

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 21, 2024

PRELUDE 8:15

*Little Flock/St. Columba (The King of Love My Shepherd Is)
Christ is our Cornerstone*

*M. Sedio
A. Slowins*

GATHERING SONG 10:45

Miracle Power

Bergthold, Cash et al.

WELCOME

Pastor Penny

OPENING HYMN 8:15

Christ Is Our Cornerstone

LSB 912

- 1 Christ is our cornerstone, On Him alone we build;
With His true saints alone The courts of heav'n are filled. On His great love
Our hopes we place Of present grace and joys above.
- 2 Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we implore,
And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us evermore Until that day
When all the blest To endless rest Are called away.
- 3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hallowed courts shall ring;
Our voices we will raise The Three in One to sing And thus proclaim
In joyful song, Both loud and long, That glorious name.

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10:45

*Open Up the Heavens
Do It Again*

*MacDonald, Ingram et al.
Furtick, Redman et al.*

OPENING

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. *(Matthew 28:19b)*

People: Amen.

Pastor: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

People: For the Good Shepherd lays His life down for the sheep.

Pastor: He makes me lie down in green pastures He leads me beside still waters;

People: For the Good Shepherd knows His own and cares for them.

Pastor: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil.

People: For the Good Shepherd has authority over death and life.

Pastor: I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever;

People: For the Good Shepherd has gathered us into His fold. *(adapt. from Psalm 23 and John 10:11-18)*

CONFESSION AND GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Pastor: **(Do not print or project)** Through Christ Jesus, God the Father has gathered us into the fold of His holy and apostolic church. Yet, we are prone to wander and stray like sheep, and so we need to continually hear the voice of our Shepherd forgiving us of our sins. Let us then confess our sins to God, trusting in the mercy of Christ to forgive us.

A time for silent reflection and personal confession.

Pastor: Together we confess...

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we like sheep have all turned from Your path to the right and to the left. We have not always heard and obeyed Your voice. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who laid down His life for us, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, because of Christ's atoning death and glorious resurrection, surely goodness and mercy will follow us all the days of our lives, and when He calls us home, we will live with Him forever. As an ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

KYRIE

LSB 168

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: 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.

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the Feast

LSB 171

Pastor: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

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

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God. 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,

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia, alleluia. Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY (Responsive)

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, merciful Father, You wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep

People: so grant us Your Holy Spirit enabling us to hear the voice of our Shepherd so we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads;

Pastor: through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

Acts 4:1-12

4 ¹And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ²greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

⁵On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷And when they had set them in the 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 being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹²And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

1 John 3:16-24

¹⁶By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

¹⁹ By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰ for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹ Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²² and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³ And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴ Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

"...they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."—**Acts 2:42**

8:15 - ALLELUIA

LSB 173

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to John the 10th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

John 10:11-18

¹¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From where He shall 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Mary Pat Moeller

GOD'S MESSAGE FOR YOU

The Good Shepherd

Pastor Patton

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS AND SIGNING OF FRIENDSHIP PADS

Everyone, please sign the friendship pad, then pass the pad from the outside aisle to the inside aisle.

MUSICAL OFFERING

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

M. Wilberg

Sanctuary Choir

PRAISES AND PRAYERS

Pastor Penny

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.

CHRIST COMES TO US IN HOLY COMMUNION

† 8:15 THE PREFACE (We Begin the Order of the Sacrament)

LSB 177

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: **(do not print or project)** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God You call us to be Your people and invite us to bring our cares to You in prayer. You did so love the world that You sent Your only Son to be our Redeemer. By His sacrificial life and death and glorious resurrection He has brought us salvation and has shown us the path to life eternal. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

THE SANCTUS (Our God is Holy)

LSB 178

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r
and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessèd is He who comes in the name
of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PAX DOMINI (We extend the Lord's Peace to one another)

LSB 180

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you. Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI (The Lamb of God takes away our sin)

LSB 180

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, grant us peace.

☞ DISTRIBUTION Holy Communion is offered in individual cup format. *The lighter colored individual cups are a non-alcoholic wine.*
All who believe in the special meaning of Holy Communion are invited.

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

LSB 641

Refrain: You satisfy the hungry heart With gift of finest wheat.
Come give to us, O saving Lord, The bread of life to eat.

- 1 As when the shepherd calls his sheep, They know and heed his voice;
So when You call Your fam'ly, Lord, We follow and rejoice. **Refrain**
- 2 With joyful lips we sing to You Our praise and gratitude
That You should count us worthy, Lord, To share this heav'nly food. **Refrain**
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share The blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare Our oneness in the Lord? **Refrain**
- 4 The myst'ry of Your presence, Lord, No mortal tongue can tell:
Whom all the world cannot contain Comes in our hearts to dwell. **Refrain**
- 5 You give Yourself to us, O Lord; Then selfless let us be,
To serve each other in Your name In truth and charity. **Refrain**

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The King of Love My Shepherd Is

LSB 709

- 1 The King of Love my shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His And He is mine forever.
 - 2 When streams of living water flow, My ransomed soul He leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feedeth.
 - 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 Thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.
 - 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth!
 - 6 And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever!
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Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

LSB 711

- 1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us, Much we need Your tender care.
In Your pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Your fold prepare.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours.
- 2 We are Yours; in love befriend us, Be the guardian of our way;
Keep Your flock, from sin defend us, Seek us when we go astray.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Hear us children when we pray.
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- 3 You have promised to receive us, Poor and sinful though we be;
You have mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Early let us turn to You.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Early let us turn to You.
- 4 Early let us seek Your favor, Early let us do Your will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior, With Your love our spirits fill.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have loved us, love us still.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have loved us, love us still.

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Jesus Loves Me

LSB 588

- 1 Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

- 2 Jesus loves me! He who died Heaven's gates to open wide.
He has washed away my sin, Lets His little child come in.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

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10:45

***Highs and Lows
Waymaker***

*King, Tan, Houston
Leeland*

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thank the Lord

LSB 181

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let ev'ry-one who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

10:45

Great Are You Lord

Ingram, Jordan, Leonard

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: **(Do not print or project)** Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ, assuring us thereby that we are truly members of His Body, the church. And we ask You to help us by Your Holy Spirit that we may continue in this fellowship and do the good works which You desire us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

People: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

8:15

Crown Him with Many Crowns

LSB 525 (vv. 1, 3-4)

- 1 Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its own.
Awake my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless king Through all eternity.
- 3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their wond'ring eyes At mysteries so bright.
- 4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.

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10:45

Battle Belongs

Wickham, Johnson

POSTLUDE

***Fugue in b minor, BWV 544/2
Miracle Power***

J.S. Bach