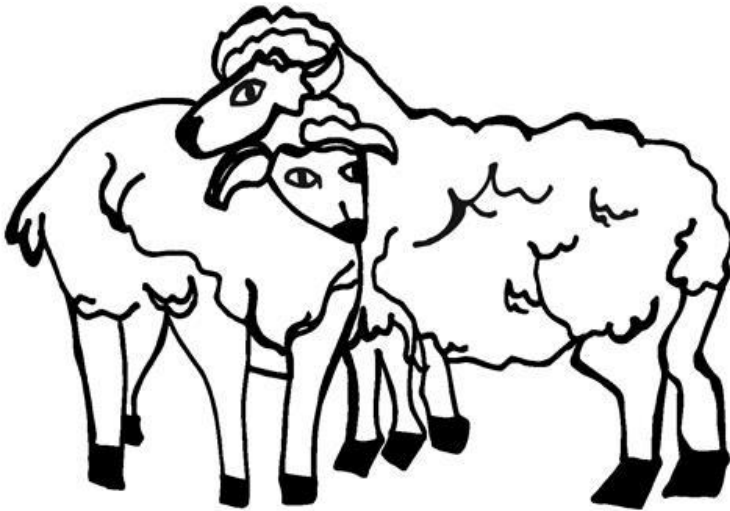


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**Bring a Friend Sunday**  
April 21, 2024  
9 am



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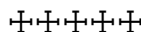
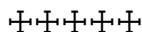
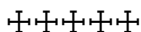
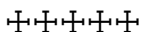
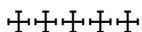
We welcome all guests this morning.  
We are very pleased to have you worship with us.  
All are welcome to receive communion.

Sunday School for all ages meets 10:15.  
Everyone is welcome! Grab some refreshments and join us!

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# Good Shepherd Sunday

April 21, 2024



## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(Thank you to the Land of Little Horses for supplying our lamb)

### PRELUDE

*My Shepherd will Supply My Need*

Wilson

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: *Holy One, source of our renewal,*

**C: We confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen! C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

### GATHERING HYMN *The Lord's My Shepherd*

ELW778

### INVOCATION

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

**C: And also with you.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

P: 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.**

*10,000 Reasons*

(Myrin, Redman)

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## FIRST READING

### 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.*

## Psalm 23

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

<sup>1</sup>The LORD<sup>l</sup> is my shepherd;  
I shall not<sup>l</sup> be in want.

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

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

<sup>4</sup>**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall<sup>l</sup> fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they<sup>l</sup> comfort me. R**

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

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

**GOSPEL VERSE** ~ *please stand if able*

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

*The Holy Gospel according to St. John... **Glory to you O Lord***

## GOSPEL

### John 10:11-18

[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.”

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen. C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**THE MESSAGE** *Like A Good Shepherd... Jesus Is There*

**Pastor Scott Zimmerer**

**HYMN** *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*

**ELW 362 Vs. 1-4**

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response: Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

## PEACE

## RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

## OFFERTORY

## OFFERING PRAYER

**C:** Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C: It is right to give God our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right....

## \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

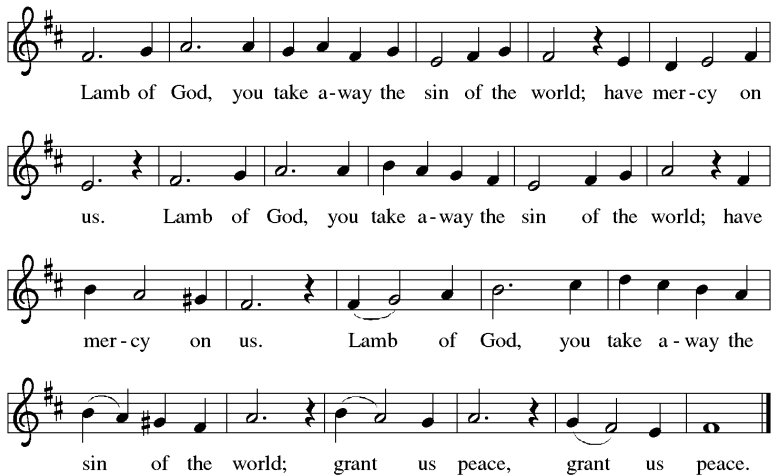
## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: On the night in which he was betrayed ... for as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death, until he comes again.

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

## LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## THE FRACTION AND INVITATION

### DISTRIBUTION

*We practice "open communion" at St. John. ALL are invited to come forward as ushered to receive this life-giving sacrament. Those not receiving communion are invited to receive a blessing. As you are given the bread and wine an appropriate response is "Amen." Please be respectful of this meditative time within our worship.*

### COMMUNION HYMNS

*Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

ELW 789

*At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*

ELW 362 Vs. 5-8

### COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever. **Amen.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope  
✠ bless you now and always. **Amen.**

## **SENDING HYMN**

*I'm So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me*

ELW 860

- 1 I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.  
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.  
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me,  
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.
- 2 Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.  
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.  
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me,  
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.
- 3 When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.  
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.  
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,  
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

## **DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Prepare the way of the risen Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

*O Christ the Same*