



April 21st, 2024 – Good Shepherd Sunday / Easter 4

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Welcome! Thank you for joining us this morning for worship. In our service, we gather to praise our God who in his great love for us has bought us back from sin, death, and the devil through the blood of his Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

About the Picture: We hear the Savior's call to repentance and reconciliation.

Offering: The offering is collected as you enter into the sanctuary, in an offering plate located on a small table. Guests and visitors do not need to feel obligated to make an offering, though you are welcome to do so.

[Online Offering Portal](#)

The Service
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Hymn: 551 – Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep

1 Jesus, shepherd of the sheep,
who your Father's flock does keep,
safe we wake and safe we sleep,
guarded still by you.

2 In your promise firm we stand,
none can take us from your hand;
speak— we hear— at your command,
we will follow you.

3 By your blood our souls were bought,
by your life salvation wrought;
by your light our feet are taught,
Lord, to follow you.

4 Father, draw us to your Son;
we with joy will follow on
till the work of grace is done,
there to live with you.

5 We, in robes of glory dressed,
join th'assembly of the blest,
gathered to eternal rest
in the fold with you.

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the
Holy Spirit
Amen

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and
the truth is not in us,

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
And will forgive us our sins
And purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature
And have sinned against you in my thoughts,
words and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and
forever
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
With his innocent suffering and death.
Trusting in him I pray: God have mercy on me a
sinner.**

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He
sent his only Son, Jesus Christ who gave his life as the
atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Lord, Have Mercy (Kyrie)(sung)

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Amen.

Glory Be to God (Gloria in Excelsis)(sung)

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

We praise you, we bless you, we worship you,

we glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great glory,

**O Lord God, heavenly king, God the Father almighty,
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**

**You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer.
You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.**

**For you only are holy; you only are the Lord.
You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
are most high in the glory of God the Father, Amen**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.
O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Be seated

First Reading: Acts 20:28–32

²⁸Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. ³⁰Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. ³¹So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears.

³²“Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

I will live in the house of the Lord all days, all the days of my life.

The Lord is my / shepherd,
I lack / nothing.
He makes me lie down in green / pastures,
he leads me beside quiet / waters,
he refreshes / my soul.
He guides me along the right paths for his / name's sake.
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of
death, I will fear no / evil,
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they /
comfort me.

I will live in the house of the Lord all days, all the days of my life.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my /
enemies.

You anoint my head with oil; my cup / overflows.

Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days
/ of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for- / ever.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son

and to the Holy / Spirit,

as it was in the be- / ginning,

is now, and will be forever. / Amen.

I will live in the house of the Lord all days, all the days of my life.

Second Reading: 1 John 4:1–6

¹Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.

⁴You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. ⁵They are from the

world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood.
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon

Stand

Gospel Acclamation (sung) *The offering is brought to the altar at this time. Our online [giving portal can be found here.](#)*

"Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Jesus is the light of the world; in him we have the light of life.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia

Gospel: John 10:11–18

¹¹"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

¹⁴“I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep 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 are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. ¹⁷The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise be to you O Christ.

Be seated

Hymn of the Day: 552 – The King of Love My Shepherd Is

1 The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness fails me never;
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine forever.

2 Where streams of living water flow,
my Savior gently leads me,
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feeds me.

3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with you, dear Lord, beside me,
your rod and staff my comfort still,
your cross before to guide me.

5 You spread a table in my sight,
a banquet here bestowing;
your oil of welcome, my delight;
my cup is overflowing!

6 And so through all the length of days
your goodness fails me never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise
within your house forever!

Sermon: 1 John 4

Stand

Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Prayer of the Church

O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.

Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory.

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.

Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.

Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

Special prayers

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.

Be seated

Hymn 553 – The Lord’s My Shepherd

1 The Lord’s my shepherd; I’ll not want.
He makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.
He leadeth me, he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

2 My soul he doth restore again
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e’en for his own name’s sake;

within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake.

