



Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25, 2021

Emanuel Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 25, 2021

PRELUDE *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want* Wilbur Held

WELCOME Pastor Lyn Crase

OPENING HYMN *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today, Alleluia!* Page 15

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Amen

P: We thank you, risen Christ,
for these waters where you make us new,
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.
We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,
like rains to our thirsting earth,
like streams that revive our souls,
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.
Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.
Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.
Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.
Make us one, risen Christ.
Cleanse our hearts.
Shower us with life.
To you be given all praise,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God,
now and forever.

Amen

GREETING

P: 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 OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together....

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

FIRST READING: Acts 4:1-12

Kathleen Reuter, Dan Johnson

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.

¹While Peter and John were speaking to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came to them, ² much annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming that in Jesus there is the resurrection of the dead. ³ So they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴ But many of those who heard the word believed; and they numbered about five thousand.

⁵The next day the rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶ with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷ When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹ if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰ let 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. ¹¹ This 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."

P: The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 23

Kathleen Reuter, Dan Johnson

¹**The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.**

²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³**You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.**

⁴**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.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24

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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.

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.

P: The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Gospel according to John, Chapter 10. (*Stand as able.*)

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

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.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (REPEATED) *Please be seated.*

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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APOSTLE’S CREED

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostle’s Creed:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Please be seated.)

1) Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

- 2) Loving Shepherd, you know your own and your own know you. Your voice calls us to your loving embrace. Strengthen your church throughout the world that we bear witness to your expansive love. Hear us, O God **Your mercy is great.**
- 3) Gracious Shepherd, you are generous with the gifts of goodness and mercy. Restore your creation to wholeness so that cities and towns, countryside and wilderness, may abound with life. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**
- 4) Hope-giving Shepherd, the nations and peoples are your heritage. Place into the hearts of all leaders and rulers the passion to serve. Crucify any desire to overpower others and give leaders joy in lifting up the lowly. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**
- 5) Abiding Shepherd, your love flows as we reach out to those around us. Move us with your Spirit, so that we lay down our lives for those in need (*especially*). Help us love one another in truth and action. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**
- 6) Saving Shepherd, you restore us to wholeness. Help our community in our life together and give us vigor as a people of faith. In the midst of challenges and opportunities, fill us anew with you Holy Spirit. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**
- 7) Eternal Shepherd, you hold us securely in your loving hands. In the assurance of resurrection hope, we remember our loved ones who have died in you. Bring us, with them, to dwell in your house forever. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**
- 8) In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

SHARING THE PEACE

The sharing of peace is an individual and communal act of forgiveness.

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: In recognition of God's forgiveness, mercy and grace let us continue with the Great Thanksgiving.

P: The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord

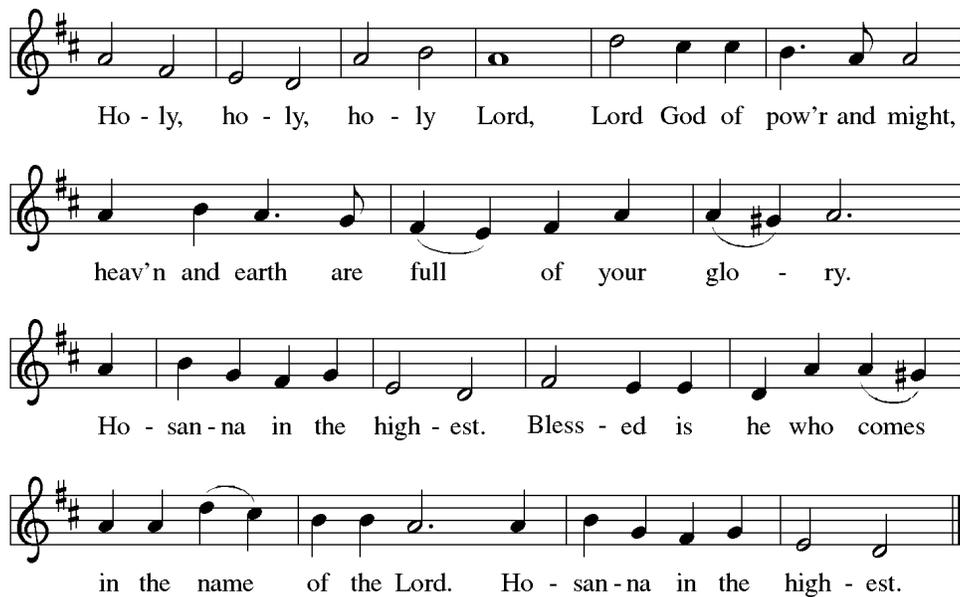
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's Passover
from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth, burning with justice,
peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

P: With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.

