

## MT. TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## 11:00 AM - April 21, 2024, Fourth Sunday in Easter Traditional Worship Service

## **Holy Communion Setting 4**

#### INTRODUCTION

The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE** 

Peace Like a River
He's Got the Whole World in His Hands
We Love
Angel Choir

Traditional Spiritual Ann F Price

#### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

**ELW p. 97** 

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy. **Amen.** 

Look, here is water!

#### Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

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At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.** 

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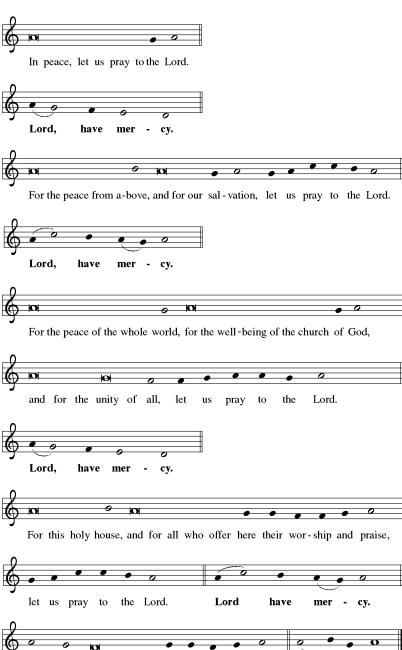


**ELW p. 147** GREETING

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

And also with you.

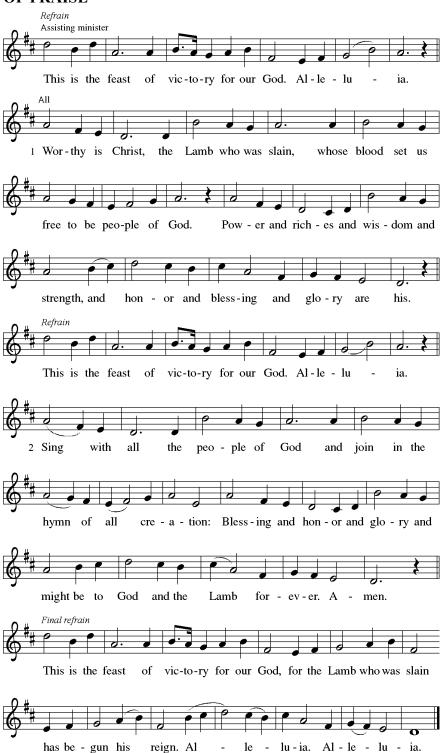




Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.

A

men.



Let us pray.

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

ANTHEM God is Like a Rock
Seraph Singers

Natalie Sleeth

#### SERAPH SINGERS RECOGNITION

FIRST READING Acts 4:5-12

A reading from Acts.

Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he can proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.

<sup>5</sup>The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their 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 questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;

it has become the cornerstone.'

<sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



<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. **R** 

<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. R

<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. **R** 

#### SECOND READING

A reading from 1 John.

Jesus' death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God's commandments.

1 John 3:16-24

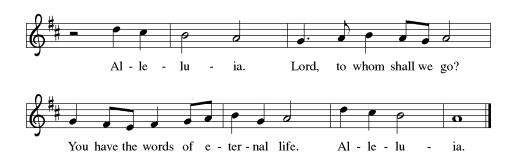
<sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

<sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

<sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL John 10:11-18

The Holy Gospel according to John.

## Glory to you, O Lord.

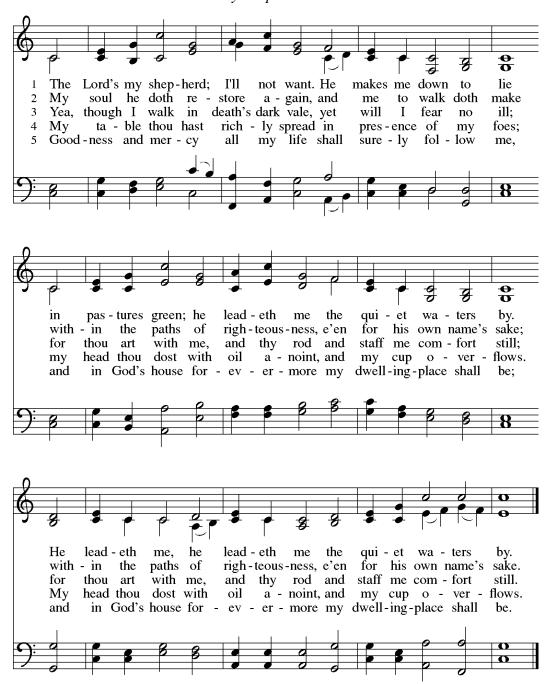
In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.

[Jesus said:] <sup>11</sup>"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care 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>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. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>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 Pastor Wade Roof



Text: The Psalms of David in Meeter, Edinburgh, 1650 Music: BROTHER JAMES' AIR, James L. Macbeth Bain; arr. Gordon Jacob, 1895–1984 Arr. © Oxford University Press. CREED ELW p. 152

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

God of grace,

Hear our prayer.

