

TRINITY EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GLENDORA
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
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As We Gather

It is Good Shepherd Sunday, and the familiar twenty-third Psalm is echoed throughout our worship. Our Lord went through the valley of the shadow of death in our place, leading from death to eternal life. There is work to do before we get to eternity, for following our Shepherd entails confessing our faith even when death's shadow falls on us. It means vigilance against wolves attacking amid Christ's flock, as Paul warns in the First Reading. But in his vision, John tells us that Christ is now the victorious Lamb on His eternal throne. We can be confident that what we believe by faith we shall know by experience in the unending joy of the Father's house.

PREPARATION

Opening Hymn: See What a Morning

1. See what a morning, gloriously bright, with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
Folded the graveclothes, tomb filled with light,
As the angels announce "Christ is risen!" See God's salvation plan,
Wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice.
Fulfilled in Christ the Man, for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead.
2. See Mary weeping, "Where is He laid?" As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb,
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name; It's the Master, the Lord,
Raised to life again! The voice that spans the years, speaking life,
stirring hope, bringing peace to us, will sound til He appears, for He lives:
Christ is risen from the dead.
3. One with the Father, Ancient of Days, Through the Spirit
Who clothes faith with certainly. Honor and blessing,
glory and praise to the King crowned with Pow'r and Authority.
And we are raised with Him; death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered.
And we shall reign with Him, for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead.

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Easter Acclamation

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

Opening Sentences *Psalm 23:1, 6b; Revelation 7:17*

P The LORD is my shepherd;
C **I shall not want.**
P For the Lamb in the midst of the throne
C **will be their shepherd,**
P and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

C **And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

Confession and Absolution

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P I said I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**
P Lord, our God,
C **we confess that we have strayed from hearing the voice of Your Son, our Shepherd, who went through death to eternal life for us. We have failed to trust in You fully. We have sinned in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Forgive us and renew in us faith and trust. Grant us to hear anew our Shepherd's voice and to follow wherever He leads, until we see Him with You in Your eternal house.**
P Fellow sheep within Christ's fold, our Lord Jesus was God's sacrificial Lamb and has gone through death, paying for the sins of all people, and He now reigns in eternity. Therefore, in His stead and by His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

WORD

710 The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

- 1 The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want; He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me, The quiet waters by.
- 2 My soul He doth restore again, And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness, E'en for His own name's sake.
- 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod, And staff me comfort still.
- 4 My table Thou hast furnished, In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint, And my cup overflows.
- 5 Goodness and mercy all my life, Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forevermore, My dwelling place shall be.

Kyrie

P Lord, have mercy on us.
C **Lord, have mercy on us.**
P Christ, have mercy on us.
C **Christ, have mercy on us.**
P Lord, have mercy on us
C **and grant us Your peace. Amen.**

Hymn of Praise 740 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

- 1 I am Jesus' little lamb, Ever glad at heart I am;
For my Shepherd gently guides me, Knows my need and well provides me,
Loves me ev'ry day the same, Even calls me by my name.
- 2 Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my staff and stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me, Into pleasant pastures leads me;
When I thirst, He bids me go, Where the quiet waters flow.
- 3 Who so happy as I am, Even now the Shepherd's lamb?
And when my short life is ended, By His angel host attended,
He shall fold me to His breast, There within His arms to rest.

Salutation

- P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

- P Let us pray.
Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep,
C **grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads;**
P through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

First Reading *Acts 20:17–35*

¹⁷Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him.
¹⁸And when they came to him, he said to them:
“You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, ¹⁹serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, ²¹testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. ²²And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. ²⁴But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. ²⁵And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. ²⁶Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, ²⁷for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after my

departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them.
³¹Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. ³²And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

- L This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual *adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

- P Christ has risen from the dead.
C **God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor,**
P He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;
C **He has put all things under His feet.**

Epistle *Revelation 7:9–17*

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵“Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

- L This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse *Romans 6:9; John 10:14*

- P Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him.
- C **Alleluia. I am the good shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

John 10:22–30

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.
- C **Glory to You, O Lord.**
- ²²At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.” ²⁵Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name bear witness about me, ²⁶but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one.”
- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Children’s Message

709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

- 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 Where 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!

Sermon

Apostles’ Creed

- C **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 thence He will 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.**

Offering

Offertory Hymn 855 For All the Faithful Women *sts. 1, 12, 3–4*

- 1 For all the faithful women, Who served in days of old,
To You shall thanks be given; To all, their story told.
They served with strength and gladness, In tasks Your wisdom gave.
To You their lives bore witness, Proclaimed Your pow’r to save.
- 2 Dorcas, Lord, hear our thanks for Dorcas, Who served the sick and poor.
Her hands were cups of kindness, Her heart an open door.
Send us, O Christ, Your Body, Where people cry in pain,
And touch them with compassion, To make them whole again. Acts 9:36
- 3 O God, for saints and servants, Those named and those unknown
In whom through all the ages, Your light of glory shone,
We offer glad thanksgiving, And fervent prayer we raise
That, faithful in Your service, Our lives may sing Your praise.
- D 4 All praise to God the Father! All praise to Christ the Son!
All praise the Holy Spirit, Who binds the Church in one!
With saints who went before us, With saints who witness still,
We sing glad Alleluias, And strive to do Your will.

Prayer for Mothers on Mother’s Day

Prayer of the Church *Psalm 23*

- P Let us pray for ourselves, the Church around the world, and all people in their various conditions.
We pray for those who do not listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd, asking the Holy Spirit to give them opportunity to come to faith and join us in saying:
- C **The LORD is my shepherd.**
- P We pray for all who lack the food, clothing, and shelter that they need for a fully human life, asking our Father in heaven to meet their needs using His caring people, including ourselves, for we are confident:
- C **I shall not want.**

- P We pray for those falsely imprisoned or denied true justice, asking our Lord to free them and open doors of opportunity for them, as He so graciously has done for us:
- C **He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.**
- P We pray for all who are depressed in spirit or unsure of God’s will for them, asking the Holy Spirit to lift them up and guide them, that with us they may rejoice to say:
- C **He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name’s sake.**
- P We pray for those who are facing sudden crises or long-term ills, and all who are grieving the loss of loved ones, [*including . . .*], asking our risen Lord to lift their eyes to His eternal home so that they may each declare:
- C **Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.**
- P We pray for first responders and police at home and for armed forces deployed, asking our Father in heaven to guide and protect them, and for all who grow crops and tend herds that He would bless them with bountiful harvests so that they may thank Him, praying:
- C **You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**
- P Finally, we pray for ourselves and all who gather around Word and Sacrament, that the Holy Spirit would keep us firm in the faith so that we may joyfully profess:
- C **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever. Amen.**

Lord’s Prayer

- 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.**

Benediction

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.
- C **Amen.**

711 Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

- 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;
Blessèd 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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