

# April 21, 2024 ~ 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

9:30 a.m.

*congregational responses are in bold.*

PRELUDE

MUSIC

*"Rooftops"*

by Jesus Culture

Here I am before You. Falling in love and seeking Your truth  
Knowing that Your perfect grace. Has brought me to this place

Because of You I freely live. My life to You, oh God, I give  
So I stand before You, God. I lift my voice cause You set me free

So I shout out Your name. From the rooftops I proclaim  
That I am Yours, I am Yours

All the good You've done for me. I lift up my hands for all to see  
You're the only one. Who brings me to my knees

To share this love across the earth. The beauty of Your holy worth  
So I kneel before You, God. I lift my hands cause You set me free

So I shout out Your name. From the rooftops I proclaim  
That I am Yours, I am Yours

All that I am. I place into Your loving hands  
And I am Yours, I am Yours  
Here I am, I stand, with arms wide open  
To the One, the Son. The everlasting God, the everlasting God  
Here I am, I stand, with arms wide open  
To the One, the Son. The everlasting God, the everlasting God

Here I am. Arms wide open  
Here I am. Heart wide open  
Here I am, God. Can you tell Him tonight  
Jesus, here I am. Here I am. Here I am  
Arms wide open Jesus

So I shout out Your name. From the rooftops I proclaim  
That I am Yours, I am Yours. All that I am

I place into Your loving hands. And I am Yours, I am Yours  
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 That I am Yours, I am Yours. All that I am  
 I place into Your loving hands  
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 Here I am, I stand, with arms wide open. To the One, the Son  
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 I place into Your loving hands. And I am Yours, I am Yours  
 So I shout out Your name. From the rooftops I proclaim  
 That I am Yours, I am Yours. All that I am  
 I place into Your loving hands. And I am Yours, I am Yours  
 Jesus, we're Yours

GATHERING HYMN NO. 369 *"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!"*

- 1 Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!  
 Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!  
 offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!  
 at the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!
- 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!  
 sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!  
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!  
 now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!
- 3 Christ, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!  
 God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!  
 when contending death and life, Alleluia!  
 met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!
- 4 Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!  
 all your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!  
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!  
 now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

Text: attr. Wipo of Burgundy, d. c. 1050; tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1807-1882, alt.

#### CONFESSIO AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

P Gracious God,

**C have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. Amen.

#### GREETING

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

**C And also with you.**

#### KRYIE

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P 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.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Power, riches, wisdom and strength,  
and honor, blessing, and glory are his.  
This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God,  
and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might  
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.  
This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.  
Alleluia.  
This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**1 John 3:16-24**

<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.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Psalms 23**

L <sup>1</sup>The Lord is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.

C <sup>2</sup>**The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

L <sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O Lord,  
and guide me along right pathways for your name’s sake.

C <sup>4</sup>**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.**

L <sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

C     **‘Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
          and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**  
L     The Word of the Lord.                           C     **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION           *“Have No Fear, Little Flock”*

1       **Have no fear, little flock;  
          have no fear, little flock,  
          for the Father has chosen  
          to give you the kingdom;  
          have no fear, little flock!**

2       **Have good cheer, little flock;  
          have good cheer, little flock,  
          for the Father will keep you  
          in his love forever;  
          have good cheer, little flock!**

3       **Praise the Lord high above;  
          praise the Lord high above,  
          for he stoops down to heal you,  
          uplift and restore you;  
          praise the Lord high above!**

4       **Thankful hearts raise to God;  
          thankful hearts raise to God,  
          for he stays close beside you,  
          in all things works with you;  
          thankful hearts raise to God!**

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jilson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4, Text © 1973 Concordia Publishing House

GOSPEL READING   **John 10:11-18**

[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.”

P     This is the Good News of Jesus Christ.                           C     **Thanks be to God!**

HYMN

*"This is Amazing Grace"*

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?  
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?  
The King of glory, the King above all kings

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder?  
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?  
The King of glory, the King above all kings

This is amazing grace. This is unfailing love  
That You would take my place. That You would bear my cross  
You laid down Your life. That I would be set free  
Oh, Jesus, I sing for. All that You've done for me

Who brings our chaos back into order?  
Who makes the orphans a son and daughter?  
The King of glory, the King of glory  
Who rules the nations with truth and justice  
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance  
The King of glory, the King above all kings

This is amazing grace. This is unfailing love  
That You would take my place. That You would bear my cross  
You laid down Your life. That I would be set free  
Oh, Jesus, I sing for. All that You've done for me

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy, worthy, worthy

This is amazing grace. This is unfailing love  
That You would take my place. That You would bear my cross  
You laid down Your life. That I would be set free  
Oh, Jesus, I sing for  
All that You've done for me  
All that You've done for me

## 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.

## PRAYERS

L Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

*A brief silence.*

L Shepherding God, gather your church whenever we wander from you and one another. Empower our church in ministries around the world to worship and serve alongside global companions as equal partners and coworkers in the gospel. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Nurturing God, preserve the health of biomes and ecosystems. Inspire scientists, researchers, conservation organizations, and all people entrusted with the task of caring for creation, that we may be better stewards of the world around us. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Almighty God, lead nations and communities to share resources, cooperate in solving conflicts, and listen to the wisdom of Indigenous peoples. Help all those with power to share it and to use such power for good. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Loving God, protect the very young and the very old, those living without housing, victims of domestic abuse, and all who live with chronic illness or compromised immune systems. Guide communities to actively care for people who are vulnerable. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Gracious God, help this and all communities of faith to listen for your voice. Call us away from things that distract us from following you. Invite us to more deeply love and

serve people who are lonely, isolated, and on the margins. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P Living God, we give thanks for our ancestors in faith (including Anselm of Canterbury and all who labored to help generations understand the good news of the gospel). Strengthen us to share the good news in our own day. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

C **Amen.**

## PEACE

### OFFERING MUSIC

*"The King of Love my Shepherd Is"*

Chancel Choir

### MUSIC

*"Create in Me a Clean Heart"*

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.**

### COMMUNION

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.**

### PROPER PREFACE

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of pow'r and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**



## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.**

### COMMUNION MUSIC

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
    have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
    have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
    grant us peace.

*"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*

*Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950, based on Psalm 23*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS ARE TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY

Diana Bock

In Thanks for a wonderful Church Family :)

## BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.  
C Amen.

SENDING MUSIC NO. 660 "Lift High the Cross"  
*Refrain*

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.**

1 **Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,  
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain***

2 **All newborn servants of the Crucified  
bear on their brows the seal of him who died. *Refrain***

3 **O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. *Refrain***

4 **So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain***

*Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827-1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874-1956*

## SENDING

L Go in peace. Share the Good News!  
C Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen!