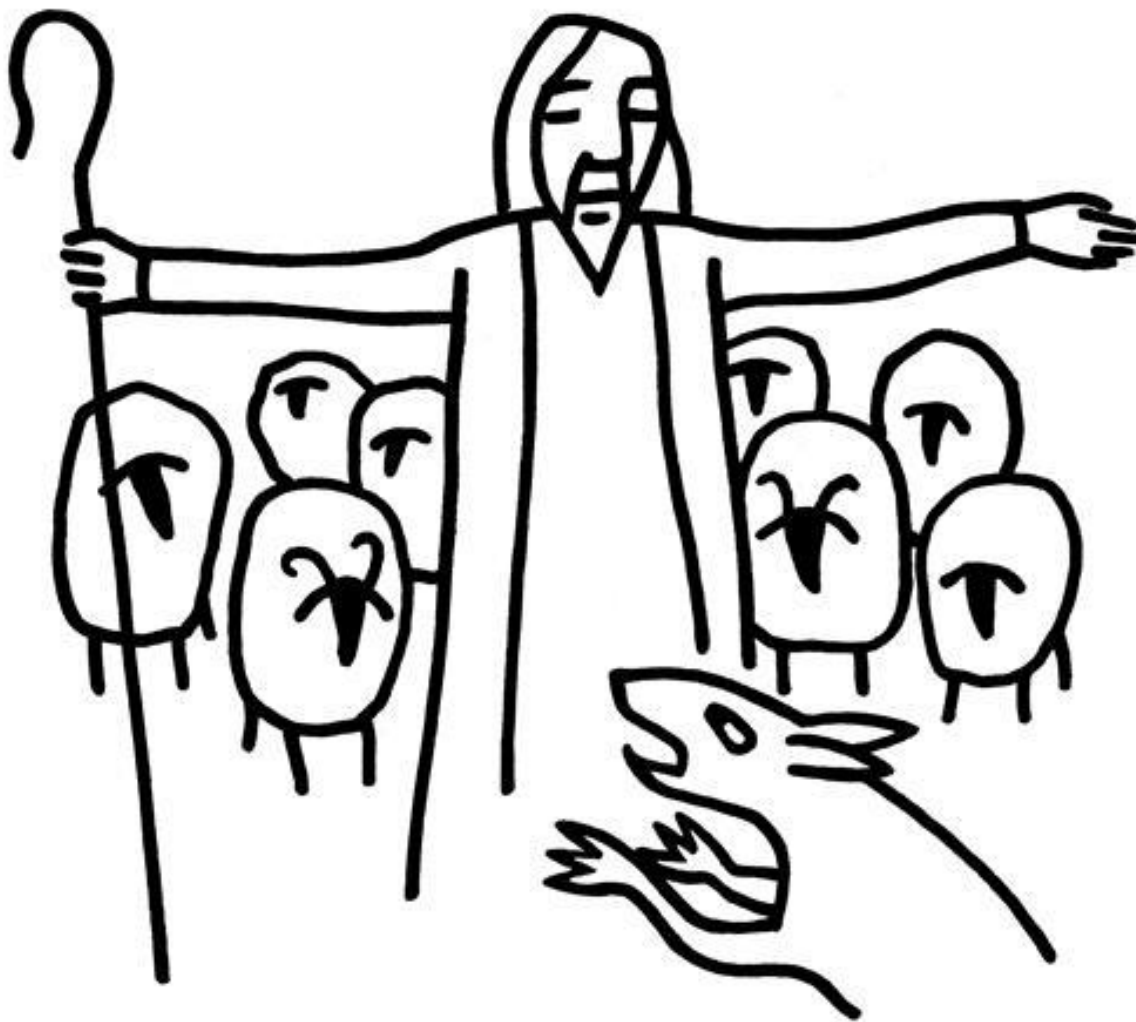


Our Saviour

Lutheran Church



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Fourth Saturday in Easter + Year B

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The trumpets sound, the angels sing,
the feast is ready to begin.
The gates of heav'n are open wide,
And Jesus welcomes you inside.

Refrain: Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight.
Come and revel in heaven's love and light.
Take your place at the table of the King.
The feast is ready to begin; the feast is ready to begin.

Tables are laden with good things;
Oh, taste the peace and joy he brings.
He'll fill you up with love divine;
He'll turn your water into wine. **(Refrain)**

The hungry heart he satisfies,
Offers the poor his paradise.
Now hear all heav'n and earth applaud
The amazing goodness of the Lord. **(Refrain)**

Welcome and Announcements

❧ GATHERING ❧

Confession and Forgiveness

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Gracious God,

C have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

P Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our ✝ Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C Amen

Sharing the Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

L Let us pray.

