

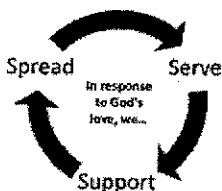
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Order of Worship -9:00 AM

AS WE GATHER – *Of all the animals that could have been used to portray humanity, does it feel strange to be called a sheep? After all, it is not the most honorable creature. There are no defense mechanisms to escape a predator, no intimidating roar, and limited ability to fend for one's self when it comes to seeking nourishment, water, and safety. Yet these things reveal the point we are called to understand. It may not be good to be a sheep on our own, but it is great to be a sheep with a Good Shepherd to care for the flock. Jesus is our perfect shepherd who protects and defends, feeds and nourishes, leads and provides all we need in this body and life. Together as His flock, we are blessed to follow Him as by His Word and Means of Grace He leads us to streams of living water and paths of righteousness for His name's sake.*

PRESERVICE MUSIC

"Like a Shepherd"

by John M. Rasley

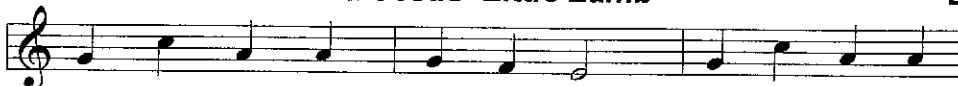
WELCOME

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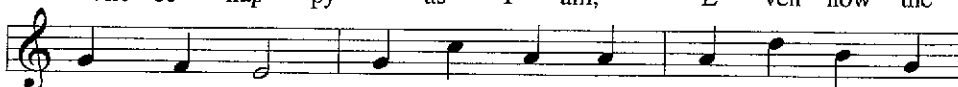
♯OPENING HYMN

I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

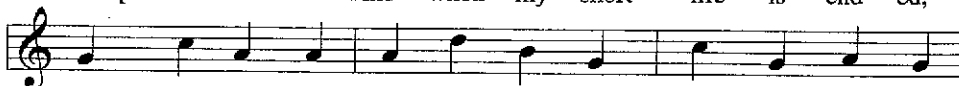
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1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at
2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my
3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the



heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,
staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,
Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,



Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry
In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He
By His an - gel host at - tend - ed, He shall fold me

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day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.
bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.
to His breast, There with - in His arms to rest.

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INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

1 John 3:16a, 24: John 10:11, adapted

- P** *In the name of the Father and of the \ddagger Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
- C** **Amen.**
- P** *Alleluia! Christ is risen!*
- C** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
- P** *By this we know love,*
- C** **that He laid down His life for us.**
- P** *"I am the good shepherd," says the Lord.*
- C** **The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.**
- P** *Whoever keeps His commandments abides in God, and God in him.*
- C** **And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Psalms 23; John 10:11

- P** *The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures.*
- C** **Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd, we confess to You that we have been ungrateful for all You give us to sustain our bodies and lives. Forgive us, Good Shepherd.**
- P** *He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.*
- C** **Like sheep, we are distracted and tend to wander and scatter. We forget who we are as baptized children of God and fail to respond to Your shepherding in our lives. Forgive us, Good Shepherd.**
- P** *Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.*
- C** **We confess that in difficult times of life, we sometimes struggle to be confident in Your presence and protection, seeking to find our own comfort. Forgive us, Good Shepherd.**
- P** *You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.*
- C** **As we journey through this sinful world, we overlook the goodness and mercy that flow into our lives from You. Forgive us, Good Shepherd.**
- P** *Jesus, our Good Shepherd, hears our cries and says to us, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep." Receive the forgiveness won for You through Christ's laying down His life and rising from death in victory. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the \ddagger Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
- C** **Amen. Thanks be to God.**



1 Good Chris-tian friends, re-joice and sing! Now is the tri-umph
 2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of song to
 3 Praise we in songs of vic-to-ry That love, that life which
 4 Your name we bless, O ris-en Lord, And sing to-day with



of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
 strew His way; Let all the world re-joice and say:
 can-not die, And sing with hearts up-lift-ed high:
 one ac-cord The life laid down, the life re-stored:



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

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INTROIT

Psalm 23; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b

- P** *I am the good shepherd.*
C **I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.**
P *The LORD is my shepherd;*
C **I shall not want.**
P *He makes me lie down in green pastures.*
C **He leads me beside still waters.**
P *He restores my soul.*
C **He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**
P *Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me;*
C **your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**
P *You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;*
C **you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**
P *Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,*
C **and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

All: 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.

