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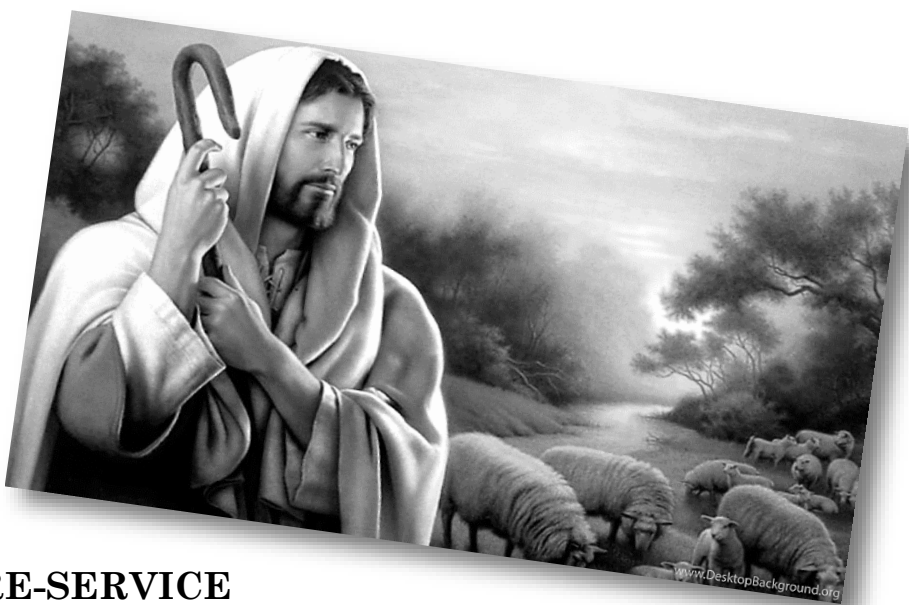
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4th Sunday of Easter

Following the Familiar Voice

April 21, 2024

Creative Worship



PRE-SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVANT PROCESSIONAL

AS WE GATHER

Flocks of sheep can number in the hundreds or even thousands. An annual trek from winter quarters to summer pastures and back again at a location in rural Idaho consistently draws hundreds of spectators to a location where the sheep must cross a major highway to reach their destination. Keeping track of two or three thousand sheep on the move is quite a task! Jesus, our Good Shepherd, knows how to care for not just thousands but millions of His sheeplike people. The prophet Isaiah says of the Lord God that He "will tend His flock like a shepherd" (40:11).

Assured and reassured that we are part of His flock, we travel through life following the guidance of our caring Shepherd!

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"

LSB 904

- 1 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word
 We are gathered all to hear You.
 Let our hearts and souls be stirred
 Now to seek and love and fear You,
 By Your teachings, sweet and holy,
 Drawn from earth to love You solely.
- 2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight
 Lie in deepest darkness shrouded
 Till Your Spirit breaks our night
 With the beams of truth unclouded.
 You alone to God can win us;
 You must work all good within us.
- 3 Gracious Savior, good and kind,
 Light of Light, from God proceeding,
 Open now our heart and mind;
 Help us by Your Spirit's pleading.
 Hear the cry Your Church now raises;
 Hear and bless our prayers and praises.
- △ 4 Father, Son, and Spirit, Lord,
 Praise to You and adoration!
 Grant that we may trust Your Word,
 Confident of our salvation,
 While we here below must wander,
 Till we sing Your praises yonder.

Text (sts. 1–3): Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–84; (sts. 1–3): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.; (st. 4): Geistreiches Gesang-Büchlein, 1707, Berlin; (st. 4): tr. unknown, alt. Text: Public domain

INVOCATION

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

G **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *John 12:26; Ephesians 4:15; Psalm 25:1–3, 5, 10; 106:48*

P Jesus said: "If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there will My servant be

also. If anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.”

C Speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ.

P To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in You I trust.

C Indeed, none who wait for You shall be put to shame.

P Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation.

C All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.

P Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting!

C And let all the people say, “Amen!” Praise the LORD!

P Let us humble ourselves before God, confess our sins to Him, and pray for His gracious forgiveness. We begin our time of Confession and Absolution as we sing the hymn “Out of the Deep I Call.”

