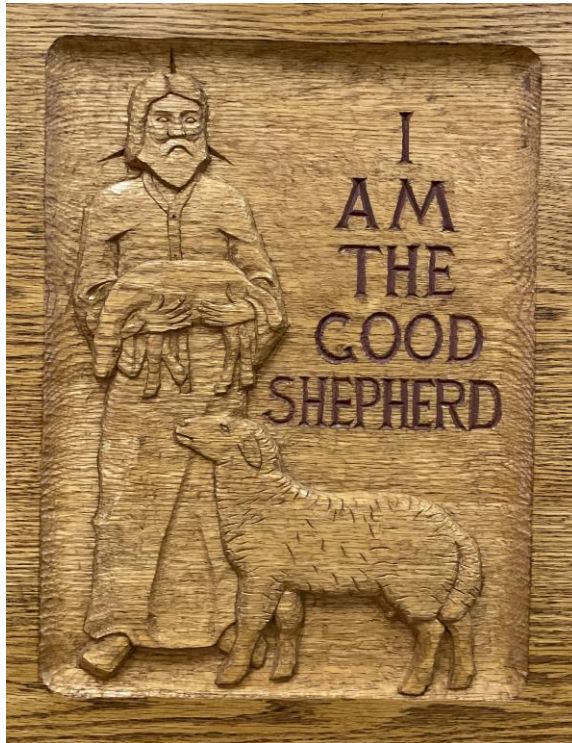


Fourth Sunday of Easter
Good Shepherd Sunday
April 21, 2024
8:30 Worship



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Welcome to Worship!

Central Lutheran Church, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Oregon Synod, is a Reconciling in Christ community: We affirm that Christ has made us one body with many members, all sharing in God's wondrous grace and unconditional love.

We celebrate both the human variation and inclusive unity of God's family. Following Jesus' example, we embrace all of God's people regardless of ethnicity, physical and mental abilities, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or economic circumstance. With welcoming hearts, we invite you to join us in worship, fellowship, and ministry.

Our mission is to be the hands and feet of Jesus by loving God and one another, nurturing faithful living, serving those in need, and sharing the Gospel.

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CALL TO WORSHIP

The Carillon

PRELUDE

Pastorale

Harold Darke

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM *(please stand as you are able)*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

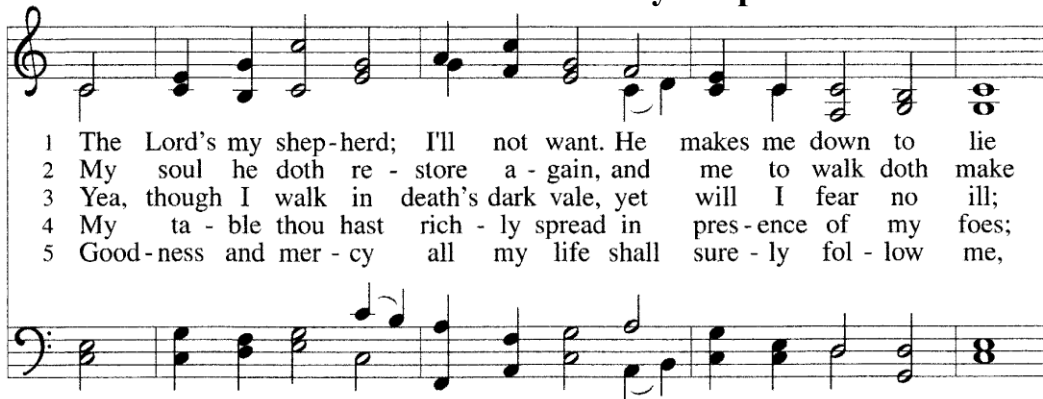
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as your beloved children, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

