

# CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

The Fourth Sunday of Easter Good Shepherd Sunday April 25, 2021

# SAVIOR LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US

#### Verse 1

Savior like a shepherd lead us Much we need thy tender care In thy pleasant pastures feed us For our use thy folds prepare Blessed Jesus blessed Jesus Thou hast bought us thine we are Blessed Jesus blessed Jesus Thou hast bought us thine we are

#### Verse 2

We are thine do thou befriend us Be the guardian of our way Keep thy flock from sin defend us Seek us when we go astray Blessed Jesus blessed Jesus Hear O hear us when we pray Blessed Jesus blessed Jesus Hear O hear us when we pray

#### Verse 3

Thou hast promised to receive us Poor and sinful though we be Thou hast mercy to relieve us Grace to cleanse and pow'r to free Blessed Jesus blessed Jesus Early let us turn to thee Blessed Jesus blessed Jesus Early let us turn to thee

#### Verse 4

Early let us seek thy favour Early let us do thy will Blessed Lord and only Saviour With thy love our beings fill Blessed Jesus blessed Jesus Thou hast loved us love us still Blessed Jesus blessed Jesus Thou hast loved us love us still

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#### Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen! People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 Christ our Lord. Amen.

# The Summary of the Law

Celebrant: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

# TRINITY SONG

Holy Father, Son and Spirit Holy Communion, Three-in-one. Come with your peace, With your invitation Bind us together in Holy love.

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# GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

Verse 1

Great is Thy faithfulness O God my Father There is no shadow Of turning with Thee Thou changest not Thy compassions they fail not As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be

#### Chorus

Great is Thy faithfulness Great is Thy faithfulness Morning by morning New mercies I see All I have needed Thy hand hath provided Great is Thy faithfulness Lord unto me

#### Verse 2

Summer and winter And springtime and harvest Sun moon and stars In their courses above Join with all nature In manifold witness To Thy great faithfulness Mercy and love

Verse 3 Pardon for sin And a peace that endureth Thine own dear presence To cheer and to guide Strength for today And bright hope for tomorrow Blessings all mine With ten thousand beside

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People: And with your spirit.** Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice, we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

# Ezekiel 34:1-10

<sup>1</sup> The word of the Lord came to me: <sup>2</sup> "Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy, and say to them, even to the shepherds, Thus says the Lord God: Ah, shepherds of Israel who have been feeding yourselves! Should not shepherds feed the sheep? <sup>3</sup> You eat the fat, you clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fat ones, but you do not feed the sheep. <sup>4</sup> The weak you have not strengthened, the sick you have not healed, the injured you have not sought, and with force and harshness you have ruled them. <sup>5</sup> So they were scattered, because there was no shepherd, and they became food for all the wild beasts. My sheep were scattered; <sup>6</sup> they wandered over all the face of the earth, with none to search or seek for them.

<sup>7</sup> "Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord: <sup>8</sup> As I live, declares the Lord God, surely because my sheep have become a prey, and my sheep have become food for all the wild beasts, since there was no shepherd, and because my shepherds have not searched for my sheep, but the shepherds have fed themselves, and have not fed my sheep, <sup>9</sup> therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord: <sup>10</sup> Thus says the Lord God, Behold, I am against the shepherds, and I will require my sheep at their hand and put a stop to their feeding the sheep. No longer shall the shepherds feed themselves. I will rescue my sheep from their mouths, that they may not be food for them.

The Holy Bible, ESV

Reader: The Word of the Lord **People: Thanks be to God.** 

# PSALM 23

- <sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- <sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.
- <sup>3</sup> He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- <sup>4</sup> 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.
- <sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

The Holy Bible, ESV

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

# 1 John 3:1-10

<sup>1</sup> See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup> Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup> And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup> Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup> You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup> No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup> Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous. <sup>8</sup> Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. <sup>9</sup> No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God. <sup>10</sup> By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.

The Holy Bible, ESV

Reader: The Word of the Lord **People: Thanks be to God.** 

# Alleluia

At the Gospel reading, we stand and the Scripture is read in the midst of the congregation as a way to honor the truth that in Christ God became flesh and dwelt among us.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Blessed art Thou O Lord God of our fathers Alleluia! Alleluia! You are worthy of praise forever

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John. People: Glory to you Lord Christ

# John 10:11-16

<sup>11</sup> I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing 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> 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.

The Holy Bible, ESV

*Reader:* The Gospel of the Lord *People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ** 

Sermon

Andy Bramsen

# The 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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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 OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Lord, in your mercy **People: Hear our prayer.** 

# Confession of Sin

You may kneel or sit during the prayer of confession

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. People: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Priest: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### The Comfortable Words

Celebrant: Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him...

