

April 30, 2023
Fourth Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE "Prelude in C Major" Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TWO-CENTS-A-MEAL HUNGER OFFERING

OPENING SENTENCES

The Lord is risen! Alleluia! Luke 24:34

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Jesus said: I am the good shepherd. John 10:11

Christ lays down his life for the sheep.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. Ps. 23:1, 6

I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+**HYMN:** GTG #327 LASST UNS ERFREUEN
"From All that Dwell Below the Skies"

CALL TO CONFESSION 1 Pet. 2:24

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God,
in raising Jesus from the grave,
you shattered the power of sin and death.
We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.
We overlook the poor and the hungry,
and pass by those who mourn;
we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed,
and indifferent to calls for peace;
we despise the weak,
and abuse the earth you made.

Forgive us, God of mercy.
Help us to trust your power
to change our lives and make us new,
that we may know the joy of life abundant
given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

... In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God! Amen. 1 Pet. 2:25

HYMN: GTG #724 "O Jesus, I Have Promised" ANGEL'S STORY

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... God of new life,
hear our prayer.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Children and Youth are dismissed to Sunday School

INVITATION TO OFFERING Acts 2:44-46

OFFERTORY "Minuet in d" Bach

+**RESPONSE:** GTG #606 OLD HUNDREDTH
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

+**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from A Brief Statement of Faith
(United States, 1991)

We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 2:42-47 N.T. page 91

PSALM Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

**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.

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

GTG = Glory to God (purple) 2

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Peter 2:19-25 N.T. page 184

GOSPEL LESSON John 10:1-10 N.T. page 79

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE John 14:1, 6

Jesus said: I am the way, the truth,
and the life. Believe in me.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Shepherd Me, O God" Haugen / arr. Hayes

SERMON "The Twenty-Third Psalm" Rev. Bill Pinches

+**HYMN:** GTG #187 "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" BRADBURY

+**BLESSING** Ps. 118:1, 24

May the steadfast love of the Lord be yours,
this day and forever.
Alleluia!

+**CHARGE** Matt. 28:10

Christ is risen! Do not be afraid.
Go and tell this good news to all.
Thanks be to God!

CHORAL BENEDICTION BENEDICTION

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

POSTLUDE "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" Bach

*You are invited to join us
for fellowship and refreshments
after worship in the Memorial Room.
It is not necessary to remain seated during the postlude.*

SERVING US TODAY

Liturgist: Eva Schlenner

Greeters: Jay, Loren, Tyler, and Leah Harkness

Sound: Marty Subject

Livestream: Tami Chapman

Security: Doreen Chapman

Today's flowers are given by

Mary Lou French

in memory of loved ones

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Suzanne Lang • Apr. 30
Debbie Markiewicz • May 1
Barb VanDyke • May 3
Mary Ozee • May 6
Camille Subject • May 6

CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#33. *Famine:*

Christians in Judea suffer in a major famine. The church in Antioch provides aid, sending Saul and Barnabas back to Jerusalem. (*Acts 11:27-30; Gal. 2:1-10*) (c. AD 47)

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 68. What is a sacrament?

A sacrament is a special act of Christian worship, instituted by Christ, which uses a visible sign to proclaim the promise of the gospel for the forgiveness of sins and eternal life. The sacramental sign seals this promise to believers by grace and brings to them what is promised. In baptism the sign is that of water; in the Lord’s Supper, that of bread and wine.

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DAILY PRAYER

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

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| Today | <i>The Chosen</i> adult study | 11:15 am |
| | Confirmation Class | 11:15 am |
| Monday | Mission Committee | 4:00 pm |
| Tuesday | <i>Jesus in Me</i> adult study | 1:00 pm |
| Wednesday | Lunch Packing for Advent House | 10:30 am |
| | Prayer Fellowship | 12:00 pm |
| | Wonderful Wednesday (children/youth) | 3:15 pm |
| | Bell Choir Rehearsal | 6:00 pm |
| | Wednesday Night Dinner | 6:15 pm |
| | Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal | 7:00 pm |
| Thursday | Administration Committee | 7:00 pm |
| | Board of Deacons | 7:00 pm |
| Friday | Church Office closed / Pastor’s Sabbath | |
| Saturday | Yarners | 10:00 am |

The birthday list is on the previous page.

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The Lord Is My Shepherd
by Eastman Johnson, 1863

*The fruit of the Spirit
is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity,
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
(Galatians 5:22-23)*