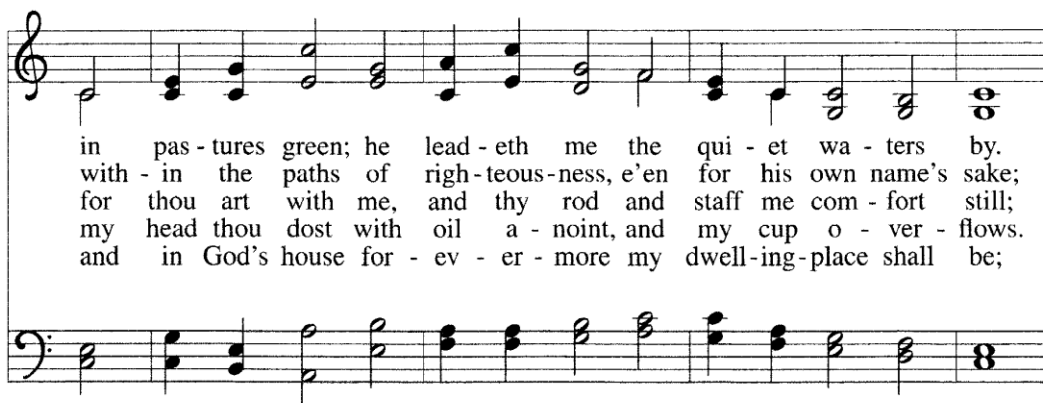
We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through our Risen Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

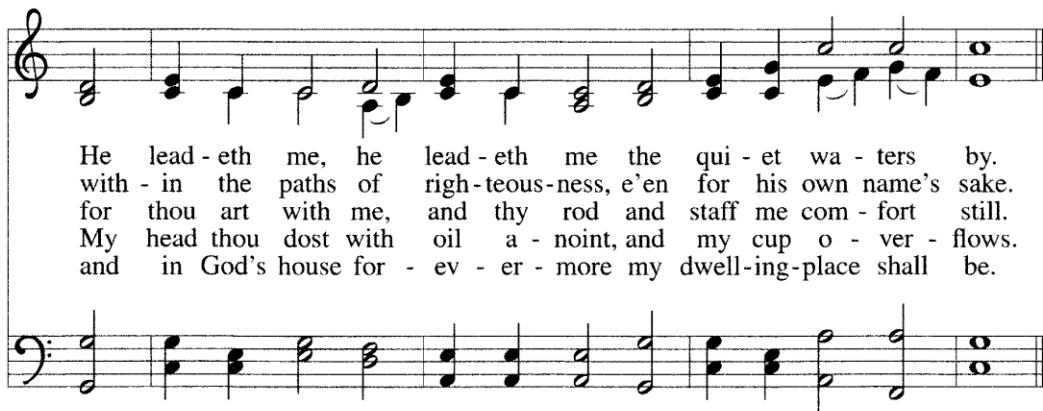
ENTRANCE HYMN #778 The Lord's My Shepherd



1 The Lord's my shep-herd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie
2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain, and me to walk doth make
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;
4 My ta - ble thou hast rich - ly spread in pres - ence of my foes;
5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly fol - low me,



in pas - tures green; he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
with - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake;
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still;
my head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell - ing - place shall be;



He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
with - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake.
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.
My head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
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GREETING

The grace of the Risen Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KOREAN KYRIE

Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

GLORIA

Organ Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to God's peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
mighty God and Fa - ther, we worship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the
Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; You are seat - ed at the

right hand of _ the _ Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer. Organ

For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One,

you a-lone are the Lord, _ you a-lone are the Most High,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly _ Spi - rit,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. _ _ _ A - - - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Lord Jesus, **you are the Good Shepherd. Gather us into your fold. Protect your flock. Seek the lost. 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.** *(please be seated)*

FIRST READING: Acts 4:5-12

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.

⁵The next day the rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” ⁸Then

Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let 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. ¹¹This 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.” The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23 *Sing entire Psalm*



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

**²The Lord makes me lie down | in green pastures
and leads me be- | side still waters.**

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

**⁴Though 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.**

**Glory be to the Father, and | to the Son, and to the | Holy Spirit.
As it was in the begin- | ning, is now, and will be fore- | ver. Amen.**

ANTHEM

The Lord Is My Shepherd Matthews

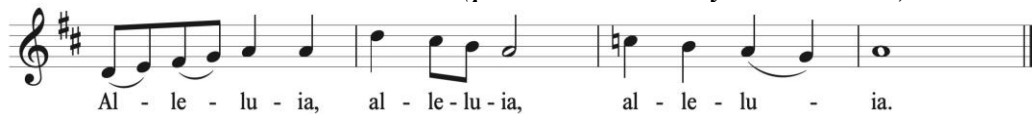
Chorale

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(please stand as you are able)*



Cantor: Jesus says, I am¹ the good shepherd.* I know my own and my¹ own know me. **Repeat antiphon.**

GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

The Gospel according to John, the 10th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[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.” **The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Laurie A. Jones

HYMN OF THE DAY The King of Love My Shepherd Is *(please stand)*

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.

