless you as you worship Him. If you are a guest with us, we want you to feel welcome; you honor us with your presence, and we are glad to have you here. Please fill out the Attendance Registration located in your bulletin. Prayer requests can also be made on the same insert. If you have a specific prayer request that you would like the Pastor to pray for during the Prayers of the Church, please fill out the bulletin insert and give it to an usher, who will then deliver it to the Pastor.

Holy Communion

We celebrate the Lord's Supper as part of our worship service, on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month during the 8:30am service and the 2nd & 4th Sunday during the 10:30am service.

We invite those who share our confession of faith, namely, that Jesus is truly present in, with & under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation to commune with us. Those who share a different confession or have not yet been instructed in the Lord's Supper are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing. We offer individual cups. The light-colored cups in the center are grape juice instead of wine. Pastor will be available prior to the worship service to answer any questions about Holy Communion.

To Our Guests

We often have guests in worship from all over the world. Please introduce yourself to Pastor or a Greeter before or after the worship service.

Restrooms

Restrooms and changing tables are located out the back of the sanctuary and down the hallway.

Out of respect for your fellow worshippers & those who have diligently prepared for this worship service, we ask that you **silence your cell phones** & keep conversation to a minimum prior to the service.

Large Print Bulletin: If you desire a sight-saving bulletin, please ask an usher.

Flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by Calla Ramrup in memory of her parents Thomas and Rosa Durga, and brother Ron Durga

Prelude by Mark and Phil

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand

Opening Song

Come To Us

Scattered and broken, bent in our way
We are your people, gathered to praise you
A vineyard uprooted, narrow in sight
Come Lord of Glory! Come Lord of Light!

(Chorus)

Come to us, O Lord of glory and shine in our hearts
Come to us, O Lord of glory and make us anew
Lord, we wait for you, Lord, we wait for you,
Lord, we wait for you. Come Lord of glory.

Come Lord our dayspring, come from on high
As we your people, gather to praise you
Unworthy to taste from your heavenly vine
But your word will heal us; come light divine!

(Chorus)

Come root of Jesse, come David's son
Come star of morning, we come to praise you
Hope of creation, of all human kind
Reign over body, spirit and mind

(Chorus)

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

C Amen.

Responsive Reading

Psalm 23

P I am the Good Shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me, and I lay down My life for My sheep.

C **The Lord is my shepherd, I will not be in need.**

P He lets me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters.

C **He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness for the sake of His name.**

P Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me;

C **Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;**

P You have anointed my head with oil; My cup overflows. Certainly goodness and faithfulness will follow me all the days of my life,

C **And my dwelling will be in the house of the Lord forever.**

P I am the Good Shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me, and I lay down My life for My sheep.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P 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.

Please be seated

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Thy Word



Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet And a light un-to my path.



1 When I feel a - fraid, think I've lost my way,
2 I will not for - get Your love for me, and yet My



Still You're there right be - side me. And
heart for - ev - er is wan - der - ing.



noth - ing will I fear as long as You are near.
Je - sus, be my guide and hold me to Your side; And



Please be near me to the end. _____
I will love You to the end. _____

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First Reading

Acts 4:1-12

A We remember today that Jesus is the name above all names, and the only way to salvation. The first reading reminds us of this truth, and Peter rises up again to emphasize to the leaders that there is only one way to salvation. It is truth to those who believe, so today hear this truth from Acts chapter 4:

¹As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ²greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

⁵On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷And when they had set them in the 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 being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹²And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 John 3:16-24

A Do you believe in the name of Jesus? John reminds us of the importance of that faith and trust. Yet, he also reminds us of our love for neighbor and what that means. If we truly believe, then we love as God has loved

us. Therefore, today, and everyday this is a call to love as God loves us. The second reading is from 1st John chapter 3:

¹⁶By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷But 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? ¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

¹⁹By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²²and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And 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. ²⁴Whoever 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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Holy Gospel

John 10:11–18

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹¹[Jesus said:] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He 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. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing 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. ¹⁶And 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. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸No 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 be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C 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.**

Please be seated

Sermon Song

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My comforter, my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

Sermon

Psalm 23: The Lord is my Shepherd

Offering

Please stand

Offertory

Be Glorified

In my life Lord, be glorified, be glorified!
In my life Lord, be glorified today.

In Your church Lord, be glorified, be glorified!
In Your church Lord, be glorified today.

Common Versicles

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- P** O Lord, open my lips,
C and my mouth will declare Your praise.
P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
C make haste to help me, O Lord.
C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.

Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. For the faithful proclamation of Christ's saving name, that God's people may be strengthened in the true faith and His kingdom extended, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
P For the holy Christian Church throughout the world and for all who confess the name of Christ, that God would guard and defend us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
P For this congregation, its mission and its people; for the ability to meet the needs that arise as we do the work God has given us to do; and for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.

- P** For those who have wandered from the faith, that the Holy Spirit would use us to call them home to the Father, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the government and all who have been set into positions of leadership, that they may use the authority entrusted to them honorably and for the good of the people, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For all who serve in worthy occupations, professions, arts, and sciences, especially our military, first responders, and police officers, that God would grant them skill and integrity in the performance of their responsibilities, valued service through their vocations, and protection from all possible harm and danger; let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For those who suffer from hunger, homelessness, poverty, or unemployment, that God's great mercy and love would preserve and relieve them, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For those who are sick, hurting, or in need, that God would grant healing to their bodies and strength to bear their infirmities with patience and grace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For those who mourn, that in their time of sorrow they would not lose hope but rely on God's promise that He will never leave them or forsake them, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor, and worship, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Morning Prayer

P Let us pray together:

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold 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.

Responsive Reading

Psalms 130

- P** Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!
- C** **O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!**
- P** If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?
- C** **But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.**
- P** I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;
- C** **my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.**
- P** O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption.
- C** **And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.**
- P** I am the Good Shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me, and I lay down My life for the sheep.
- C** **Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.**
- P** The Lord is my Shepherd I shall not be in want.
- C** **Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! O Lord Hear my voice!**

Benediction

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- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** **Amen.**

Closing Song

Your Grace is Enough

Great is Your faithfulness, oh God
You wrestle with the sinner's heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart

(Chorus)

So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise, oh God

Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

Great is Your love and justice, God
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along

(Chorus)

The Dismissal

- P** Christ is Risen!
- C** **He is Risen indeed, Alleluia!**
- P** Go in peace and serve the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God!**

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***I lift up my eyes to the hills from where does my help come.
My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.***

Opportunities at Shepherd of the Coast

†8:30 am – A traditional worship service in the classic Lutheran liturgical style.

†9:30 am – Adult Bible Study and Sunday School

†10:30 am – Praise Service – A contemporary worship service that is geared to families with young children.

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