



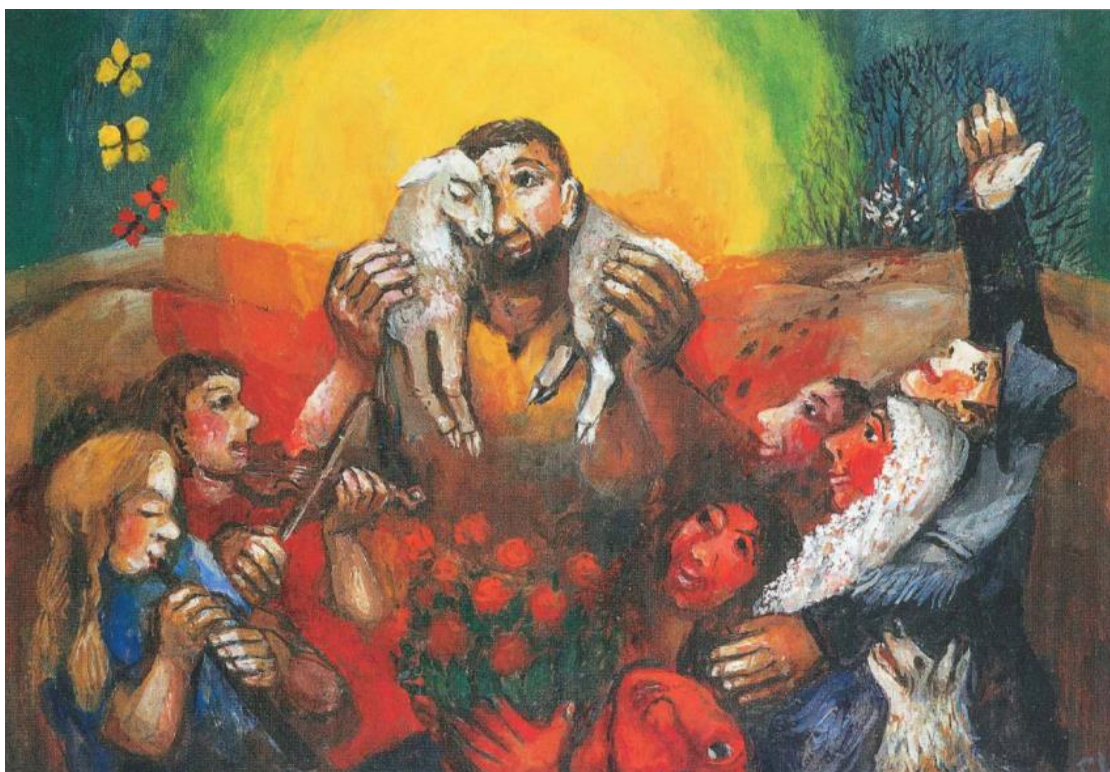
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We are a *Reconciling in Christ*
congregation, affirming the
diversity of God's children



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Fourth Sunday of EASTER



The Good Shepherd
Sieger Köder

April 25, 2021
10:00 am

Followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all...

an adventure for life!

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

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In Preparation for Worship

- Within the sanctuary please remember that some people use this time of silence to prepare for worship.
- Whenever the cross is carried in procession through the congregation, we turn to face the cross to signify our way of life as followers of Jesus.
- Large-print bulletins and copies of the worship order are available; ask an usher for assistance.
- Assistive hearing devices are available from the ushers.

Pandemic Safety Protocols

- Please spread yourselves out in the sanctuary. Leave the first two rows of pews for worship leaders.
- Please remain seated throughout the service.
- You can sing the hymns softly with your mask on.
- Individual communion elements are available to pick up at the front door.
- If you wish to use one of the first-floor bathrooms, please follow instructions in the bathroom about disinfecting it after your use.
- We will want everyone out of the building by 10 minutes after the service ends.

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Shepherd Me, O God, arr. Mark Hayes

Refrain: Shepherd Me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears,
from death into life.

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*

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*



Welcome

Hymn

We Are All One in Christ

(sing twice)

We are all one in Christ, we are one bod - y, all one
peo - ple out of man - y. We are all one in Christ, we are one
bod - y, all one peo - ple out of man - y.
There is one God, and on - ly one Lord; there is one
faith, one ho - ly love. There is one bap - tism; there is one
Spir - it, who is God the com - fort - er.