NICENE CREED

With the whole church, let us profess our Christian faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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. *(please be seated)*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PEACE

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

ANTHEM *Be Still for the Presence of the Lord* arr. John Shield Chorale

OFFERTORY PRAYER *(please stand as you are able)*

Let us pray. Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

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

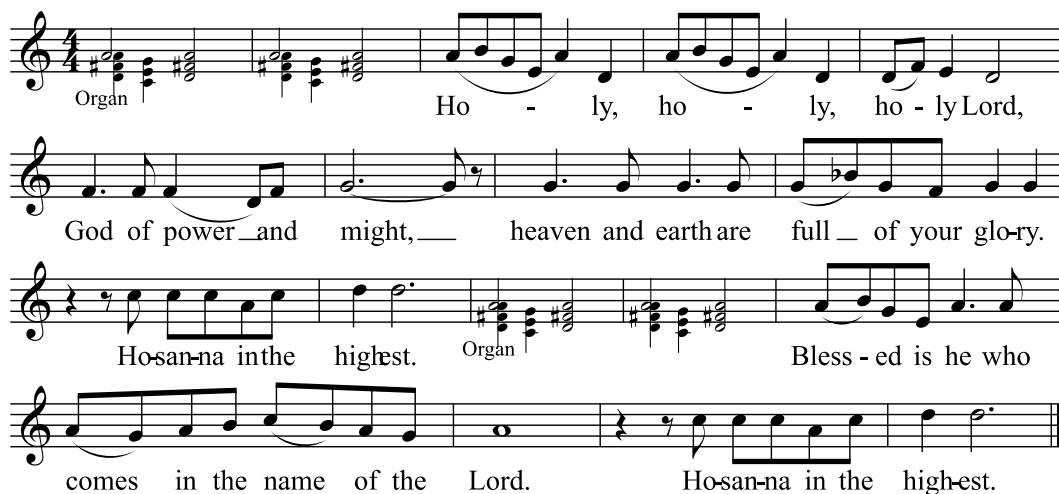
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Organ

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry.

Hosan-na in the highest. Organ Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Hosan-na in the highest.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age. Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

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.**

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.**

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. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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. (please be seated)

COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS & DISTRIBUTION

LAMB OF GOD

Organ Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy
on us. Je - sus, bear-er of our sins: have mer - cy
on us. Je - sus, Re-deem-er of the world: give us your peace.

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION *(please stand as you are able)*

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

The blessing of the living God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage. **Amen.**

HYMN #385 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

1. Good Chris - tian friends, re-joyce and sing! Now is the
 2. The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of
 3. Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry That love, that
 4. Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, And sing to -

tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
 song to strew his way; Let all the world re-joyce and say:
 life which can - not die, And sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
 day with one ac - cord, The life laid down, the life re - stored:

Al - le - lu - ia, ——— Al - le - lu - ia, ——— Al - le - lu - ia!

DISMISSAL

Christ is risen! Alleluia! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
 Go in peace. Serve the Risen Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *Grand Chœur on a Gregorian Theme* Guy Weitz

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God in celebration of Bob and Mary Just's 70th wedding anniversary.

Thank you for worshipping with us today. If you currently do not receive Central's Weekly Events or monthly Centralite via email, and you wish to receive it directly to your inbox, please fill out a pew card and we will gladly add you to our email listserv. Or, if you prefer communications be mailed to your home via USPS, please let us know.

Grab a cup of coffee and join us in the library following worship for an Adult Class on sacred music and hymnody with Susan & Ray Wade.

In honor of Earth Day and Interfaith Climate Action Week, Central will be hosting a screening of the film "Common Ground" this evening at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. Popcorn and drinks will be provided. All are welcome.

Join us next Saturday, April 27 at Emmaus Lutheran (18th & Polk) from 9-noon for the Seminar: "Seeking a Better End" with Gretchen Brauer-Rieke, RN, MSN, Certified Advance Care Planning Facilitator. Free and open to the public. All are welcome.

Help is needed: every Monday teams of Central members shop, cook, and deliver a home-cooked meal to First Place Families at the Annex for upwards of 50-60 children and parents. The food is provided by the Eugene Mission and can be prepped in Central's kitchen or in your own home. To volunteer, please contact Kim Meyers (541-914-8442).

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