

Gospel Acclamation: *(please stand as you are able)* **“You Are Holy”**

Chorus: You are holy oh so holy. You are holy Lord of all. You are holy oh so holy. You are holy Lord of all.

The Gospel: John 10:7-18

⁷So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. ¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The 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. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I 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. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No 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 Word of the Lord, **C: Thanks be to God.**

Children’s Message *(you may be seated)*

2nd-6th Graders Sing

Sermon: *Pastor Eric Hanson*

Hymn of the Day & Offering:

Offerings will be collected during the hymn of the day. Thank you also to those who give online. If you’d like to sign up for online giving please visit <http://www.stlukegoodhue.org/online-giving.html>. Children’s coin offering will go toward ELCA Good Gifts serving communities in need around the world.

“Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us” #789

**Vs 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 our yours;
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, you have bought us, we our yours;**

**Vs 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;
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, hear us children when we pray;**

**Vs 3: You hast 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;**

**Vs 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;**

Offertory Response: *“Give Thanks” (ushers bring offerings forward)*

**Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks to the Holy One.
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son.
And now let the weak say, “I am strong”.
Let the poor say, “I am rich Because of what the Lord has done for us”. Give thanks.**

Offertory Prayer: P: Let us pray together,

C: We thank you God for Eternal Life given to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Use the gifts we lay upon your Table to bring life to our church and community. May your gift of life to us become gifts of life for our neighbors through us. Amen.

Apostles’ Creed: *(please stand as you are able)*

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven & 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 into hell. 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.

The Prayers: *(call and response)*

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.* 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, **hear our prayer.**

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, **hear our prayer.**

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, **hear our prayer.**

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 especially Keith Brown, Dolly Mensink, Judy Carpenter, Jan Benidt, Dave (Pud) Gnotke, Shawn Fredrixon, Marc Bode, Julie Marklevits, Harlan Reese, Rod Nardinger, Beth Carlson, Lorraine Hinsch, Gage Miller, Kay Kurtti, and Perry Fitzgerald. Guide communities to actively care for people who are vulnerable. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

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.**

Living God, we give thanks for our ancestors in faith. Strengthen us to share the good news in our own day. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

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. **Amen.**

Sharing the Peace: P: The peace of Christ be with you always, **C: And also with you.**

The Great Thanksgiving: 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 Him thanks & praise.**

The Words of Institution

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.

Meal and Hymns: *(you may be seated)*

All are welcome at this meal. We believe in the saving power of Jesus Christ through the gift of his life, death, and resurrection experienced in bread and wine.

Please move forward via the center aisle. Bread is received in the hands. Wine is received by dipping the bread into the wine chalice and consuming both together. All ages are welcome to commune. Those not communing may receive a blessing by simply keeping your hands folded or extending your arms over your chest in the sign of a cross inviting blessing. For those unable to consume either wine or bread, communion is received fully in either element alone, for Christ is fully present in the meal. You may return to your seats via the side aisles after communing. Gluten-free is available, simply make the server aware of your need. Also, if you cannot come forward, but wish for communion or blessing, let the usher know it will come to you at the end.

“The Lord’s My Shepherd” #778

**Vs 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. He leadeth me, he leadeth me the quiet waters by.**

**Vs 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; within the paths of righteousness, e’en for his own name’s sake.**

**Vs 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; for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still.**

Vs 4: My table thou hast richly spread in presence of my foes; my head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows. My head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

Vs 5: Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me, and in God's house forevermore my dwelling-place shall be; and in God's house forevermore my dwelling-place shall be.

"Shepherd Me, O God" #780

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

Vs 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)

Vs 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)

Vs 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)

Vs 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)

Vs 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)

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

Vs 1: The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.

Vs 2: Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth and, where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Vs 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.

Vs 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.

Vs 5: Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thine unction grace bestoweth; and, oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

Vs 6: And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never. Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

Communion Prayer: *(please stand as you are able)*

P: Let us pray together,

C: Life-giving God, in the gift of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection. May the Risen Christ live through us in word and deed. Amen.

The Blessing: P: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. May the Lord look upon you with favor + and give you peace. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: *"O Savior, Precious Savior" #820*

O Savior, precious Savior, whom yet unseen we love; O name of might & favor, all other names above: we worship thee; we bless thee; to thee alone we sing; we praise thee & confess thee, our holy Lord & King.

O bringer of salvation, who wondrously hast wrought, thyself the revelation of love beyond our thought: we worship thee; we bless thee; to thee alone we sing; we praise thee & confess thee, our gracious Lord & King.

In thee all fullness dwelleth, all grace and pow'r divine; the glory that excelleth, O Son of God, is thine. We worship thee; we bless thee; to thee alone we sing; we praise thee & confess thee, our glorious Lord & King.

Oh, grant the consummation of this our song above, in endless adoration and everlasting love; then shall we praise & bless thee where perfect praises ring, & evermore confess thee, our Savior & our King!

Dismissal: P: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Welcome

We're Glad You're Here

St. Luke Lutheran Church • Pastor Eric Hanson Fourth Sunday of Easter • 9:30AM • April 21, 2024

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

The Easter Litany: *(stand as you are able)*

P: Christ is Risen! C: **Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. C: **Amen**

Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Faithful and Just God,

C: We confess that we are captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We have not loved our sisters and brothers as you have first loved us. Forgive us, God of mercy. Let your Holy Spirit work in us to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the abundant life given in Christ Jesus, our risen Lord. Amen.

P: Christ suffered for sins, once for all, in order to bring you to God. Now you are God's people; now you have received mercy. In the name of the risen + Lord Jesus, I declare to you that your sins are forgiven. Lay aside guilt, put away shame, for you are chosen & precious in God's sight. Live in the marvelous light of Christ. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: *"Beautiful Savior" #838*

Verse 1: Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!

Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve thee, Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.

Verse 2: Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands, Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;

Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer; He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

Verse 3: Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight, Bright the sparkling stars on high;

Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer Than all the angels in the sky.

Verse 4: Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!

Glory and honor, Praise, adoration, Now and forevermore be Thine!

Prayer of the Day: *(you may be seated)*

P: Let us pray together

C: 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. Amen.

The First Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

¹⁶We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us — and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers and sisters. ¹⁷How 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? ¹⁸Little children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us, for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God, ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And 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. ²⁴All 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.

P: This is the Word of the Lord, C: **Thanks be to God.**