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**W O R S H I P**

8:15am – Traditional  
9:30am – Gather & Grow  
10:30am - Contemporary

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*“Raising Up  
Families and Followers  
of Jesus Christ”*

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

10:30 am



## EASTER PEOPLE FOLLOW

### 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!

**WELCOME CARDS/PRAYER REQUESTS** *We ask all who are present today to please fill out a welcome card and place it in the offering plate.*

### Come Thou Fount

Come Thou Fount of every blessing - Tune my heart to sing Thy grace  
Streams of mercy never ceasing - Call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet - Sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise his name I'm fixed upon it - Name of God's redeeming love  
Hither to Thy love has blessed me - Thou has brought me to this place  
And I know Thy hand will bring me - Safely home by Thy good grace  
Jesus sought me when a stranger - Wandering from the fold of God  
He to rescue me from danger - Bought with His precious blood  
O to grace how great a debtor - Daily I'm constrained to be  
Let Thy goodness like a fetter - Bind my wandering heart to Thee  
Prone to wander Lord I feel it - Prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart oh take and seal it - Seal it for Thy courts above  
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### INVOCATION

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

### PSALM

*Psalm 23*

Congregation **The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.**

Men *He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.*  
Women *He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.*

**Congregation** 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.

Men *You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.*

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

**Congregation** **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.**

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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

**Congregation** **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.**

Leader 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.

**Congregation** **Amen.**

## **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 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.

**Congregation** **Amen.**

## **FIRST READING** Acts 4:1–12

<sup>1</sup>As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, <sup>2</sup>greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and

proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. <sup>3</sup>And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. <sup>4</sup>But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

<sup>5</sup>On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. <sup>12</sup>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."

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE** *1 John 3:16–24*

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

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

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation Thanks be to God.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL** *John 10:11–18*

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

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

<sup>11</sup>[Jesus said:] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know

the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. <sup>18</sup>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.”

Leader This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
Congregation Praise to You, O Christ.

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE – Pastor Greg

### King Of Love (My Shepherd is)

#### *Verse 1*

The King of Love my Shepherd is - Whose goodness faileth never  
I nothing lack if I am His - And He is mine forever  
And He is mine forever

#### *Verse 2*

Where streams of living water flow - My ransomed soul He leadeth  
And where the verdant pastures grow - With food celestial feedeth

#### *Chorus*

Never failing Ruler of my heart - Everlasting Lover of my soul  
On the mountain high or in the valley low - The King of Love my Shepherd is  
The King of Love my Shepherd is

#### *Verse 3*

Lost and foolish off I strayed - But yet in love He sought me  
And on His shoulder gently laid - And home rejoicing brought me

#### *Verse 4*

In death's dark veil I fear no ill - With Thee dear Lord beside me  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still - Thy cross before to guide me

#### *Bridge*

Oh Hallelujah Hallelujah - Oh Hallelujah Hallelujah

#### *Verse 5*

And so through all the length of days - Thy goodness faileth never  
Good Shepherd may I sing Your praise - Within Your house forever  
Within Your house forever

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## SERMON

### NICENE CREED

**Congregation** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

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### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**Leader** 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.

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

**Leader** 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:

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

Leader 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 . . .*].

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

Leader 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.

**Congregation Amen.**

## SERVICE OF COMMUNION

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader Blessed are You, O Lord of heaven and earth. We give thanks to You for the gifts of bread and wine here before us and for Your gracious provision for all Your creatures. Invited by Your grace and supported by Your love, we come to Your Table with thanksgiving and praise. Grant that we receive, with true faith and trust in Your words of promise, the bread and wine, that is, the very body and blood of Christ, as a guarantee of the salvation that He purchased for us through His innocent suffering and death on the cross. Receive our prayers and praises and grant that we may follow You as Your people, in this season of Easter and always. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and praise with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Congregation Amen.**

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Leader 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

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

**Congregation Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader 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**

**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**

### **Jesus Paid It All**

#### *Verse 1*

And I hear the Savior say - Thy strength indeed is small  
Child of weakness watch and pray - Find in Me thine all in all

#### *Chorus 1*

'Cause Jesus paid it all - All to Him I owe  
Sin had left a crimson stain - He washed it white as snow

#### *Interlude*

(It's washed away)  
(All my sin and all my shame)

#### *Verse 2*

Lord now indeed I find - Thy pow'r and Thine alone  
Can change the leper's spots - And melt the heart of stone

#### *Verse 3*

And when before the throne - I stand in Him complete  
Jesus died my soul to save - My lips shall still repeat

#### *Interlude 2*

Sin had left a crimson stain - He washed it white as snow  
He washed it white as snow - He washed it white as snow

#### *Chorus 2*

Oh praise the One Who paid my debt  
And raised this life up from the dead  
(Jesus)



## O Come To the Altar

Are you hurting and broken within - Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin  
Jesus is calling - Have you come to the end of yourself  
Do you thirst for a drink from the well - Jesus is calling

### *Chorus*

O come to the altar - The Father's arms are open wide  
Forgiveness was bought with - The precious blood of Jesus Christ  
Leave behind your regrets and mistakes - Come today there's no reason to wait  
Jesus is calling - Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy  
From the ashes a new life is born - Jesus is calling

### *Bridge*

Oh what a Savior - Isn't he wonderful  
Sing alleluia Christ is risen - Bow down before him  
For he is Lord of all - Sing alleluia Christ is risen  
Bear your cross as you wait for the crown  
Tell the world of the treasure you've found

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## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**Leader** Let us pray.  
Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ, assuring us thereby that we are truly members of His Body, the church. And we ask You to help us by Your Holy Spirit that we may continue in this fellowship and do the good works which You desire us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**Congregation** Amen.

## 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.

## Build My Life

### *Verse 1*

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing - Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe - We live for You

*Verse 2*

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name - Jesus the only one who could ever save  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe - We live for You  
We live for You

*Chorus*

Holy there is no one like You - There is none beside You  
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are  
And fill me with Your heart  
And lead me in Your love to those around me

*Bridge*

I will build my life upon Your love - It is a firm foundation  
I will put my trust in You alone - And I will not be shaken

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## **DISMISSAL**

Leader Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**Congregation His is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
Leader Go in peace as you serve our living Lord!  
**Congregation Thanks be to God!**

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