- P** *I am the good shepherd.*
C **I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.**

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** *The Lord be with you.* **C** **And also with you.**
P *Let us pray.*

All: 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. Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 4:1-12

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

- P** *This is the Word of the Lord.* **G** **Thanks be to God.**

CHORAL SELECTION

"Brother James' Air"

EPISTLE LESSON

1 John 3:16-24

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

- P** *This is the Word of the Lord.* **G** **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA VERSE

Romans 6:9; John 10:14

All: Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia. I am the Good Shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:11-18

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

G **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

- P** *This is the Gospel of the Lord.* **G** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

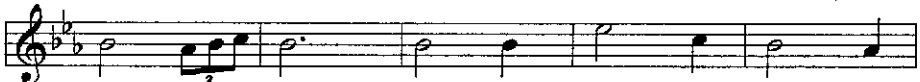
HYMN OF THE DAY

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

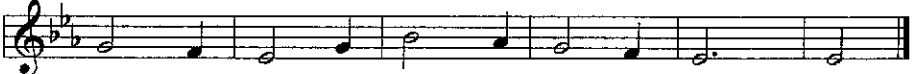
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1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear



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.

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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!

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SERMON

“WHAT’S IN A NAME?”

Acts 4:1-12

- I. It’s popular nowadays to say that all religions lead to heaven.
- II. Peter reminds us today that “there is salvation in no one else” except Jesus Christ.

⚔️ APOSTLE’S 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 there 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.

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. You are the Good Shepherd who laid down His life for us out of love. Help us to hear Your voice, follow where You lead, and receive what You provide through Your grace and mercy; let us pray to the Lord.*

C **Good Shepherd and Lord, have mercy.**

P *For the times we fear our enemies and the powers against us, remind us that we belong to You and no one can snatch us from Your hand. We bring before the Lord the part of Your flock here in this place and others whom we love in their time of need, [especially . . .]. Carry them as lambs in a shepherd’s arms through the difficult paths ahead. Give all wisdom to know the faithful path we are to take, and shepherd us through every trial, trouble, and temptation; let us pray to the Lord.*

C **Good Shepherd and Lord, have mercy.**

P *Give us courage that we not live in captivity to our fears; guide those who lead us in this and every land; provide peace, justice, and freedom for people everywhere. In our busy days, give us time to reflect upon the goodness of God and to experience joy in the security and peace You provide us, that we find contentment and peace in You; let us pray to the Lord.*

C **Good Shepherd and Lord, have mercy.**

P *Protect and defend the members of our armed forces and the public workers who keep our communities safe. Defend us from our enemies, and teach us to rely on Your provision, the true protector of us all; let us pray to the Lord.*

C **Good Shepherd and Lord, have mercy.**

P *That we do not forget those in need but share with all the Lord has entrusted to us and to display the kind of love shown and known that has no end; let us pray to the Lord.*

C **Good Shepherd and Lord, have mercy.**

P *That we recall the saints of old, who put their trust in the Lord, that we also be found faithful when He returns in glory; let us pray to the Lord.*

C **Good Shepherd and Lord, have mercy.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P O Lord Jesus Christ, 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.

BENEDICTION

P By this we know love,

C that He laid down His life for us.

P "I am the Good Shepherd," says the Lord.

C The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.

P Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. **C** Amen.

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 \neq give you His peace. **C** Amen.

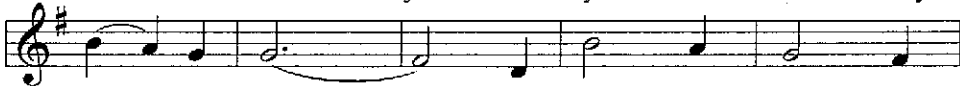
CLOSING HYMN

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

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1 The Lord's my shep - herd, I'll not want; He makes me
2 My soul He doth re - store a - gain And me to
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I
4 My ta - ble Thou hast fur - nish - ed In pres - ence
5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life Shall sure - ly



down to lie In pas - tures green; He
walk doth make With - in the paths of
fear no ill; For Thou art with me,
of my foes; My head Thou dost with
fol - low me; And in God's house for -



lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.
righ - teous - ness, E'en for His own name's sake.
and Thy rod And staff me com - fort still.
oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.
ev - er - more My dwell - ing place shall be.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Birthday: David Kurth]

POSTLUDE

“Sheep May Safely Graze”

by J. S. Bach

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 Altar Guild Elsie Leiker & Sharon Milliken
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 Elder on Duty Doug Harder
 Organist / Music Director Beth Buss
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 Service Web Recorder Robert Showalter
 Service Live Streaming..... Brian Albee
 Usher Phil Vandre

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**THE GOOD  
SHEPHERD**