# The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you. **People: And with your spirit.** 

As we remember the peace that we have been given with God through his forgiveness, we also remember that He has made us at peace with one another. That is why we "exchange the peace." You may say "The peace of the Lord" to those around you, or just say "Hello."

### Announcements

# The Offertory

In order to support the mission of the church financially, you may deposit your gifts in the collection box at the Welcome Table, send checks to Church of the Redeemer, P.O. Box 130965, St. Paul, MN 55113, or if you wish to give online or set up direct deposit from your bank account, please visit <u>https://oftheredeemer.org/give/</u>

#### Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise Him all creatures here below Praise Him above ye Heavenly Host Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost Amen

# The Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. People: And with your spirit.

Calabrante Lift un your spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

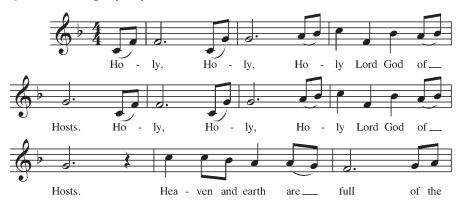
People: We lift them up to the Lord.

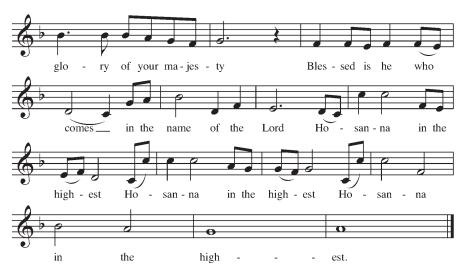
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant: It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:





Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father... Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

#### Celebrant and People:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving...

...all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

#### Celebrant and People: AMEN.

And now, as our savior Christ has taught us we are bold to pray together,

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. Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us, once for all upon the cross.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

## Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, Lamb of God You take away, You take away, You take away, All of our sin Have mercy on us

This is the good news This is the gift of life This is the the body and blood of Christ for the life of the world

Sing Hallelujah 3X

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# Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

#### Directions for Communion

All baptized believers in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive Communion. However, if you are not able to receive you may remain seated or come forward for a prayer of blessing from one of our ministers. Please indicate your desire for a prayer of blessing by crossing your arms across your chest.

You will be dismissed to receive by one of our greeters. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Please extend your hand to receive the bread and the cup and move toward the basket to consume the elements before returning to your seat. Please place the empty cup in the basket to the right or left of the server before you return to your seat.

#### A Prayer When Unable to Receive Communion

Heavenly Father, I now join my heart and mind with all my brothers and sisters in Holy Mother Church throughout the world who gather at your holy table this day to remember your death and proclaim your resurrection. Accept my soul and body as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to you, through the merits of your dear son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Hasten the day when I may once more draw near with them to receive the most precious sacrament of your body and blood. Amen.

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# THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS

#### Verse 1

The King of love my Shepherd is Whose goodness faileth never I nothing lack if I am His And He is mine forever

#### Verse 2

Where streams of living water flow My ransomed soul He leadeth And where the verdant pastures grow With food celestial feedeth

#### Verse 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

#### Verse 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

#### Verse 5

Thou spread'st a table in my sight Thy unction grace bestoweth And O what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth

#### Verse 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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# HIS LOVE IS MY RESTING PLACE (PSALM 23)

#### Verse 1

The Lord is my guide and friend I rest well when I'm with him No hunger or thirst or anxious need When my Lord is here with me

#### Chorus

His love is my resting place My Shepherd is kind and full of grace The arms of my Lord are strong and safe His love is my resting place

Verse 2 The shadow of death may fall With darkness upon my way But always my Lord is near to me His love is my resting place

#### Verse 3

Your goodness will be my feast Your kindness will overflow And always your love will follow me And your house will be my home

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# IT WAS FINISHED UPON THAT CROSS

#### Verse 1

How I love the voice of Jesus On the Cross of Calvary He declares his work is finished He has spoken this hope to me Though the sun had ceased its shining Though the war appeared as lost Christ had triumphed over evil It was finished upon that Cross

#### Verse 2

Now the curse it has been broken Jesus paid the price for me Full the pardon He has offered Great the welcome that I receive Boldly I approach my Father Clothed in Jesus' righteousness There is no more guilt to carry It was finished upon that Cross

#### Verse 3

Death was once my great opponent Fear once had a hold on me But the Son who died to save us Rose that we would be free indeed Yes He rose that we would be free indeed Free from ev'ry plan of darkness Free to live and free to love Death is dead and Christ is risen It was finished upon that Cross

#### Ending

Onward to eternal glory To my Saviour and my God I rejoice in Jesus' victory It was finished upon that Cross It was finished upon that Cross It was finished upon that Cross

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#### Celebrant and People:

Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out into the world to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant: The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

#### 13

# Deacon: Alleluia, alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Please keep social distance of at least six feet as you exit the sanctuary and depart the church. Out of respect for the space and our host congregation, please take a moment to check for papers, bulletins and other items as you leave the sanctuary today.

