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4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Introduction

TODAY'S THEME: Today is sometimes called "Good Shepherd Sunday." Jesus is called the "gate" of the sheep in today's gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world's violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God's tender care to all creation.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US FOR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Print out your bulletin or use it on your phone or tablet to follow along.
Announcements are televised or found on our website

Be creative how you worship and remember God during this time. It will calm your soul, give you peace and enliven your spirit.

*Our community gathers in unity with others in-person and a virtual way.
We hope all people find it easy to follow along.*

GOD GATHERS US

Announcements are found on our website

PRELUDE

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Rise

Psalm 23 (Responsive reading)

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps. 23:1)

L: ¹The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

C: ²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

L: ³You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

C: ⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

L: ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

C: ⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

Please be seated

CHOIR ANTHEM

Psalm of Thanksgiving

Choir

Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.

C: Amen.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

P: Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

C: Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

P: Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

C: Amen.

GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

All: And also with you.

P: O God our shepherd,

C: you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

SHARING OF PEACE

P: God has received us, pardoned us and loved us; let us forgive each other in love and share the peace of Christ. Peace be with you.

C: And you also.

Share the peace with each other either by a wave or a bow.

OPENING SONG

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

ELW 789/Red Book

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us ELW 789



1 Sav - ior like a shep - herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard - ian of our way;
3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use your fold pre - pare.
keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.



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Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779–1847
Music: BRADBURY, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING:

Acts 2:42-47

Today's reading is a description of life in the community following Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost, when the Spirit was poured out on God's people. The new community is sustained in worship and fellowship, shares what they have, and ensures that everyone has enough.

⁴²[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

L: Word of God; Word of Life.

All: **Thanks be to God.**



Children's Message

(Please rise for the reading of the Gospel)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John

All: **Glory to you O Lord**

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 10:1-10

Jesus uses an image familiar to the people of his day to make a point about spiritual leadership. Those who listen to Jesus are led to abundant life.

[Jesus said:] ¹“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find

pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You O Christ!

MESSAGE FOR ALL

Pastor Jane

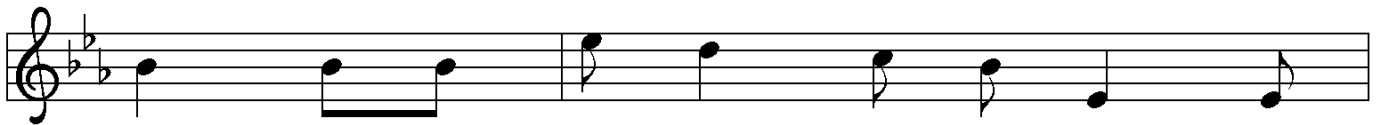
SONG OF DAY

Have No Fear, Little Flock

ELW 764/Red Book



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle
2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good cheer, lit - tle
3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -
4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to
flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in
bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -
God, for he stays close be - side you, in



give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!
his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!
lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!
all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jillson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4
Music: LITTLE FLOCK, Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930
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APOSTLES' CREED

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERING IS WELCOMED

(An offering will be collected after the prayer.)

P: Generous God,

C: in this meal you offer your very self.

We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.

In the breaking of this bread

reveal to us the Risen One.

In the pouring of this wine

pour us out in service to the world;

through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Offertory Music

Wherever You Walk

Handel

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*See list of those Grace is currently praying for at end of this document
or online. Please let us know your prayer needs.*

Please respond accordingly



P: United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

P: You are the shepherd who gathers us in your mighty and loving arms. Help your church to listen for your voice, especially when the voices of sin, idolatry, and oppression threaten to overpower us. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: The green pastures, still waters, and dark valleys of this earth all belong to you, O Lord. Sustain your creation with a love that is both mighty and just. Where there is destruction, bring healing. Where there is desolation, bring abundance. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: You proclaim shepherding love, comfort, and protection for all people and all of creation. Direct leaders in our own time to learn from your example and instruction. Give them servant hearts, that they generously seek the good of all. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: You journey with us wherever our paths may lead. We pray for those feeling overwhelmed by anxiety or depression or suffering in any way. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: You are the sheepgate that gives safety to your beloved flocks. Provide protection for refugees, victims of domestic violence, those who are imprisoned, and all people who are vulnerable to violence and mistreatment. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: You call your sheep by name and lead them through the valley of death. We give you thanks for those who have died and now dwell in your house forever. Be with those who mourn, and give them hope in the promise of resurrection. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

P: Come and know Christ,
Broken and poured out for you.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them in the Spirit's love.

