

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, April 21, 2024

Hymnal Supplement 1991: Now the Feast and Celebration

Grace Lutheran Church
Wenatchee, WA



Welcome to Grace!

The stained-glass windows in our church display a beautiful collection of glass pieces, each one unique and important. The same is true for all of God's children. As people of Grace Lutheran Church, our diversity makes us stronger and more resilient.

We strive to welcome all. We want to be a church where all are safe, all are welcome. Believers, non-believers, doubters, seekers, and questioners: You are welcome here. Old and young. Able or disabled. People of all sexual orientations and gender identities: You are welcome here. Rich and poor. Black, brown, and white: You are welcome here. Jeans and a t-shirt or a suit and tie. Addiction and mental health concerns: You are welcome here.

You are welcomed and valued here, because we are all pieces of stained glass, broken and beautiful in our own way.

As a church, we resolve to open our hearts, our minds, and our doors. We seek to reconcile ourselves to one another and to God, the master artist.

Holy Communion: We celebrate the grace of God with Holy Communion each Sunday. All are welcome!

If you are worshipping with children: Children are welcome and encouraged to join us in worship! We have a few options especially for our young worshipers. **Children's bulletins** are available from the ushers. We have a **Cozy Corner**, with books and quiet activities, in the back part of the sanctuary. We also have a staffed **nursery** available during our worship gathering. You will find it downstairs, through the first door to the right at the bottom of the stairs.

Our Mission Statement: "To proclaim and celebrate the gospel of Jesus Christ through word and sacraments so that a community of believers is created, trained, nurtured, and sent into mission."

Grace Lutheran is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation



INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY:

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.

+ + + GATHERING + + +

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME & KIDS' TALK

PRELUDE

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Raymond H. Haan

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (Supplement, p. 2)

GATHERING HYMN (Supplement) **#829, *Canticle of the Sun (stanzas 1-3)***

GREETING (Supplement, p. 2)

NOW THE FEAST AND CELEBRATION (Supplement, p. 4-5)

SALUTATION (Supplement, p. 7)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

Please be seated.

+ + + WORD + + +

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Acts 4:5-12

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.

A reading from Acts.

⁵The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy

Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let 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. ¹¹This Jesus is
‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.’

¹²There 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.

PSALM 23

ELW 782, *My Shepherd, You Supply My Need*

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24

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.

A reading from 1 John.

¹⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How 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?

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

²³And 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. ²⁴All 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.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL VERSE (Supplement, p. 8)

GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

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.

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹¹"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The 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. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I 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. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No 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.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.



HYMN OF THE DAY

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd



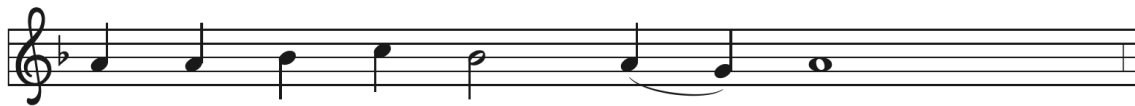
1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd.
 2 Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain,
 3 You, who walk each day be - side us,
 4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus!



You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
 stripped of might up - on the cross,
 sit in pow - er at God's side.
 Wor - thy is our cos - mic Christ!



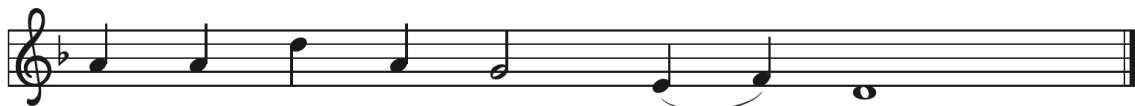
You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er
 shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,
 You, who preach a way that's nar - row,
 Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - t'ry;



of the way you took and gave.
 beg - gared by a sol - dier's toss,
 have a love that reach - es wide.
 wor - thy still your peace and strife.



You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
 you, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;



you, whom we both scorn and crave.
 you, who are both gift and cost.
 you, who are our pil - grim guide.
 you, who are our death and life.

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 Music: PICARDY, French folk tune, 17th cent.
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NICENE CREED (Supplement, p. 10)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

After each portion of the prayers:

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

Amen.

PEACE (Supplement, p. 12)

+ + + MEAL + + +

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

From All the Earth Send Up the Song
Voices of Grace

Robert J. Weaver, William A. Pasch

From all the earth send up the song! Shout glad hosannas loud and long!
Serve joyfully! Our God adore. Acclaim God's honor evermore!

Great God, Creator, Source of all, both keeps and guards us when we fall.
One flock in our Good Shepherd's fold, we feast on bounties yet untold.

The gates of glory beckon here. Come, bless God's name. Give thanks! Draw near.
God's mercies last through all our days. New psalms spring forth in grateful praise!

Our God is true from age to age. Our God is good beyond our gauge.
Our God is faithful, ever sure. God's kindness, love, and grace endure!

OFFERING PRAYER (Supplement, p. 13)

GREAT THANKSGIVING (Supplement, p. 14)

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Supplement, p. 15)

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy ... we pray for his coming again, even as we cry:

EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION 2 & FOLLOWING (Supplement, pp. 16-17)

LORD'S PRAYER (Supplement, p. 18)

Please be seated.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD (Supplement, pp. 18-19) *First 4 verses.*

DISTRIBUTION SONG (Supplement) **#789, *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us***

DISTRIBUTION SONG (Supplement) **#764, *Have No Fear, Little Flock***

Please stand as you are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING (Supplement, p. 19)

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE: *Thanks Be to You* (Supplement, p. 20)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (Supplement, p. 21)

+++ SENDING +++

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Please be seated.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING (Supplement, p. 21)

SENDING HYMN (Supplement) **#829, *Canticle of the Sun (stanzas 4-6)***

POSTLUDE

Fugue in A Major

Georg Philipp Telemann

Serving in Today's Worship

Presiding Minister:	Rev. James Aalgaard
Assisting Minister:	Pastoral Intern Lynnette Rose
Organist/Pianist:	Deacon Ruth Anderson
Lector:	Gary Otheim
Altar Guild:	Kathy Gavin
Communion Assistant:	Gary Otheim
Tech:	Phil Gregg

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