



Sunday, April 25, 2021

9:00 am Livestream

## GATHERING

PRELUDE

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

GATHERING HYMN

*"Good Christian Friends Rejoice and Sing!"*

GREETING

HYMN OF PRAISE

*"This is the Feast"*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CHILDREN'S SERMON

## WORD

A reading from Acts.

The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

Easter 4

Acts 4:5-12

Psalm 23

1 John 3:16-24

John 10:11-18

## Psalm 23

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>**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.**

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

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

A reading from First John.

We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay

it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

*“Shelter Me”*

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*The response is:*

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

PEACE

MEAL

OFFERTORY HYMN

*“Create in Me a Clean Heart”*

OFFERING PRAYER

DIALOGUE AND PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

GREAT THANKSGIVING

LORD’S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

SENDING

BENEDICTION

HYMN

*“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

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***Serving in Worship***

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***Altar Flowers***

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God by Sean and Sheila McCarthy and family in memory of Sheila’s mother, Sherry Gayken; and by Mark and Karen Gleisner in honor of their 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

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APRIL 25, 2021  
FOURTH SUNDAY  
OF EASTER



*As Jesus shepherds us, we shepherd one another.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

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| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>John 10:11-18</b>    | <b>The Good Shepherd</b>                 |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>Acts 4:5-12</b>      | <b>Peter and John before the council</b> |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>1 John 3:16-24</b>   | <b>Love one another</b>                  |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>Genesis 49:22-28</b> | <b>Jacob blesses his sons</b>            |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>Mark 6:30-44</b>     | <b>Jesus the compassionate shepherd</b>  |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>Ezekiel 34:20-31</b> | <b>God the true shepherd</b>             |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>Psalms 23</b>        | <b>The Lord is my shepherd</b>           |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>John 15:1-8</b>      | <b>Jesus the true vine</b>               |

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.* John 10:11 (NRSV)

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### **A Prayer for the Week:**

God, we thank you for pursuing us with your goodness and mercy all the days of our lives through Christ, our Good Shepherd. Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

God of abundance, as a shepherd you provide us with daily food; give us the faith and love to care that others have daily food on their tables, too. Amen.

#### **A Blessing to Give:**

May Jesus the Good Shepherd pursue you with goodness and mercy all the days of your life.



APRIL 25, 2021

### HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Savior, like a Shepherd  
Lead Us*



### WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

### CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What does a shepherd do?
- What does Jesus do to shepherd us?
- How can we shepherd fellow Christians in the faith and in daily life?

### DEVOTIONS

*Read:* 1 John 3:16-24.

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is known as the Good Shepherd Sunday. John 10 and Psalm 23 give clear attention to this shepherd theme. However, so does 1 John 3. Just as Jesus, as the Good Shepherd, lays down his life for the sheep (John 10:11), so we as brothers and sisters who follow Jesus are to lay down our lives for one another (1 John 3:16). We lay down our lives—we shepherd one another—by loving one another “in truth and action”—not just words (v. 18). We, as fellow shepherds, abide in the Good Shepherd by believing in Jesus Christ and loving one another with our whole being. As we give thanks for Jesus as the Good Shepherd, we also give thanks that we are surrounded by a community of faith that shepherds one another to believe in Jesus Christ and to lay down our lives for one another. Why is it important that Christians not only care for the needs of the world but also care for each other as followers of Jesus Christ?

*Pray:* **Almighty and living God, strengthen us in faith and love to shepherd one another to live with hope and good courage through Christ, the Good Shepherd. Amen.**

### SERVICE

Be a servant this week by shepherding someone. Make a visit and listen to the person. Read Psalm 23 together. Talk about what it means to have Jesus as our shepherd and close with the Lord's Prayer.

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The sheep listen to the voice of the shepherd. There will be one flock, one shepherd. (John 10:16) If there are children in your home, play “Follow the Leader.” Blindfold the followers and have the leader guide them by using only their voice. Think about what it means to listen to Jesus' voice and to follow him as sheep of the Good Shepherd.