P: Let us give thanks to our Triune God.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O God. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all who believe in Him should not perish. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his Holy Supper.

P: WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**ALL: 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**

P: These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God

TAKE AND EAT OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Communion hymns:

The Lord's My Shepherd

ELW 778/Red Book

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ELW 502/Red Book

The Lord's My Shepherd ELW 778



1 The Lord's my shep-herd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie
2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain, and me to walk doth make
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;
4 My ta - ble thou hast rich - ly spread in pres - ence of my foes;
5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly fol - low me,



in pas - tures green; he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
with - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake;
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still;
my head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell - ing - place shall be;



He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
with - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake.
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.
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Text: *The Psalms of David in Meeter*, Edinburgh, 1650

Music: BROTHER JAMES' AIR, James L. Macbeth Bain

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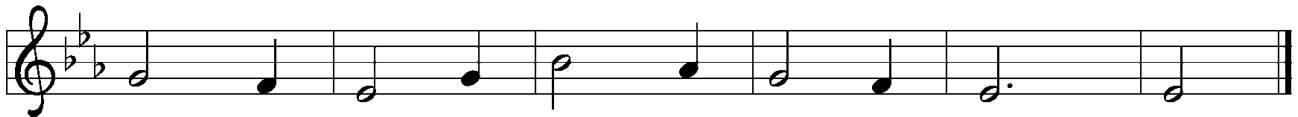
The King of Love My Shepherd Is ELW 502



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.

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.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877
 Music: St. COLUMBA, Irish tune

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Gracious God,

C: in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

All: Amen.

CLOSING SONG

He Leadeth Me

LBW 501/Green Book

He Leadeth Me LBW 501



1 He lead-eth me: oh, bless-ed thought! Oh, words with heav'n-ly com-fort fraught!
2 Some-times mid scenes of deep-est gloom, some-times where E - den's bow-ers bloom,
3 Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ev - er mur - mur nor re - pine;
4 And when my task on earth is done, when by thy grace the vic-t'ry's won,



What-e'er I do, wher-e'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that lead-eth me.
by wa - ters calm, o'er trou-bled sea, still 'tis God's hand that lead-eth me.
con - tent, what-ev - er lot I see, since 'tis my God that lead-eth me.
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jor - dan lead-eth me.



He lead-eth me, he lead-eth me, by his own hand he lead-eth me.



His faith-ful fol-l'wer I would be, for by his hand he lead-eth me.

Text: Joseph H. Gilmore, 1834–1918

Music: HE LEADETH ME, William B. Bradbury, 1815–1868

GOD SENDS US

BLESSING

P: The God of all, who raised ✝ Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

All: Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

All: Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

Savior, Like a Shepherd, Lead Us

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ADDITIONAL WEEKLY LECTIONARY LESSON

1 Peter 2:19-25

Follow the shepherd, even in suffering

4/30/23 ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP MASKING-Update There has been a slight increase in the area of Covid cases and in our congregation. We have been sitting at a social distance as we have felt comfortable in the sanctuary. We need to continue Masking at your comfort level.

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE May 19th and 20th. Donations drop-offs - we will be accepting small boxes/bags of donations on Sundays - April 30, May 7 & 14 after church service. It would be so helpful if you would have your items separated (i.e., clothing, outdoor items, etc.). Larger items dropped off May 16, 17, 18 as there are still Scout meetings through May 15. Please do not leave your items in front of doors, walkways in the church, please do not block fire exits, nor blocking lawn mowers in garage. **Gentle reminder, please no older TVs, no TV cabinets or 'entertainment' cabinets. Items that are clean, vacuumed and in working order, with cords, accessories, etc. Ask yourself: "Would I buy this?" if your answer is "no", we would sincerely appreciate you passing it on yourselves (we don't have the woman/manpower to go through boxes of clutter).