P: To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church,
now and forever.

Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

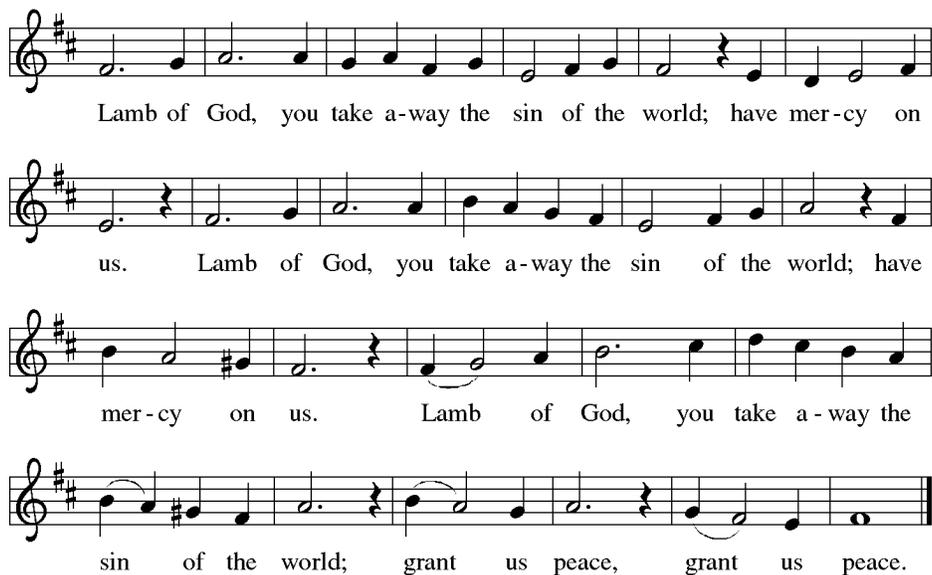
**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The risen Christ invites us to this table.
Come, eat and be satisfied.

We practice continuous communion. All are welcome. White grape juice is available for those who prefer that instead of wine. Gluten free wafers available.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

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COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Wellspring of joy,
through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts.
Satisfy the hunger still around us,
and send us as joyful witnesses,
that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

BLESSING

P: May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom
to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life,
Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen

SENDING HYMN

Good Christian Friends Rejoice and Sing!

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DISMISSAL

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

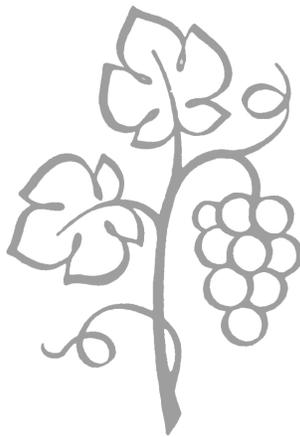
P: Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

Paul Manz

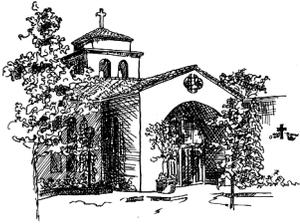


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FORWARD A NEW



Our Mission

To share Christ's unconditional love with everyone.

Our Vision

Emanuel's vision is to be loving, supportive, and welcoming, as we reach out in service and in witness to our neighborhood and the city beyond.

We share a passion to nurture people in all stages and circumstances of life.

We, as disciples of Christ, minister to our changing community in challenging cultural times.

God is calling us to joyfully follow the Holy Spirit in ministry to others.



