

May 11, 2025
Fourth Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE "O For a Thousand Tongues" Gläzer

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCES

Alleluia, Christ is risen! Rev. 7:12

The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!
Blessing and honor is yours, O God.
Glory to God forever. Alleluia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+ **HYMN: GTG #39** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" FAITHFULNESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we have strayed from your paths of right relationship and peace, and we have dishonored you, ourselves, and your creation; we repent of these hurtful ways. Forgive us, we pray, as we learn to forgive others, and guide our feet into the way of peace. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

... know that you are forgiven and receive new life in Christ.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN: GTG #802 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" ST. COLUMBA
(Psalm 23)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... O Risen Christ,
Open our eyes to your mercy in the world.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

TEACHER APPRECIATION AND PRESENTATION OF BIBLES Lori Filka
Beckett Barber
Jacob Edmondson

Children and youth are dismissed to Sunday School

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Prelude No. 3" Bach

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

+ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

+ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *The Confession of 1967* (United States)
17. God has created human beings for a personal relation with himself that they may respond to the love of the Creator. God has created male and female and given them a life which proceeds from birth to death in a succession of generations and in a wide complex of social relations. God has endowed humans with capacities to make the world serve their needs and to enjoy its good things. Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage. People are free to seek life within the purpose of God: to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare, to work for justice and peace in society, and in other ways to use their creative powers for the fulfillment of human life.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 9:36-43 N.T. page 98
Peter raises Tabitha from the dead

PSALM Psalm 23
My head anointed with oil

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.
**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 Revelation 7:9-17 N.T. page 197
A multitude sings before the Lamb

GOSPEL LESSON John 10:22-30 N.T. page 79
Jesus promises life to his sheep

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE Luke 24:46, 48
We are witnesses to these things:
the Messiah is risen from the dead.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Blessings" Story / Sorenson

SERMON "The Sheep and the Lamb" Rev. Bill Pinches

+ **HYMN: GTG #518** "Your Only Son" (Lamb of God) LAMB OF GOD

+ **CHARGE**
Go forth to follow paths of righteousness; Ps. 23:3, 6
go forth to follow paths of peace;
and may God's goodness and mercy
follow you as you serve the risen Lord.
Amen.

+ **BLESSING**
May Christ the Good Shepherd
bless and guide you this day and always.
Alleluia!

CHORAL BENEDICTION GOD BE WITH YOU
"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

POSTLUDE "Träumerei" Schumann

**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: Max Harman
Greeters: Abel and Evelyn Tayong
Next Week's Greeters: Sally Hughes and Nancy Sue MacDonald
Sound: Marty Subject
Livestream: Tami Chapman
Security: Will Ozee

Today's flowers are given by
Sandy and John Diehl
in memory of
Marian Alborell and David Diehl

CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#30: Division:

Paul and Barnabas part ways after a heated disagreement. Paul takes Silas to Asia Minor, while Barnabas takes John Mark to Cyprus. (Acts 15:36-41) (c. AD 49)

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 57. Isn't Holy Scripture also the Word of God?

Yes. Holy Scripture is also God's Word because of its content, its function and its origin. Its central content is Jesus Christ, the living Word. Its basic function is to deepen our love, knowledge and service of him as our Savior and Lord. And its ultimate origin is in the Holy Spirit, who spoke through the prophets and apostles, and who inspires us with eager desire for the truths that Scripture contains.

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

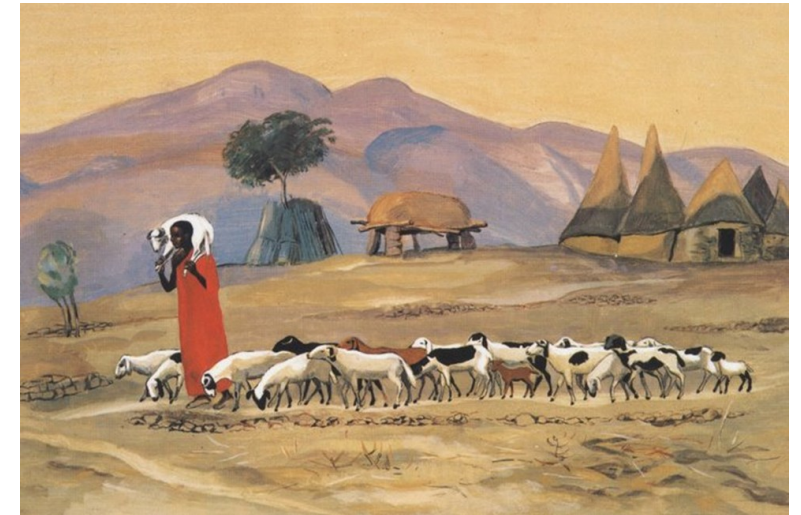
Wednesday Lunch Packing for Advent House 10:15 am
Prayer Fellowship 12:00 pm
Wonderful Wednesday (K-12) 4:00—6:00 pm
Wednesday Night Dinner 6:00 pm
Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm
Choir Rehearsal 7:10 pm
Thursday Session 7:00 pm
Friday Church Office closed / Pastor's Sabbath

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

May 11: Judy Caswell May 17: Lori Filka

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"My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me."
(John 10:27)