ROADRUNNERS TRIP September 18 – 23, 2023 to Niagara Falls

LINE DANCING continues every Thursday night in Fellowship Hall from 6pm to 7pm.

NOISY OFFERING We collect a Noisy Offering whenever you wish to empty your change purse or pockets! Our next project we are collecting for is sidewalk repairs (raising concrete) at the threshold walkway/entryway to church. Thank you for your support!

BRIDGE TO LIFE DONATIONS The Bridge to Life Group continues to collect donations for the Elgin homeless. For details see the News Letter or Cathy Whiteside.

Thank you for your generous donations!

Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for humanity Fund Raiser for Saint Charles house. Line dancing on April 29 6 to 9 PM at the Elburn field house, 801 East North St. in Elburn. Adults \$10, families \$20. Refreshments and raffle also.

OFFERINGS & FAITHFUL GIVING FOR THE MINISTRIES AT GRACE

We are blessed & thankful for faithful giving for the ministries we share and support. Offerings collected for the past week = \$?????. Weekly donations needed to meet 2023 expenses = \$3,500. ~ Blessings upon Grace as we carry on our ministry into its 129th year ~

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH

- * God's Church in all time and place, that God be seen and heard.
- * As we face these times both together and while apart, keep us from fear, suffering and death.
- * Ministries of the ELCA and Metro Chicago Synod, especially Bishop Yehiel Curry.
- * Efforts of Lutheran World Relief, ELCA World Hunger, and Disaster Relief

FOR THE WORLD

- * For every living person facing the threat of coronavirus – it affects us all, our loved ones and our worldwide neighbors together.
- * For the healing of the divisions in our Nation.

FOR OUR CONGREGATION

- * For God's Spirit to guide the Vision Team, and whole congregation as we face transition and change.
- * As we plan regarding the future of our congregation.

FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY (members, relatives, and friends of members of our congregation)

- * Adam & Julia Sajdak, grandson & granddaughter in law of Bill and Lori U'Ren
- * Nathan Sajdak, grandson of Bill and Lori U'Ren
- * William Delmer, grandson of Kirk and Kathy Hooey
- * David Brazee, Grandson of Steve and Cathy Lindquist

(If you know of someone currently serving our country, please share their information with the Church office.)

FOR ALL

- * The continued support of our members
- * For all members of healthcare around the world
- * For those serving as first responders and in the military
- * For our Nation, that extend peace in all things.

FOR THOSE SICK IN BODY, MIND OR SPIRIT... Andrew Kinsel and his family in Ukraine, Fred Alstadt, Barb Asher, Vicki Barclay, Aina Baumanis, Viola Cleo Bradshaw, Nelson Brodhead, Joanna Alverado/Klaus, Jim (brother of Rita Burnham), **Elaine Chaney (Twyla Strom's niece)**, the Chavez family and Joe, Juanita Curley, Jane Cutler, Ken Deutschmann, Alexa Diehl, Jack and Jan Docherty, Maggie Docherty, Rebecca Eagen, Joyce Helander and Jim Serafin, Howard (friend of Alexa Diehl), Rich Jackson, Manfred Kaufmann, Paul and Kay Kinsel, Marlene Klingner, Bob Koehling, Katie Kozeva, Pastor Dave and Carol Langseth, Ray Larsen, Gay Leslie (cousin of Kurt Redemann), **Vicki Linden**, Pat and Chili Lindgren, **Steve Lindquist**, Magdalena Lovejoy, Sherry Manke, Janelle McDonald, George and Eileen Morris, Joan Mortenson, Mike Myers, Ray Navarro, Ed Nordwind, Donald Overby, Pat Penfold, Carol Prevenas, Joan Rygula (sister of Lori U'Ren), Nancy and **John Schaeffer**, John Schnaitman, Kim Theros, Tia Thorne, Shirley Turner, Crystal Vines, **Pastor Arne Walker**, Kristy Weydert, Wayne Whiteside, Kelly Wilken (Missy Barton's sister), Catherine Zegial, and Barbara Zegiel.

*Please let us know your prayer requests for inclusion in our public prayers.
Type them in the comments or send them to the church office via our prayer card on our website.*