HYMN “Out of the Deep I Call” *TLH 327*

1. Out of the deep I call
To Thee, O Lord, to Thee.
Before Thy throne of grace I fall;
Be merciful to me.
2. Out of the deep I cry,
The woeful deep of sin,
Of evil done in days gone by,
Of evil now within;
3. Out of the deep of fear
And dread of coming shame;
All night till morning watch is near
I plead the precious name.
4. Lord, there is mercy now,
As ever was, with Thee.
Before Thy throne of grace I bow;
Be merciful to me.

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Let us confess our sins to God, our Father.

C O Lord God Almighty, we confess that we are sinful human beings by nature and by deed. We have not put You first at all times. We have not

followed in the ways You have set forth for us. We have not always been thoughtful caretakers of Your creation and have not shared its bounty on all occasions. We have not kept our thoughts, words, and deeds fully pure and honorable. We have sinned in ways we know and in ways we do not even recognize. We have not honored those in authority and have not without reservation encouraged them. We have not completely put the best construction on all things and on all people. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Forgive us all our sins, and finally by Your grace, bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

- P** The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins. 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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

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

- P** The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- C** **He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.**
- P** He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- C** **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.**
- P** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- C** **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell 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 the sheep.

SALUTATION

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

FIRST READING Peter and John are brought before the Jerusalem Council.

Acts 4:1–12

1 And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, **2** greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. **3** And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. **4** But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand. **5** On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, **6** with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. **7** And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" **8** Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, **9** if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, **10** let 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. **11** This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. **12** And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE Followers of Christ are called to love in deed and in truth. *1 John 3:16–24*

16 By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. **17** But 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? **18** Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. **19** By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; **20** for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater

than our heart, and he knows everything.

21 Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God;

22 and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. **23** And 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.

24 Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this, we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL *Romans 6:9; John 10:14*

P Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him.

C **Alleluia. I am the good shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL Jesus prays for and about His disciples.

John 10:11–18

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

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

11 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. **12** He 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.

13 He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. **14** I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, **15** just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. **16** And 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. **17** For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. **18** No 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 to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” LSB 709

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever.
- 2 Where streams of living water flow,
My ransomed soul He leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid
And home rejoicing brought me.
- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.
- 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 *"The Familiar Voice"* John
10:11-18

CREED *The First Article of the Apostles' Creed*

P As our Good Shepherd leads us, even so our heavenly Father hears the prayers of His people. Assured of His fatherly care, let us speak together the words of the Apostles' Creed regarding the First Person of the Holy Trinity.

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

P What does this mean?

C **I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.**

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily

provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord, beseeching Him for the needs of ourselves and others.

Trusting in God's loving response, we pray for the church and all who are called to lives of service to God's people, asking that the Lord will bless His undershepherds and all who care for His flock.

C **Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

P We pray for ourselves, that the Holy Spirit guide us into gracious ways and instill in us a holy confidence in the goodness of our God, aiding us in our prayers. With thanks for the faithful examples set by those whose earthly journeys are complete and whose witness to Christ yet inspires us, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

P We pray for the blessing of God upon our nation and its leaders that we may lead peaceable lives, and we pray for the needs of ourselves and others for healing and restoration, for solace and comfort, [*especially . . .*].

C **Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

P These things and all else that we should have asked grant us according to Your gracious will, O Lord, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and proper that we should give thanks to You, heavenly Father, for in Jesus Christ You have shown Your saving power and Your great compassion. In amazing love, He sacrificed Himself and shed His blood for the forgiveness of our sins. His unending love leads Him to intercede for us as, aided by the Holy Spirit, He brings our cares to Your throne of grace. Grant that we may live in humility, honoring our Savior in all that we do and rejoicing that we are granted a foretaste of the heavenly banquet. Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us that we may rejoice in the gifts before us and praise You with thankful hearts.

C Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28;*
Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20;
1 Corinthians 11:23–25

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians*
11:26; Revelation 22:20

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD’S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

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.