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Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the friendship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise

Refrain

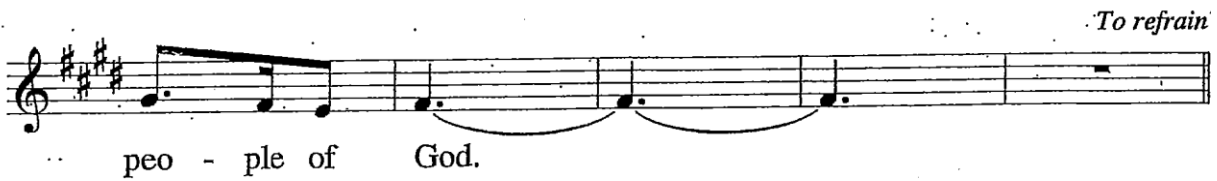
Congregation:

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
to the God of life and love and
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -
er - more!

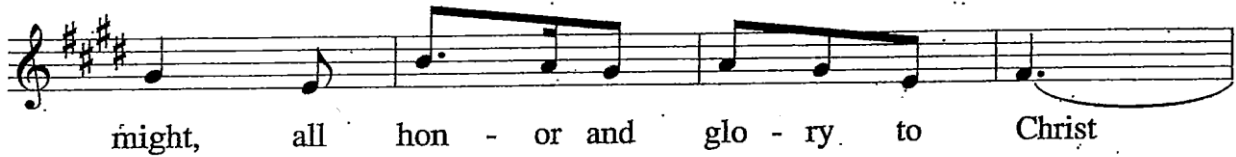
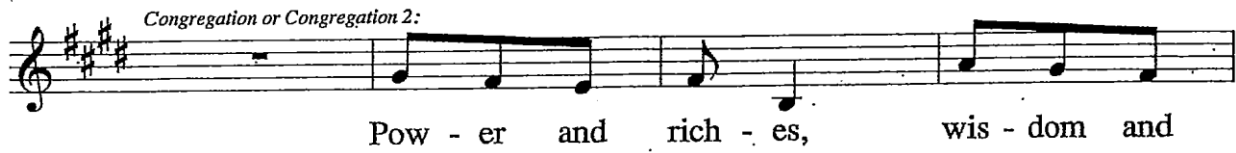
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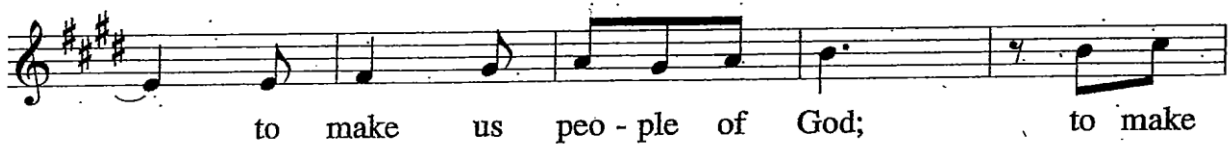
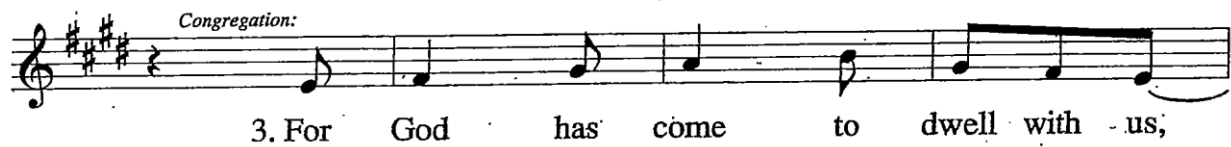
1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once
slain, whose blood has freed and u -
nit - ed us to be one great



Verse 2



Verse 3



WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Reading

1 John 3:16-24 (The Message)

A reading from First John

This is how we've come to understand and experience love: Christ sacrificed his life for us. This is why we ought to live sacrificially for our fellow believers, and not just be out for ourselves. If you see some brother or sister in need and have the means to do something about it but turn a cold shoulder and do nothing, what happens to God's love? It disappears. And you made it disappear.

My dear children, let's not just talk about love; let's practice real love. This is the only way we'll know we're living truly, living in God's reality. It's also the way to shut down debilitating self-criticism, even when there is something to it. For God is greater than our worried hearts and knows more about us than we do ourselves.

And friends, once that's taken care of and we're no longer accusing or condemning ourselves, we're bold and free before God! We're able to stretch our hands out and receive what we asked for because we're doing what he said, doing what pleases him. Again, this is God's command: to believe in God's personally named Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus told us to love each other, in line with the original command. As we keep his commands, we live deeply and surely in him, and he lives in us. And this is how we experience his deep and abiding presence in us: by the Spirit he gave us.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God.



