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8:15am – Traditional
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*“Raising Up
Families and Followers
of Jesus Christ”*

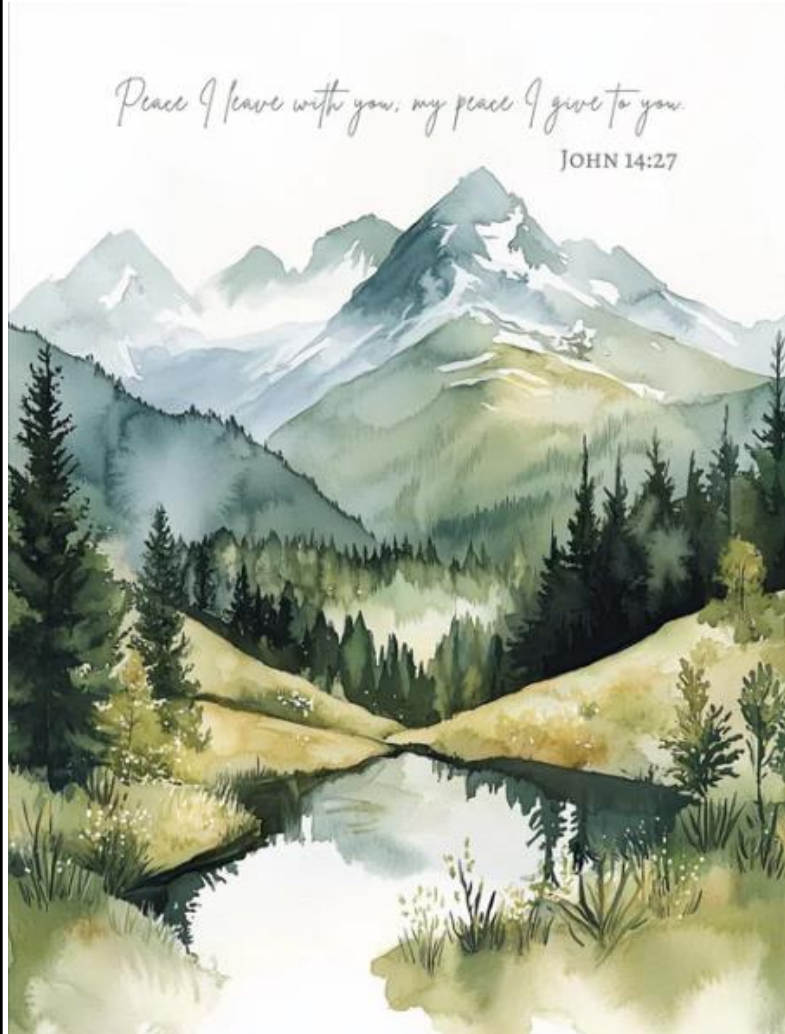
Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026

8:15 AM

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

JOHN 14:27



EASTER LIGHT—GUIDING LIGHT

AS WE GATHER

The place where we worship is often called the Lord's house. It is a sacred space, a holy house, and more. It is our blessed home. English clergyman Isaac Watts, who authored hundreds of hymn texts during his life, concluded his paraphrase of the Twenty-Third Psalm in this memorable way: "The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days; oh, may His house be my abode and all my work be praise. There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come; no more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home" (*OAR* 272). We are so much more than strangers or guests here today. We are children at home. Paul writes to the Ephesians and to us, "Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children" (Ephesians 5:1).

+ PREPARATION +

BORNING CRY

I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
To see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child,
With a faith to suit you well;
I was there the times you wandered off
And loved you though you fell.

When you heard the wonder of the Word
I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living God,
To whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time
And you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
From dusk 'till rising sun.

In the middle ages of your life,
Not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
Complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in,
And you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been
With just one more surprise.

I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
To see your life unfold.

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INVOCATION

Leader In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Congregation **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 16:1–2, 5–6, 9, 11*

Leader Preserve me, O God, for in You I take refuge.

Congregation **I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord; I have no good apart from You.”**

Leader The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; You hold my lot.

Congregation **The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.**

Leader Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

Congregation **You make known to me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 85:1–2, 7*

Leader LORD, You were favorable to Your land;

Congregation **You restored the fortunes of Jacob.**

Leader You forgave the iniquity of Your people;

Congregation **You covered all their sin.**

Leader Show us Your steadfast love, O LORD,

Congregation **and grant us Your salvation.**

Leader Let us then confess our sins unto our gracious Lord.

