

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 8, 2022

HOLY COMMUNION: 10:00 AM



The Good Shepherd, Jesus, knows his own, and they know him. This God-in-the-flesh is the fulfillment of the shepherd spoken about by King David. Jesus calls his followers to faith and gives them a mission to share the good news near and far, in peace and unrest, to family and stranger alike. The true Shepherd King is identified by his works that exactly mirror the goodness of the Father who sent him.

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

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- ◆ You are here by God's calling and we extend Christ's hospitality to you this day.
- ◆ In worship, we hear God's Word, partake in the Lord's Supper, and give thanks to God in prayer and praise.
- ◆ If you receive the Lord's Supper in your home congregation, you are welcome to receive it here.
- ◆ Restrooms and a nursery are located in the backside hallway. Look for the horseshoe cross.
- ◆ Please fill out a visitor card so we can keep in touch. The Lord give you strength for daily living.
- ◆ A personal hearing aid is available if needed. Please ask a Greeter or any member for assistance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: 9:55AM
WORSHIP: 10AM

▼ = SIT ▲ = STAND

LBW: DIVINE SERVICE TWO
MUSICIAN - KIMBERLY BAZEMORE

GATHERING OF THE SAINTS

▼ PRELUDE - KIMBERLY BAZEMORE

▲ CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION (*Spoken*)

In the name of the Father, and of the †Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (*Silence for reflection and self-examination*)

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the †Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

▲ ENTRANCE HYMN - "THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD" (*Sung, LBW #554*)

**This is my Father's world, And to my list'ning ears
All nature sings, and round me rings The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.**

**This is my Father's world; The birds their carols raise;
The morning light, the lily white, Declare their maker's praise.
This is my Father's world; He shines in all that's fair.
In rustling grass I hear him pass; He speaks to me ev'rywhere.**

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**This is my Father's world; Oh, let me not forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world; Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is king, let heavens ring; God reigns, let the earth be glad!**

▲ APOSTOLIC GREETING (*Spoken*)

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.

▲ PRAYER FOR MERCY (*Sung*)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, ... let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, ... let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, ... let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen**

▲ HYMN OF PRAISE (*Sung*)

This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

▲ PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Spoken*)

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

Let us pray: God of all power, you called from death our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep.

Protect your flock from all who would ravage it and help us to follow always in the way of our Lord; through your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen

MINISTRY OF THE WORD OF GOD

▼ BIBLE READINGS

FIRST READING: Acts 20:17-35 (*pew Bible p. 1105*)

SECOND READING: Rev. 7:9-17 (*pew Bible p. 1223*)

▼ CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

▲ ALLELUIA VERSE (*Sung*)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

▲ GOSPEL READING & RESPONSES - John 10:22-30 (*Sung; pew Bible p. 1065*)

The Holy Gospel from St. John, chapter 10. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

▼ SERMON (*Sit*)

▲ HYMN OF THE DAY- "SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US" (*Sung, LBW #481*)

**Savior, like a shepherd lead us, Much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Thy folds prepare:**

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Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

We are Thine, do Thou befriend us, Be the guardian of our way;
Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us, Seek us when we go astray:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Hear, O hear us when we pray;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Hear, O hear us when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us, Poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse and pow'r to free:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to Thee;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to Thee.

Early let us seek Thy favour, Early let us do Thy will;
Blessed Lord, and only Saviour, With Thy love our bosoms fill:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still.

▲ NICENE CREED (*Spoken*)

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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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 THE CHURCH (*Spoken*)

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus... Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

▼ ADULT CHOIR - "MY SHEPHERD WILL SUPPLY MY NEEDS"

▲ OFFERING HYMN (*Sung*)

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

▲ OFFERING PRAYER (*Spoken*)

Let us pray. Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us — our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

HOLY COMMUNION AT THE LORD'S SUPPER

▲ GREAT THANKSGIVING TO GOD (*Sung*)

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

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and salutary....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

▲ INSTITUTION OF THE SACRAMENT *(Spoken)*

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy Supper. **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

▲ WORDS OF INSTITUTION *(Spoken)*

▲ LORD'S PRAYER *(Spoken)*

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

▲ LAMB OF GOD *(Sung)*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

▼ DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

▲ POST COMMUNION HYMN *(Sung)*

Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done. Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.

▲ POST COMMUNION PRAYER *(Spoken)*

Almighty God, you have gathered us into one flock and fed us by the hand of your Great Shepherd.
Keep us safe in your Kingdom and give us eternal life with your Son; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

SENDING OUT FOR SERVICE & WITNESS

▲ BENEDICTION *(Spoken)*

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen**

▲ SENDING HYMN - "CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER" *(Sung, LBW #474)*

**Children of the heav'nly Father Safely in his bosom gather;
Nestling bird or star in heaven Such a refuge ne'er was given.**

**God his own doth tend and nourish, In his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them, In his mighty arms he bears them.**

**Neither life nor death shall ever From the Lord his children sever;
Unto them his grace he showeth, And their sorrows all he knoweth.**

**Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely To preserve them pure and holy.**

▲ DISMISSAL *(Spoken)*

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! **He is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!**