SERVICE NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements: Please check emanuellutheran.org and remember to watch your email for updates & news from the church. If you have prayer requests, please call Pastor Lyn or the office.



As we celebrate Easter, we thank Jesus for giving his life for our sins. The dark day of the cross has given way to the brightness of Easter morning and he sits now at the right hand of God:

He has risen indeed!

For us, though, this past year has been filled with frustrations, uncertainty, loneliness, and not being able to enjoy so many activities that until last March we took for granted. We have missed freely visiting with family, friends and fellow members of Emanuel Lutheran Church.

However, we are grateful that our Emanuel family has endured the challenges and we have thrived. A lot of credit goes to Pastor Lyn for her marvelous ability to provide our congregation with meaningful worship services every Sunday throughout this pandemic crisis. The support offered by our organist Barbara Vukich and our technical wizard Mike Epting has been incredible. And all those who have kept our special outreach projects going in spite of the restrictions have deepened the meaning of what it means to “be a church”.

We are very grateful for those who have provided generous financial support throughout this very trying year. Your support makes it possible for Emanuel to continue to cover operating expenses. And best of all, Emanuel has been able to keep our outstanding and dedicated staff.

We all pray that Covid-19 will soon be conquered, and life will return to something more like normal. What is certain, is that Emanuel is alive and well and eager to renew those activities that have been on hold for the last 12 months. Once again, we will reach out to those in need, perhaps in new ways, and surely with renewed spirit. Again, we will be able to meet together in person. Again, we will be able to worship our Lord, without fear and without masks. With your ongoing support we will be ready!

Thank You All! **HE HAS RISEN INDEED!**

Bob Reuter

Treasurer, Emanuel Lutheran Church

Announcements

BIBLE STUDY: Hebrews: Grace & Gratitude. Meets Wednesday evenings at 7:00 via Zoom. **CODE: 825 3799 5092.** Each week begins with a short DVD presentation from the author followed by discussion of the chapter and Biblical references. You can join any time even if you don't have time to read the book. The discussion is inclusive and applies to our role as disciples of Christ.

From Outreach: New Project: Coin Jar. Deposit your spare coins, to be used for fund supplies for future Outreach projects, on the table in the Narthex. If you bring coins during the week, please let Paula know.

Mother's Day Project: The Outreach team is inviting all children & youth to help with a project for Mother's Day. A short project event will be held at church in Luther Hall on Saturday, **May 8th at 1:00 – 1:30 pm.** Please wear a mask. This is a wonderful way to engage in a church activity and begin to reconnect with others. Outreach is also inviting children, youth & families to participate in an ongoing outreach project called "Kids Helping Kids." More information will be forthcoming.

GRADUATES: ARE YOU graduating this spring? Do you know a grammar school, high school, college, or post-graduate student? Please let the office know who and when. We will recognize graduates June 13th.

LOVE MODESTO: There are still projects that need volunteers for Love Modesto Day on Saturday, the 24th. Go to LOVEMODESTO.COM if you're interested.

FYI: The annual Sierra Pacific Synod will meet in Assembly May 7-9 via Zoom. Dan Johnson and Pat Smith are congregational representatives, along with me. This year a new bishop will be elected. Please keep the assembly and the process in your prayers.

Please do keep checking your email for communication from the church. And please also remember to share your joys and your sorrows with us as well. Ministry is a partnership – we are "in this together!"



Entrance Hymn

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Chris-tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

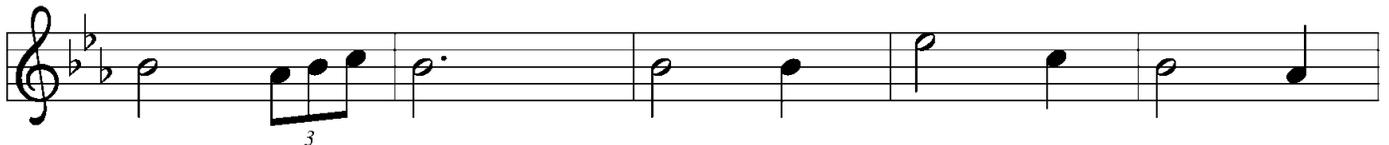
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Sermon Hymn