3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill;
for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still;
for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

4 My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

5 Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me,
and in God's house forevermore
my dwelling place shall be;
and in God's house forevermore
my dwelling place shall be.

Stand

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives

and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, now and forever.

Amen

The 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.

The Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look with favor and + give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Be seated

Hymn: 804 – I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

1 I am Jesus' little lamb;
ever glad at heart I am,
for my Shepherd gently guides me,

knows my need and well provides me,
loves me ev'ry day the same,
even calls me by my name.

2 Day by day, at home, away,
Jesus is my staff and stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me,
into pleasant pastures leads me;
when I thirst, he bids me go
where the quiet waters flow.

3 Who so happy as I am,
even now the Shepherd's lamb?
And when my short life is ended,
by his angel host attended,
he shall fold me to his breast,
there within his arms to rest.

"The Service: Setting One" and all hymn lyrics

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THIS WEEK AT PEACE:

**Today, April 21: Sunday School and Council Meeting,
10:30ish**

**Wednesday, April 24: Adult Bible Class, 10 am
Catechism, 5:30 pm**

Friday, April 26: Game Night, 6 pm

Saturday, April 27: LWMS Rally in Kingston

COMING UP:

May 3-4: Brat fry, bake sale, trunk bargains (Saturday only)

May 9: Ascension

May 18: Hike / BINGO or Bunco

May 19: Confirmation

May 23: PLS graduation/closing service, 6:30 pm

Food Drive on now!

Our annual food drive for the Green Lake County food pantry will run throughout the month of April. See posters throughout the building or handouts by the bubblers for what is needed. Bins for donations are in the fellowship hall.

Game Night April 26th

Starting at 6 pm in the church fellowship hall! Bring a favorite card or board game and a snack to share. All ages welcome. If the weather is good we will also do outside games (cornhole, kickball, etc).

Brats, Bakes, and Bargains

May 4th is our annual brat and bake sale in conjunction with the Green Lake city-wide rummage sale.

Bake Sale: Bring baked goods to church by 4 pm

Thursday, May 2. Ladies Aid will “bag and tag” starting at that time.

Trunk sales: If you have some stuff you’re ready to jettison but not enough for a whole rummage sale on

your own, bring your stuff to our trunk sale! You are responsible for pricing and managing your own trunk. Proceeds are yours to disperse as you see fit—give to church, local charity, or keep for yourself. **Please sign up by the bubblers if you plan to bring a trunk.** We need to know how much of the parking lot to mark off.

Hike and BINGO or Bunco May 18

Saturday, May 18 will be a fellowship activity morning! If the weather is good and you're up for a walk outside in God's beautiful creation, we'll meet you on an area trail yet to be announced. If that's not your thing or the weather is wet, come to the fellowship hall instead for BINGO or Bunco. Incidentally if you have or know of a BINGO set we can borrow, please talk to Leah. If we can't find a set, we'll do Bunco which is a simple dice game. Whether your hike or play games at church, pack a sack lunch and we'll meet back at church.

OFFERING 4-14-24

General Fund \$12,846.00
Church-Blacktop Fund \$125.00
Easter Sunday Envelope \$121.00
Good Friday Envelope \$60.00
Church Outdoor Sign \$345.00
Maundy Thursday Envelope \$15.00
Plate Offering \$659.50
Tuition \$1348.00
Church Roof Fund-School \$450.00

School Family Financial Fund \$20.00

Total \$15,989.50

Our weekly offering goal is \$9,626.

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Memory of Eugene Anderson

To: General Fund

From: Carla Mathasz

Memory of Eugene Anderson

To: Outdoor Sign

From: Audrey Kelma, Barbara Rost, Gordy & Cheri Smith

Memory of Eugene Anderson

To: Blacktop Fund

From: Steve & Lisa Utecht

Memory of Chuck Murphy

To: General Fund

From: John & Jean Murphy