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” *LSB* 809

- 1 Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
 There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
 Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail
 not;
 As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.
 Refrain

- ref Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
 Morning by morning new mercies I see;
 All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
 Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

- 2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
 Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
 Join with all nature in manifold witness
 To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.
 Refrain

- 3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
 Thine own dear presence to cheer and to
 guide;
 Strength for today and bright hope for
 tomorrow,
 Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
 Refrain

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866–1960

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"The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" *LSB* 710

- 1 The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
 He makes me down to lie
 In pastures green; He leadeth me
 The quiet waters by.

- 2 My soul He doth restore again
 And me to walk doth make
 Within the paths of righteousness,
 E'en for His own name's sake.
- 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
 Yet will I fear no ill;
 For Thou art with me, and Thy rod
 And staff me comfort still.
- 4 My table Thou hast furnishèd
 In presence of my foes;
 My head Thou dost with oil anoint,
 And my cup overflows.
- 5 Goodness and mercy all my life
 Shall surely follow me;
 And in God's house forevermore
 My dwelling place shall be.

Text: The Psalms of David in Meeter, 1650, Edinburgh
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"The King of Love My Shepherd Is" *LSB 709*

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is,
 Whose goodness faileth never;
 I nothing lack if I am His
 And He is mine forever.
- 2 Where streams of living water flow,
 My ransomed soul He leadeth
 And, where the verdant pastures grow,
 With food celestial feedeth.
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
 But yet in love He sought me
 And on His shoulder gently laid
 And home rejoicing brought me.
- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill
 With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,
 Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
 Thy cross before to guide me.
- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
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 And, oh, what transport of delight
 From Thy pure chalice floweth!
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 Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**C** Let us pray.

Gracious and eternal God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Lord Jesus. Grant that the bread of life and blood of Christ that has been shared and received in this blessed Meal be for us that life-giving food that sustains us on our earthly journeys as we serve You all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C Amen.**BENEDICTION** Numbers 6:24–26**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 HYMN** “Beautiful Savior” LSB 537

- 1 Beautiful Savior,
 King of creation,
 Son of God and Son of Man!
 Truly I'd love Thee,
 Truly I'd serve Thee,
 Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
- 2 Fair are the meadows,
 Fair are the woodlands,
 Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
 Jesus is fairer,
 Jesus is purer,
 He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.
- 3 Fair is the sunshine,
 Fair is the moonlight,
 Bright the sparkling stars on high;
 Jesus shines brighter,
 Jesus shines purer
 Than all the angels in the sky.
- 4 Beautiful Savior,
 Lord of the nations,
 Son of God and Son of Man!
 Glory and honor,
 Praise, adoration
 Now and forevermore be Thine!

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537 BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

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HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATED TODAY We welcome everyone to join us as we receive the gifts of God in the Lord's Supper. And because Holy Communion is a statement of the unity of our Christian faith, we ask that only those who have been baptized; prepared themselves through self-examination and share our biblical beliefs about the Lord's Supper receive the sacrament today. If our biblical beliefs are unfamiliar to you - or if you are not prepared to receive Holy Communion today - please come forward during the distribution and place your hand over your heart indicating that you will not be receiving Holy Communion at the altar, but still desire the blessing of the LORD. And then, after the service, please speak with the pastor to have a conversation about what we believe and confess about the Lord's Supper - and to receive answers to any questions you might have. Thank you.

ADULT INSTRUCTION for confirmation, baptism, and church membership - plus TLC member review of Lutheran Biblical Doctrine - begins next **Sunday, April 28, at 9:00 - 9:45 am.** This

six-week course [April 28 - June 2] qualifies for adult confirmation and membership in the Lutheran Church - and is also an excellent 'faith refresher' for existing Lutheran Christians. The pastor facilitates this conversational, contemporary, and insightful look at each of the Six Chief Parts of Lutheran Biblical Teaching.

MINISTRY CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday (21) *The Book of Revelation* (9:00 am)

Youth Sunday School (9:00 am)

Easter 4 Sunday Worship Service with Holy Communion (10:00 am)

Monday (22) Youth Confirmation Class (6:30 pm)

Tuesday (23) *Authentic Community* Discussion Group (10:00 am)

Prayer Warrior Group (11:00 am)

Thursday (25) Board of Evangelism and Stewardship (7:00 pm)

Sunday (28) *I Have Good News for You* Adult Instruction (9:00 am) Youth Sunday School (9:00 am) Easter 5 Sunday Worship Service (10:00 am)

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