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

**The LORD makes me lie down | in green pastures
and leads me be- | side 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.**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John **Glory to you, O Lord.**

“I am the good shepherd. I know my sheep and my sheep know me, in the same way Abba God knows me and I know God – and for these sheep I will lay down my life. I have other sheep that don’t belong to this fold – I must lead them too, and they will hear my voice. And then there will be one flock, one shepherd. This is why Abba God loves me: because I lay down my life, only to take it up again. No one takes my life from me; I lay it down freely. I have the power to lay it down, and I have the power to take it up again. This command I received from my Abba.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Message *WON'T YOU LET ME LOVE YOU?*

Ministry of Music

Farther Along

W. B. Stevens

vocal trio - Emily Kent, Kathy Rapp, Karen Kent

Tempted and tried, we're oft made to wonder
why it should be thus all the day long,
while there are others living about us,
never molested though in the wrong.

Refrain: Farther along we'll know all about it.
Farther along we'll understand why.
Cheer up, my brother, live in the sunshine.
We'll understand it all by and by.

When death has come and taken our loved ones,
it leaves our home so lonely and drear.
Then do we wonder why others prosper
living so wicked year after year.

Refrain

When we see Jesus coming in glory,
when he comes from his home in the sky,
then we shall meet Him in that bright mansion.
We'll understand it all by and by.

Refrain

Yes, we'll understand it all by and by.



Apostles Creed

Let us confess our faith in the Triune God as expressed in these historic words:

**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.**

Community Prayers

Let us pray....

Amen.

Included in our daily prayers are those with special needs or concerns:

Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Lea Spang, Bonnie Hegreness, Heidi Carman, Cora Marquez, Mary Kennedy, Kelly Scott, Diane Louangrath, Sue Baker and Cathy Oldham, Julie Denniss' uncle Ed Stewart, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Kathie and Nancy Ehrich and their niece and sister-in-law, Stan Heacock, Jeremy Davis, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt and sister Jan, Brittany Parsons, Lynn Belhorn's friend MaryAnn, Shirley and Jack Miller, Deidre (DJ) Zimmer, Jon Denniss, Mary Bowling's sister Val, Carolyn and Ed Klopfer, Nancy Stinson's brother Tom Starkey, Barbara and David Hairston, Grace and Ken Jones, Dora Pinder and family, Heidi Sherer's Aunt Mary and Uncle Joel Sherer, John Kennedy's niece Michele Wolfe, family of Doretha Holland, family and friends of Pamela Reed, Izzy and Sophie Skoog.

Children's Time

Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

We take time to greet one another with words like Peace be with you.

WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

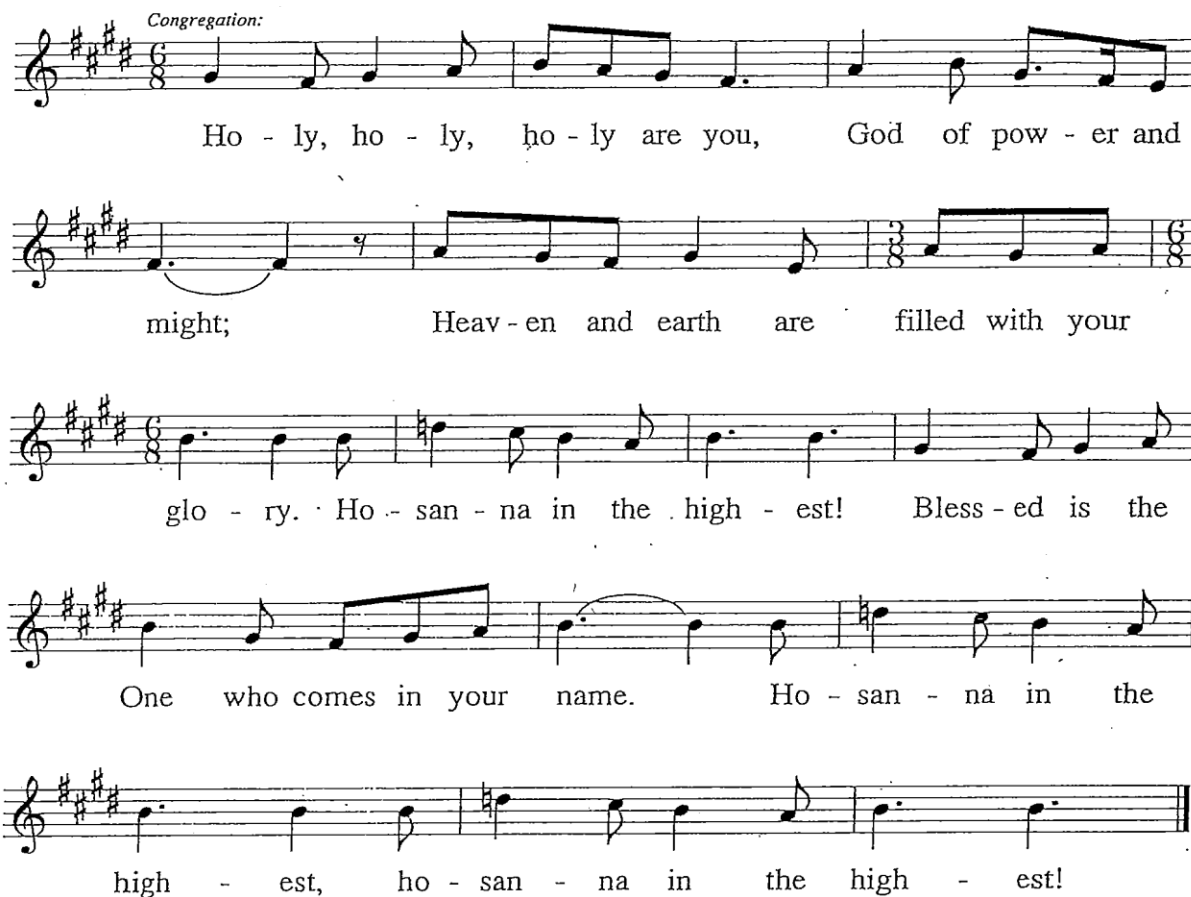
**And also with you.
We lift them to the Lord.**

