



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

MAY 11, 2025 ✠ 8:00 AND 10:15 AM

## **A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!**

We're thrilled that you are here and we want you to feel at home.

- \* Restrooms are near the door that you came in today.
- \* The service is printed in this worship folder. Join in as your comfortable. Ask anyone if you're lost - they'll be glad to help!
- \* We're glad you brought your kids! We know and Jesus knows that little kids have a hard time sitting quietly sometimes. They are still welcome here. Jesus said: Let the little children come to me! If your little one is restless, feel free to spend a minute in the entryway, you should still be able to hear through speakers.
- \* If you could use some hearing assistance, please ask the usher in the entryway, we have headsets available.

Please introduce yourself to Pastor Boettcher or Pastor Peil. They would love to meet you and serve you however they can!

## **BECAUSE HE LIVES...**

### **WE KNOW AND TRUST HIS VOICE**

The Good Shepherd laid down his life for his sheep. Because he loves them.

The Good Shepherd rose to life. Because he is the Son of God.



The Good Shepherd speaks to his sheep. And the voice of the one who loves them and is their God is a voice they can always trust.

"Judith Fain is a doctoral candidate at the University of Durham. As part of her studies, she spends several months each year in Israel. One day while walking on a road near Bethlehem, Judith watched as three shepherds converged with their separate flocks of sheep. The three men hailed each other and then stopped to talk. While they were conversing, their sheep intermingled, melting into one big flock. Wondering how the three shepherds would ever be able to identify their own sheep, Judith waited until the men were ready to say their goodbyes. She watched, fascinated, as each of the shepherds called out to his sheep. At the sound of their shepherd's voice, like magic, the sheep separated again into three flocks. Apparently some things in Israel haven't changed for thousands of years."

-from *Sitting at the Feet of Rabbi Jesus*, by Ann Spangler and Lois Tverberg

# THE DIVINE SERVICE

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 *The congregation speaks and sings the words in BOLD type.* 

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## HYMN 551 Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep

PLEASE STAND.

### INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

*Matthew 28:19*

**Amen.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

### GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY RESPONSES

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**He makes me lie down in green pastures.**

The Lamb at the center of the throne will be their Shepherd,

**And He will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear.**

Jesus says, "I am the Good Shepherd.

**My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me."**

Let us now come before our Shepherd, confessing our sins and relying on his mercy:

**Most merciful God,**

**We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean.**

**We have strayed from your paths like lost sheep.**

**We have followed our own ways instead of listening to your voice.**

**We have failed to love you with our whole heart;**

**We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and restore us,**

**So that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways.**

Almighty God in His mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. Therefore, as a called 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.

**Amen.**

### SONG OF PRAISE

*HYMN 438, ST.1+2*

**For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!**  
**sinless in the sinners' stead. Alleluia!**  
**"Christ is ris'n," today we cry; Alleluia!**  
**now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!**

**Christ, who once for sinners bled, Alleluia!**  
**now the firstborn from the dead, Alleluia!**  
**throned in endless might and pow'r, Alleluia!**  
**lives and reigns forevermore. Alleluia!**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated.*

## FIRST READING

## Acts 13:15,16a,26-39

*St Paul preaches the good news that God has fulfilled his promises in raising Jesus from the dead. Because he lives, he has set us free from every sin - we are justified!*

**A**fter the reading from the Law and the Prophets, the leaders of the synagogue sent word to them, saying, "Brothers, if you have a word of exhortation for the people, please speak." Standing up, Paul motioned with his hand and said:

"Fellow children of Abraham and you God-fearing Gentiles, it is to us that this message of salvation has been sent. The people of Jerusalem and their rulers did not recognize Jesus, yet in condemning him they fulfilled the words of the prophets that are read every Sabbath. Though they found no proper ground for a death sentence, they asked Pilate to have him executed. When they had carried out all that was written about him, they took him down from the cross and laid him in a tomb. But God raised him from the dead, and for many days he was seen by those who had traveled with him from Galilee to Jerusalem. They are now his witnesses to our people.

"We tell you the good news: What God promised our ancestors he has fulfilled for

us, their children, by raising up Jesus. As it is written in the second Psalm:

" 'You are my son;

today I have become your father.'

God raised him from the dead so that he will never be subject to decay. As God has said,

" 'I will give you the holy and sure blessings promised to David.'

So it is also stated elsewhere:

" 'You will not let your holy one see decay.'"

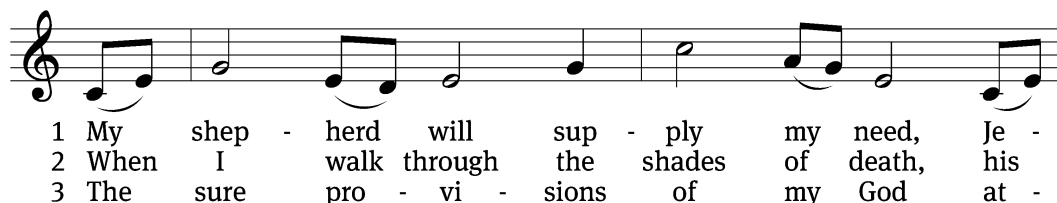
Now when David had served God's purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his ancestors and his body decayed. But the one whom God raised from the dead did not see decay.

"Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin, a justification you were not able to obtain under the law of Moses.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 23





ho - vah is his name; in pas - tures fresh he  
 pres - ence is my stay; one word of his sup -  
 tend me all my days; oh, may his house be

makes me feed be - side the liv - ing stream.  
 port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.  
 my a - bode and all my work be praise.

He brings my wan - d'ring spir - it back when  
 His hand, in sight of all my foes, will  
 There would I find a set - tled rest while

I for - sake his ways and leads me, for his  
 still my ta - ble spread; my cup with bless - ings  
 oth - ers go and come, no more a stran - ger

mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.  
 o - ver - flows; his oil a - noints my head.  
 or a guest but like a child at home.

## SECOND READING

## Revelation 7:9-17

*Because the Lamb of God died and now lives, heaven is full of people from everywhere that heard his voice and washed their robes in his blood. The Lamb is our shepherd forever.*

**A**fter this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice:

“Salvation belongs to our God,  
 who sits on the throne,  
 and to the Lamb.”

All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying:

“Amen!  
 Praise and glory  
 and wisdom and thanks and honor  
 and power and strength  
 be to our God for ever and ever.  
 Amen!”

Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?”

I answered, “Sir, you know.”

And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Therefore,  
“they are before the throne of God  
and serve him day and night in his temple;  
and he who sits on the throne  
will shelter them with his presence.

‘Never again will they hunger;  
never again will they thirst.  
The sun will not beat down on them,’  
nor any scorching heat.  
For the Lamb at the center of the throne  
will be their shepherd;  
‘he will lead them to springs of living  
water.’  
‘And God will wipe away every tear from  
their eyes.’”.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

*Please stand*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**John 10:14**

Alleluia! I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me.

**Alleluia!**

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL**

**John 10:22-30**

*Because he lives, we know we can trust Jesus. It is a gift to hear his Word and follow him this Good Shepherd in faith.*

**T**hen came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon’s Colonnade. The Jews who were there gathered around him, saying, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.”

Jesus answered, “I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father’s name testify about me, but you do not

believe because you are not my sheep. My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father’s hand. I and the Father are one.”

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise be to You, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY     552    The King of Love My Shepherd Is**

**SERMON**     Revelation 7 and John 10     I know, I’m known, and I don’t know

*Please stand*

## **APOSTLES CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Heavenly Father, Your Son purchased us with His own most holy blood, and He now leads us through the gate of death to our eternal home with You. As the sheep of His fold, inspire us to hear His voice gladly and to follow Him steadfastly through every tribulation. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Lord, You have given us a mirror of Your love in the vocation of mothers who nurture, guide and raise their children in all things good. Receive our thanks for our mothers and the blessings you've given us through them, especially using them to give us life. Forgive our mothers where they have failed us and forgive us where we have failed to honor and love them. Bless them in their calling. Sustain them through weary and difficult times. Remember in compassion all women who may wish for children and not have them, give them joy and fulfillment in other callings you've given them. Lord, in Your mercy ,  
**hear our prayer.**

O Lord, You have not forgotten us in our afflictions or abandoned us in our

weakness. Deliver the sick and suffering according to Your will, and give comfort to the dying. Guard us against despair, and grant us patience in the days of our trouble as we await Your perfect healing.

**hear our prayer.**

*We pray for..*

*Holly (hospitalized), Harry (Nancy Brandt's brother-in-law with serious health struggles), Frankie (Robyn's young friend with cancer), Tim (Paul and Emma Porter's brother-in-law with cancer), Chaunc (Krystal's son), JoElla (recovering from radiation treatment), Craig (chronic back issues), Janice and Julia (cancer diagnosis), Paul (Pam Farrel's nephew with serious health issues), Angie (Mert and Francine's daughter with health issues), Mona (health issues) and Crissy (cancer), Nick and May (family loss), John Farrell, Fred Martinez (recovering from heart surgery), Mike Green (awaiting cancer surgery), building project at Prince of Peace*

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

## OFFERING



*Moved by God's love in Christ, we return to God our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to Him.*

*There is an offering plate in the entry way for those who wish to give in that way.*

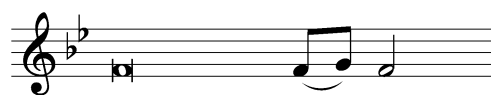
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# THE SACRAMENT

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Stand



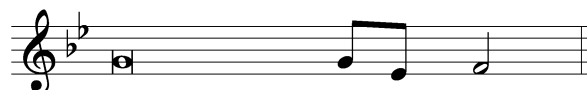
The Lord be with you.



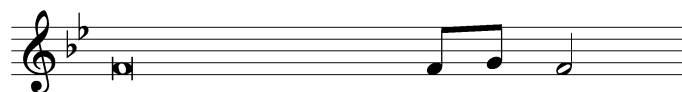
And al - so with you.



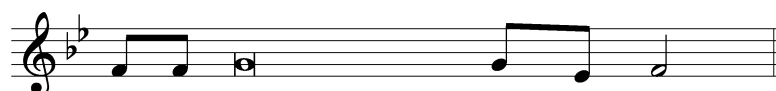
Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

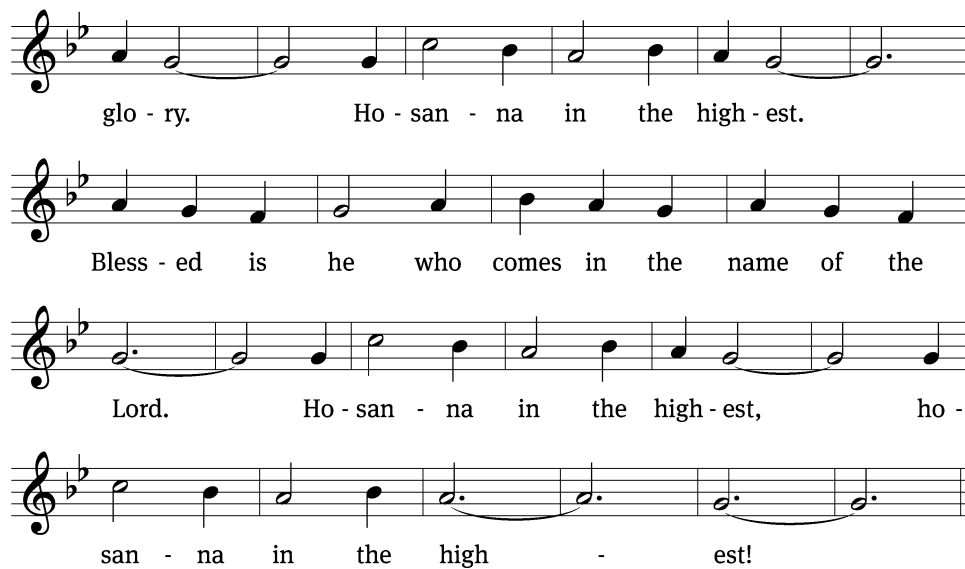


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,



God of might. Heav - en and earth are full of your





## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his

suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. **Amen.**

**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.**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD JESUS

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my ☩ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