# Welcome!

Thank you for joining us in worship today. We are blessed by your presence with us! If you would like to be contacted by one of our clergy or added to our weekly email communication, please use this QR code. Thank you!

# Resurrection Witnesses

In the midst of grief and fear at the death of their friend, Mary and the other women found an empty tomb, a resurrected Jesus, and his joyful command to "go and tell the others!" Join us, as we come to Jesus with our own griefs and fears to become witnesses of the Resurrection to all peoples.

Through our Sunday sermons and Morning Prayer reflections in the Easter season, we will walk with Jesus as he

uses simple, everyday practices to invite all people into his new life: he begins in prayer, listens, eats with others, serves others, and tells the story of God's love for all people and all people groups and his plan to bring Resurrection life where there is death.

- Sundays, 4:30 p.m. (Gathered & via Zoom)
- Wednesdays, 7:30 a.m. (via Zoom)





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#### Nursery & Preschool

#### Sundays, 4:30 p.m.

Nursery and Preschool children are invited to gather in Calvary's nursery during the worship service for stories, songs, and lots of movement. Parents can pick children up from the nursery at the passing of the Peace. Contact Julie with any questions.

#### Kindergarten - 5th Grade

#### Sundays, 4:30 p.m.

Children in K-3rd and 4th-5th gather weekly for their own time of Bible engagement and connection with peers during the worship service. Children rejoin their parents at the passing of the Peace. Be in touch with Sara & Deacon Liz (4/5) or Sonia & Steffie (K-3) if you have questions.

# PRAYER FOR YOUTH & CHILDREN – FRIDAYS, 12–12:30 P.M.

Join us in prayer via Zoom at noon on Friday, to pray for the next generation of leaders and Christ-followers – the precious ones in our church family, and beyond.

Visit <u>https://oftheredeemer.org/events/friday-prayer/</u> to participate.

# Youth of the Redeemer

Youth in 6th-12th Grade meet on Sunday afternoons from 3:00–4:15 at Calvary in a large group/small group format. There is also a Zoom-in option hosted by youth leaders for those not able to meet in person. Be in touch with Caleb or Breana Dahl, Katie Pitchford (6th Graders) or Pete or Caitlyn Talbert (Zoom Group) with questions or encouragements as they lead and develop ministry to and with our youth.

# Baptisms - Sunday, May 16

We look forward with joy to the baptisms of Chloe and Lyla Callan on May 16th. Your prayers are invited as these young disciples prepare to receive the sacrament and are welcomed into the Family of God. If there are others who would like to be baptized on that Sunday, please contact one of our clergy.

# Refugee Life Ministry

For the next year, Church of the Redeemer has committed to support the Htoo family through a Refugee Life team. This is a great opportunity for service, partnership, and fellowship with our brothers and sisters at St. John's Karen Anglican church, where the Htoos are members. Please contact Kyong Song (kyongmin.song@gmail.com) with questions or if you'd like to participate.

# Women's Inductive Bible Study

Women's Inductive Bible Study on the Gospel of Luke meets **Monday nights**, **7-8:15 p**,**m**. via Zoom. Join us on Monday evenings as we spend time with the Lord Jesus this spring and discover how Jesus responded to people like us! The Luke LifeChange study is our guide. We will adjust our meeting venue as the pandemic and the weather allow.Contact Barbie Anderson at bwanderson70@comcast.net with questions and to RSVP.

# Women's Bible Study - Thursday Mornings

Women's Thursday morning Bible study meets **9:30** a.m. via Zoom. We are studying Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians, using the NavPress LifeChange Bible Study Guide. God's message of New Life in Christ is as pertinent and timely for us today as it was for the nascent church -together we will discover the strength of God's Spirit to help us believe and live in loving harmony with Him and one another.Please contact <u>Cindy Calvin</u> with questions and to RSVP.

General Fund Giving Summary		
As of	Actual Giving	Budgeted Giving
April 18, 2021	\$289,125	\$286,111

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