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We stand in the resurrection garden of God – a place filled and shaped by love and ripe with all it might become when we are open to the Spirit's life and ours become one. This is the table of the risen Jesus – a place fashioned and furnished by love and rich with its promises. So come – whether you have seen and believed, or are dubious and doubting still, whether you confess confidently, or come to this meal with a fragile, fearful heart. Come and share these gifts of grace, encounter Christ, and be healed by Love and transformed by Life.

We remember with wonder and joy that Love, though broken on a cross, was not defeated. We rejoice that Love, though swallowed by death, was not silenced. Neither defeated nor silenced, Love lives and speaks words of welcome, healing and hope to all. In awe of all you have done and all you are doing through us, we join our voices with that of Creation and with all those who bear witness across the world and throughout the ages to the eternal power of your Love and Life:

Congregation:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the
One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

Before the bright dawn in the garden – in which Love was resurrected, before the cold silence of the tomb – by which Love was swallowed, before the brutal horror of the cross – on which Love was broken, before the bitter struggle of the Gethsemane garden – through which Love affirmed its choices, Jesus ate a final supper with his friends.

He took bread, blessed it, and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take this, and eat! This is my body, broken for you. Do this to remember me.” After supper, he took a cup of wine and gave it to them, saying, “This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood. It is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. As often as you drink this, do so to remember me.”

And so we pray the prayer Jesus taught us:

Lord’s Prayer

**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.**

Recalling that meal and honoring that life, eating this bread and drinking this cup, we thank you, God, for making us part of the ongoing story of your Love and Life. Now, we pray, send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine, that we may once again encounter Christ’s Love and be transformed by Christ’s Life.

Sharing the Meal

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. This is Jesus’ table: he welcomed everyone, and so do we.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give you thanks, Holy God, that in this meal, Jesus Christ, Love resurrected, has met us once again in this garden and touched and transformed us with Life. May the peace of the Resurrected One – the challenging peace of committed life, the liberating peace of selfless love, the vibrant peace of new possibility – recall us to radical living, empower us for rich loving, and transform us with radiant joy. Alleluia! **Amen.**

WE ARE SENT

Hymn

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Refrain

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show
us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,
2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash-ing their feet:

Refrain
mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
this is the way we will live with you.

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Blessing

Amen.

Sending Announcements

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

arr. Mark Hayes

Our first act of love is to greet those standing near us and around us.

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Adult Sunday School
11:15 am Sundays



Holy Spirit: Source of Life

Topic: Sunday Adult Education Zoom Meeting

Time: 11:15 AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81888782023?pwd=Q2Z2cW9ob3JvR1NSRi9rYVBkMC90Zz09>

Meeting ID: 818 8878 2023 – Passcode: 630107

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Exploring the Psalms
We'd love to have you join us!

Tuesdays - 1:00 pm
Hybrid Sessions

In Person - Room 2

Zoom

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OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	David Shull, Pastor
Assisting Minister	Bernice Stewart
ASL Interpreter	Tori Reed
Reader	Damon Stewart
Cantor	Scott Steiner
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chimes Choir Director	Karen Kent
Verger	Wendy Stoica
Producer	Scott Steiner, Tom Mimplitch

Noisy Offering will go to ELCA Disaster Relief.

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER APRIL 25 – MAY 2

Today	10:00 am	In-Person and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	ZOOM Adult Education
Tuesday	1:00 pm	In-Person and ZOOM Bible Study
	4:00 pm	ZOOM Mutual Ministry Team
	7:00 pm	In-Person Journaling Workshop
Next Sunday	10:00 am	In-Person and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	ZOOM Adult Education