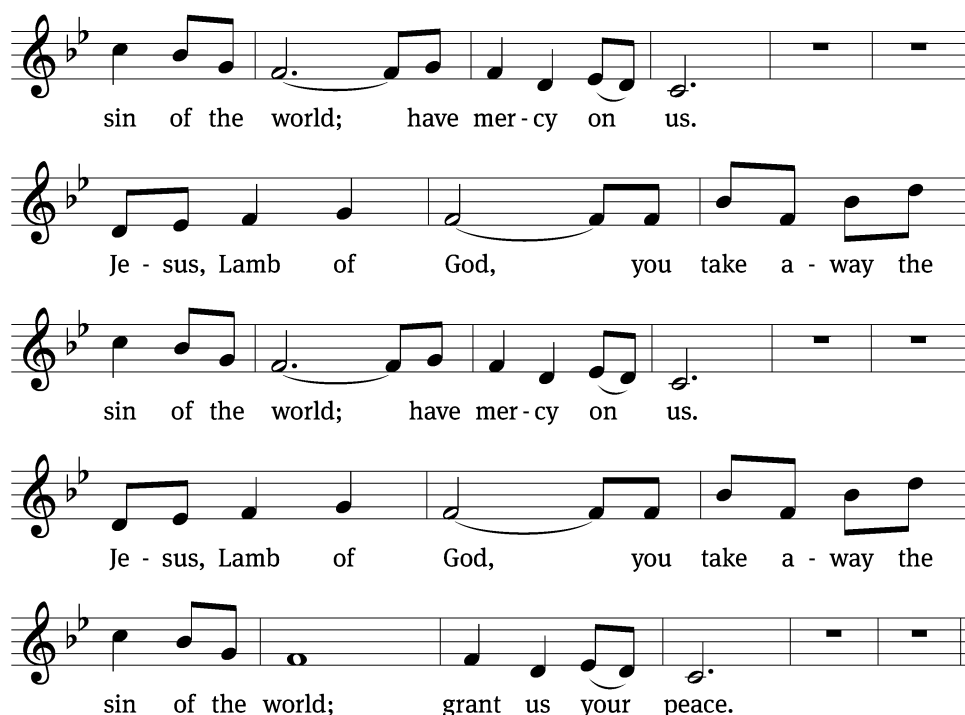
Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my ☩ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

## JESUS, LAMB OF GOD





*Be seated*

## DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

**A NOTE TO OUR GUESTS** *Children and those who are not communicant members of our church may come forward for a blessing. Those who do are asked to cross their arms on their chest to indicate this.*

Prince of Peace practices closed communion, because the Bible teaches it and because we love you. That means we ask that only members of Prince of Peace or other congregations in our fellowship take the Lord's Supper this morning. This is not a judgment of anyone's faith, it is simply our desire to uphold what God says in 1 Corinthians 10 and 11 about who should receive Holy Communion and how. Because we believe from these words that Jesus' body and blood is really present in and with the bread and wine, we want to be sure that it is received in the manner He has commanded us.

Please speak to Pastor Boettcher or Pastor Peil about communing with us in the future if you're not part of our congregation. **Thank you for your understanding!**

**HYMN 441 I Know That My Redeemer Lives**

**HYMN 885 There Is A Higher Throne**

*After the distribution, the minister speaks this blessing:*

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting. Your ✝ sins are forgiven.

**Amen.**

*Stand*

## PRAYER

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

**His mercy endures forever.**

*Psalm 118:1*

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

**we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.**

*1 Corinthians 11:26*

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## BLESSING

*Numbers 6:24-26*

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## CLOSING HYMN 804 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb



*Thank you to Tori Diersen for using her gifts to serve us and our Savior with music this morning!*

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Thank you, mom...

- ...for waking me up, getting me dressed, and getting me to school and Sunday school and church
- ...for raising me to know right from wrong
- ...for bringing me to Baptism
- ...for countless trips to school, games, practices and activities
- ...for feeding me
- ...for being there when I needed you
- ...for choosing life
- ...for loving me and caring for me
- ...for teaching me about love, compassion, integrity
- ...for cooking and cleaning
- ...for helping me with homework
- ...for teaching me to pray before meals and before going to sleep
- ...for helping with memory work
- ...for worshipping the Triune God
- ...for teaching me to love as Christ loved me
- ...for forgiveness
- ...for bringing me to Christ
- ...and for everything else