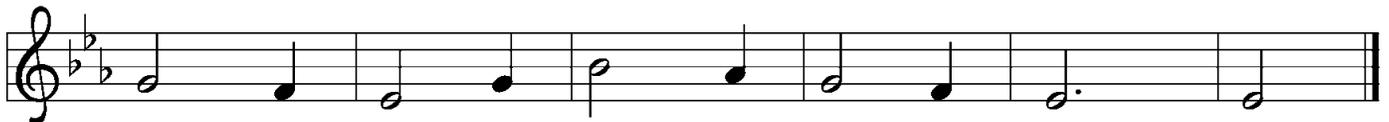
The King of Love My Shepherd Is



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thine unction grace bestoweth;
and, oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–1877

Music: ST. COLUMBA, Irish tune

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Communion Hymn

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us



- 1 Sav - ior like a shep - herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard - ian of our way;
3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use your fold pre - pare.
keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.

Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779–1847
Music: BRADBURY, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

Sending Hymn

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might-y stone is
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with



of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:
rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joice and say:
can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Cyril A. Alington, 1872–1955, alt.

Music: GELOBT SEI GOTT, Melchior Vulpius, 1570–1615

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Prayer Requests – April 25, 2021

- ✝ Continued prayers for healing & well-being for Baby Sergio Murillo who now has a fever unrelated to his previous injury.
- ✝ Prayers of comfort & peace for Chris Paulsen's uncle, Jerry Stone who has recently entered hospice care.
- ✝ Prayers for healing & recovery from minor surgery for Mike Clarke.
- ✝ Melissa Williams's (Kristine Kraft's friend) surgery was successful. She does not require chemo or radiation but still needs prayers for healing. Her mother is caring for her – prayers for strength for her.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for Rich Rollins, (Kristine Kraft's cousin's husband) in the hospital with pneumonia since Monday. He is over 70 with severe AFib.

On-going Prayers: Jesus Ojeda—healing & well-being (Ojeda); Paula Kroeze—healing & well-being; Kristin Scott & family—healing (Trana); Pat Smith—recovery, healing & well-being; Nancy Jones—health & well-being; Martha Strand & family—comfort and peace; Dola Houston—healing & well being (Teaney); Dennis Strand—health & well-being; Lois Silva and family—comfort and peace; Cathy—recovery & healing, Elsie—healing & well-being (Smith); Chris Paulsen—healing & well-being; Gary Johnson—full recovery and well-being (Waggoner); Stephanie Dishneau, hospitalized and in very serious condition—comfort & peace (Troedson); Jean Salazar & Chris Schmidt—comfort, strength & peace (Schmidt); William Teaney—healing; Doris Emery—comfort, Delores Locke—healing & hope, Troy Slaybaugh—mental health concerns, Rita McLehand—cancer diagnosis (Teaney); Yvonne Troedson as she adjusts to life changes; Bill Reinheimer—comfort, strength, and peace; Norma Christiansen—peace and comfort; Leslie Lapp—strength and healing for Leslie, her husband and family (Gierhan); Sue Allen—healing & well-being; Laurie Spinuzzi—healing, Brenna and family—healing and well-being (Marquez); Tamira Garza—healing/breast cancer treatment and prayers for Jeri as she is a source of strength for her daughter; Jeri's friend Linda Nelson—peace and comfort/pancreatic cancer

Pray for the church, the world and all those in need:

Doctors, nurses, technicians and all hospital personnel who care for patients & their needs.

For scientists, researchers, medical equipment manufacturers, corporations & employees who have stepped up to help during this crisis.

For those who are awaiting diagnostic tests results; for those already diagnosed with COVID-19 that healing will be complete.

For those who are dying and for those who grieve that they may be comforted with a sure and certain knowledge of Resurrection hope.

For all others who suffer from physical, emotional, mental or spiritual distress during this time we pray they may be sustained in love and grace.

For all this, and for whatever else you see that we need – we pray to you, O Lord. In Jesus' name, Amen