Congregation **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, mighty Judge of all people, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We have not lived up to our calling as Your peaceable people. We have not extended ourselves to bring Your peace in our homes, our neighborhoods, and our communities. We have not done the good You demand and have not been the people You would have us be. We do repent and are truly sorry for our sins in thought, word, and deed. Have mercy on us, merciful Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son. Forgive us all that needs Your forgiving grace and with the power of the Holy Spirit direct us to serve You faithfully all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

Leader God has promised His merciful forgiveness to those who repent of their sins and turn to Him in confession. He will revive them and speak peace to His people. In His stead and by His command, therefore, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation Amen.

Leader God keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit, lead you in ways of peace and joy, and finally bring you to live with Him forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Congregation Amen.

709 THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS



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!

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REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

Leader In Holy Baptism Richard was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all his sin. St. Paul says: "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?"

Congregation **We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His."**

INTROIT *Psalm 95:1–3, 6–7a*

Leader I am the good shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me, and I lay down My life for the sheep.

Congregation **Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

Leader Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

Congregation **For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.**

Leader Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

Congregation **For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.**

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.

Leader I am the good shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me, and I lay down My life for the sheep.

KYRIE

Leader Lord, have mercy upon us.

Congregation **Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader 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 — like Richard and all the faithful before us — hear the voice of our Shepherd, we may know the hope of Him who calls us each by name and leads us to life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation **Amen.**

FIRST READING *Acts 2:42–47*

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were

being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *1 Peter 2:19–25*

¹⁹This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation Thanks be to God.

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

Congregation 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 10:1–10*

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

Congregation Glory to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ²But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and 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.”

Leader This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE – Erin Holmquist

570 JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE PLEA



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy
 2 Just as I am and wait - ing not To rid my
 3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a
 4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight, rich - es,



blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd’st me come to
 soul of one dark blot, To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each
 con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with - in, with -
 heal - ing of the mind, Yea, all I need, in Thee to



Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
 Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
 Because Thy promise I believe,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown
 Has broken ev’ry barrier down;
 Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

Congregation 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.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Leader Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, our blessed Shepherd, and for all people according to their needs:

We pray for the whole church, that through it, the goodness of God be shared and the Good News of salvation joyfully be proclaimed throughout all the world. Gracious Shepherd,

Congregation **hear our prayer.**

Leader Give to the family of Richard and to all who mourn comfort in their grief and a sure confidence in Your loving care that, casting all their sorrow on You, they may know the consolation of Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,

Congregation **hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray for those who are in need, assured of the Shepherd's care for all His sheep. Give us hearts to seek to meet the needs of those who travel with us through life as we are led by our Good Shepherd day by day. Merciful Shepherd,

Congregation **hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray for the nations of the world, asking that still waters of peace flow around the globe and that there be goodness and kindness among all peoples. Loving Shepherd,

Congregation **hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray for our families and everyone in them. Grant that together we follow the Good Shepherd as one flock in which all dwell in love and unity. Gentle Shepherd,

Congregation **hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray for those whose tables are set in difficult or challenging places, whose lives know want or discord or sadness or continuing illness. Gently guide them with Your rod and staff, Good Shepherd, and keep them ever with You. Caring Shepherd,

Congregation hear our prayer.

Leader With gratefulness we remember those who already dwell in the eternal house of the Lord forever. Inspire and sustain us as we pass through our earthly journeys, living in faith and with hope, ever heeding the voice of our Good Shepherd and following in His ways. Eternal Shepherd,

Congregation hear our prayer. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Congregation 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

NUNC DIMITTIS

Leader "I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord. "He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."

**Congregation Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace;
Your word has been fulfilled.**

**My own eyes have seen the salvation
which You have prepared in the sight of every people:
a light to reveal You to the nations
and the glory of Your people Israel.**

**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.**

Leader "I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord. "He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."

BENEDICAMUS

Leader Let us bless the Lord.

Congregation Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

Leader

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.

Congregation Amen.

722 LORD, TAKE MY HAND AND LEAD ME



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me Up - on life's way;
2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear,
3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en And night has come,



Di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me From day to day.
For You, the Rock of A - ges, Are al - ways near.
I know that You will strength - en My steps toward home.



With - out Your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
Close by Your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,
Then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend;



So take my hand, O Sav - ior, And lead the way.
For when Your hand is guid - ing, In peace I go.
So take my hand and lead me Un - to the end.

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In loving memory of
Richard Wetzel

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