PEACE ELW p. 152

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** 

My Shepherd will Supply My Need

**Lloyd Larson** 



Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980 Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927

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#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

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Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 





Text: Matthew 28:5; Taizé Community

Music: BE NOT AFRAID, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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#### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

**HYMN 388** 

Be Not Afraid

BE NOT AFRAID

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

**HYMN 388** 

Be Not Afraid

**BE NOT AFRAID** 

LORD'S PRAYER ELW p. 154

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

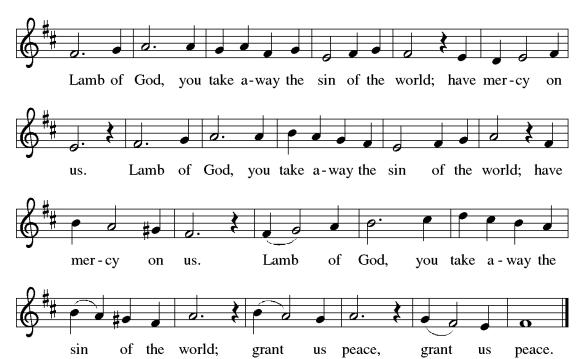
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God, for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

AGNUS DEI ELW p. 154





- 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: William H. Turton, 1856–1938, alt. Music: SONG 1, Orlando Gibbons, 1583–1625

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.** 

**CHORAL BENEDICTION** 

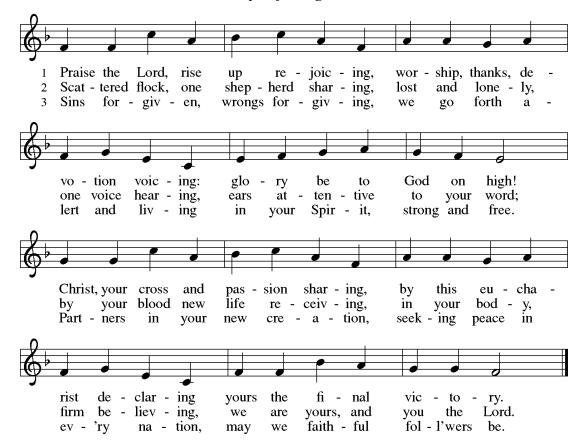
Go Now in Peace May the Road Rise to Meet You Natalie Sleeth Traditional

BLESSING ELW p. 155

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. Amen.

#### Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing **HYMN 544**

#### **ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN**



Text: Howard C. A. Gaunt, 1902–1983, alt. Music: ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN, Johann Löhner, 1645–1705, adapt.

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**ELW p. 155** DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE** Fanfare **Nicolas Jacques Lemmens** 

## Worship Assistants

1	Lector	Harry or Cheryl Prim
(	Communion assistants	Harry and Cheryl Prim
(	Greeter	Docia Jones
ĺ	Ushers	Cory Scyphers, Joe Jones

Today's Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Nancy Corley Sharpe on her "Angel Wing" day. Momma, you were always an Angel. God chose to give you your Heavenly wings on April 21, 2017. We sure do miss you! Love, your family.

Today's Bulletin Covers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Jack and Lilli's 27<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary by Jack Sox. Lilli you are still THE ONE ♡

Today's Processional Cross Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Hub Ballington who also received his "Angel Wings" on April 21, 1991.

You are missed as well!

## God So Loved the World

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 3:16-17



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# For God So Loved the World John 3:16 (NIV)

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Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



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#### CHECK YOUR ANSWERS

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Welcome to Mt. Tabor. We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today! If you are a visitor, please fill out and return the attendance card in your pew rack so we may have a record of your attendance. Our ushers and greeters will be glad to answer any questions you may have about our worship service. We hope that you will experience the presence of the Risen Christ today!

#### **Lord Teach Us To Pray:**

As God's people called to love one another, let us pray for the following members of our church family, who celebrate the anniversary of their baptism this week: DeeDee Horres, Mary Boyd, Jamie Cutter, Emily Cutter, Madison Chandler, Derek Monts, Jack Ragley, Michael Busbee, Janice West, Larry Davis, John F. Geiger, Jerry Livingston, Susan Stilwell, Hanna Monts, Lillian Minor, Wills King.

#### **Most Recent Prayer Concerns:**

Ron Hutto, Bruce Merchant, Ann Crout, Al & Judy Jordan

## **Ongoing Prayer Concerns:**

Drewby McQuillen, Mary Davis, Alice Pollock, Jimmy Williams, Mona Myers, Sadie Howard, Elmer Sundlie, Robert Cromer, Dennis Rybicki Jr., Emma Lou Easley, Lib Manus, Paul Addy, Paul & Jeanie Jacobs, Barbara Bradshaw, Sandra Baker, Betty Wise Herman Bouknight, Jane & Gene Sexton, Pastor Jerry & Janice Livingston

#### Family & Loved Ones of Mt. Tabor:

Chuck Backman, Michelle Roe, Jacob Pittman, Beth Murphy, Sidney Ward, Justin "Cody" Spires, Billy Holton, Barbara Kohr, Jenny Mack, JoAnn Davis, Diana Ruth Henricks Tommy Cambell, Niko Bosley, Mary Famiglietti, Angela Livingston, Bill Wood, Anne Moye, Isabelle Sundlie, John Bundrick, Katie Blackwell Feaster

Our family and loved ones list has been updated to this year's prayer requests. Please call the church office if you would like to add someone. Thank you.

## Members of Mt. Tabor Serving in the Military:

Adam Davis, Samuel Davis, Scott Hash, Alex Morris

## Family and Loved Ones Serving in the Military:

Josh Watson, Jacob Henry Burgan, Caleb Neff

#### The Family Of:

Jean Latimer, Debbie Baxter Brewer

## **Worship Leaders**