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.

C Amen.

🌀 WORD 🌀

Children's Message

Children come forward during "This Little Light of Mine".

First Reading: Acts 4:5-12

L A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.”

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Shepherd Me, O God

ELW780

Refrain (all):

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.

Verses (leader):

God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace. *(Refrain)*

Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,
You lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,
My spirit shall sing the music of your name. *(Refrain)*

Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,
Your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope. *(Refrain)*

You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,
Crowning me with love beyond my pow’r to hold. *(Refrain)*

Surely your kindness and mercy follow me
All the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore. *(Refrain)*

Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

L A reading from John's first letter.

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.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel: John 10:11-18

The congregation remains seated during the multi-voice presentation of the lesson.

P The holy gospel according to Luke.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus: ¹¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep *in His care*. ¹² The hired hand is not like the shepherd caring for His own sheep. When a wolf attacks, snatching and scattering the sheep, he runs for his life, leaving them *defenseless*. ¹³ The hired hand runs because he works only for wages and does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴ I

am the good shepherd; I know My sheep, and My sheep know Me. ¹⁵ As the Father knows Me, I know the Father; I will give My life for the sheep. ¹⁶ There are many more sheep than you can see here, and I will bring them as well. They will hear My voice, and the flock will be united. One flock. One shepherd. ¹⁷ The Father loves Me because I *am willing to lay down My life*—but I will take it up again. ¹⁸ My life cannot be taken away by anybody else; I am giving it of My own free will. My authority allows Me to give My life and to take it again. All this has been commanded by My Father.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Song of the Day *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* ELW502
Verses 1 & 6

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

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

Prayers of the People

P Beloved, I ask you prayers for the church, for all manners of people, and for God's good Creation. After each category is announced, offer your own petitions aloud or in silence

Prayer Song *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* ELW752

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

P For the church. [C Names]

- P For our nation, and for the nations of the world. [C Names]
- P For God's blessings, in thanksgiving. [C Names]
- P For the poor. [C Names]
- P For the sick. [C Names]
- P Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C Amen.

The Prayer Song is repeated at the conclusion of our prayers.

❧ MEAL ❧

Sharing Our Gifts

- L Let us offer back to God what God has first given us: ourselves, our time and our possessions, signs of his gracious love.

Our offerings support the work of the church here and around the world. Please pass the baskets from front to back. You may also make an offering online at www.oslc-warrenton.org by clicking the "DONATE" tab on the homepage. Thank you!

Offertory Song *O Praise The Name (Anástasis)*

O praise the Name of the Lord our God.
 O praise His Name forevermore.
 For endless days we will sing Your praise.
 Oh Lord, oh Lord our God. (3x)

Offering Prayer

- L Let us pray together.
- C 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.

Dialogue

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Thanksgiving at the Table

P Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth. ... Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C Amen

Lord's Prayer

P Let us pray as our Savior taught us.

C 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.

Sharing Holy Communion

All baptized Christians are invited to share Christ's Body. If you wish to receive Holy Communion, please come forward and stand or kneel around the altar.

Communion Song

Shepherd

The Lord, my portion, I shall not want.

The Lord, my comfort, I shall not fear.

Yea, though I walk through the valley low,
Yea, though the path gets steep:

Chorus:

Surely goodness will follow me.
Ev'ry promise will be light to my feet.
When my heart is prone to wandering,
Jesus, You shepherd me.

The Lord, my keeper, I stand secure.
The Lord, my healer, Your love endures.
Yea, though I walk through the valley low,
Yea, though the path gets steep:

(Chorus)

And I will dwell for all my days
In the shadow of Your relentless grace!
And I will dwell for all my days
In Your presence, Your presence!

Surely goodness will follow me.
Ev'ry promise will be light to my feet.
When my heart is prone to wandering,
Surely goodness will follow me.
Ev'ry promise will be light to my feet.
When my heart is prone to wandering,
Jesus, You shepherd me.
O my Jesus, You shepherd me.

Prayer After Communion

L Let us pray.

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.

C Amen.

✻ SENDING ✻

Blessing

L Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

L The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ✚ bless you now and always.

C **Amen.**

Sending Song

He Leadeth Me

Verses 1 & 3

He leadeth me: oh, blessed thought!
Oh, words with heav'nly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where-e'er I be,
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Chorus:

He leadeth me, he leadeth me,
By His own hand He leadeth me.
His faithful foll'wer I would be,
For by His hand He leadeth me.

Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine,
Nor ever murmur nor repine;
Content, whatever lot I see,
Since 'tis my God that leadeth me.

(Chorus)

Dismissal

L Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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