# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church Peachtree City, Georgia April 21, 2024 11:00 A.M.

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■ Pastor **L** = Lector [reader] **C** Congregation ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red hymnal)↑ Please stand as you are able.

## PRELUDE

Welcome to worship! Today's worship includes the sacrament of communion. Communion is offered by intinction: you may receive a wafer and dip it in the chalice with wine or white grape juice. Or you may pick up a prefilled communion "kit" that is grape juice and a gluten free wafer. Please tell an usher if you need a communion kit brought to you where you sit.

- P Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
- **G** Christ is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

## WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **<b>†** EXCHANGING THE PEACE

P The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always

## **G** And also with you.

We share a sign of God's peace.

**<sup>†</sup> GATHERING HYMN** *The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing* 

- 1 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.
- 2 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*
- 3 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* Text and music: Graham Kendrick, b. 1950

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## **<sup>−</sup> GREETING**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

## **G** And also with you.

## **Ŷ PRAYER OF THE DAY**

▶ 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.

#### FIRST READING 1 John 3:16-24

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Be Not Afraid Be not afraid, sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia! Be not afraid, sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!

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SERMON

**① HYMN OF THE DAY** Shepherd Me, O God

#### Refrain

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

- 1 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*
- 2 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*
- 3 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*
- 4 You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred, crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold. *Refrain*
- 5 Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life; I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore. *Refrain*

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## **<sup>†</sup>** AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Imanuela Agada	Josef Agada	Greyson Harris
Jordan Keil	Aubrey Riecke	Benjamin White

#### **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

When the petition concludes "God of grace," **please respond, "Hear our prayer."** The prayers are ended with these words, "Into your hands, most merciful God,... through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord." **Please respond, "Amen."** 

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**MUSICAL OFFERING** The Words I Would Say, Sidewalk Prophets Kendra Campbell-Milburn, Brad Milburn

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## **<sup>1</sup>** THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
- Holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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And also with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 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.

#### **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

Please approach the altar using the diagonal aisles and return by the side or middle aisles. You will be offered a wafer, which you may dip in either the chalice of wine or the white grape juice. You may also choose a packaged cup with wine or grape juice, or a gluten-free wafer with wine.

#### **COMMUNION HYMN** Come to the Table

Come to the table of mercy, prepared with the wine and the bread. All who are hungry and thirsty, come, and your souls will be fed. Come at the Lord's invitation; receive from his nail-scarred hand. Eat of the bread of salvation; drink of the blood of the Lamb. Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942

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#### COMMUNION HYMN Will You Come and Follow Me

- 1 "Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
- 2 "Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer pray'r in you and you in me?
- 3 "Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the pris'ners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?
- 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
- 5 Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me. Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

ELW Hymn 798

ELW Hymn 481

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## **Ŷ PASTORAL BLESSING and BENEDICTION**

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always.

### **G** Amen.

## **<b><sup>†</sup> SENDING HYMN** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

## Refrain

In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

- 2 I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus. Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. *Refrain*
- 3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus. When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain*

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## **☆** SENDING

- Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. Invite all to join in connecting to Jesus' pathway of joy and life.
- **C** Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

## **① POSTLUDE**

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# THE LESSONS Sunday, April 21

#### FIRST READING: 1 John 3:16-24

L The first reading is from 1st John, the 3rd chapter.

<sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>How 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?

<sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

<sup>23</sup>And 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. <sup>24</sup>All 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. **G** Thanks be to God

#### **GOSPEL:** John 10:11-18

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 10th chapter.

[Jesus said:] <sup>11</sup>"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The 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. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I 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. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No 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."

Glory to you, O Lord.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

**G** Praise to you, O Christ.