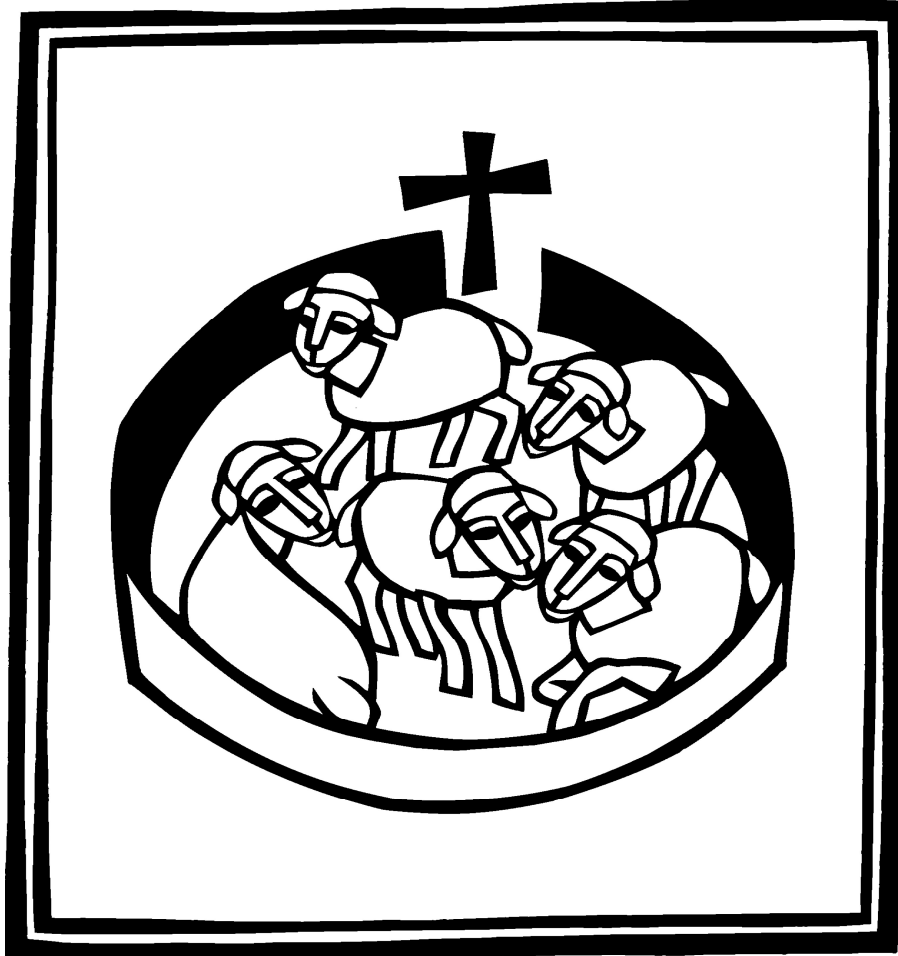


**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**April 21, 2024—10am**



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**Our Mission Statement:**

We are a community of believers in Christ called to be servants to all people.

Page numbers (p.) are in front half of the hymnal.  
Hymn numbers (#) are in back half of the hymnal.  
Everyone is invited to join in **bolded responses**.  
+ Please stand as you are able.

**+ Gathering +**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**Prelude**

"My Shepherd Is the Living God" arr. Albert Mendoza

**+ Easter Acclamation**

Alleluia, Christ is Risen! **Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

**+ Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, **+** one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy. **Amen.**

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

**+ Gathering Song**

ELW #531

**+ Greeting**

ELW p.147

**+ Kyrie**

ELW p.147

- + **Canticle of Praise** ELW p.149
- + **Prayer of the Day** ELW p.33

**+Word+**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

- First Reading** Acts 4: 5-12
- Psalm 23** ELW #780
- Second Reading** 1 John 3:16-24
- + **Gospel Acclamation** ELW p.151
- + **Gospel Reading** John 10:11-18
- Young at Heart Message & Sermon** The Rev. Leslie D. Weber
- + **Song of the Day** ELW #385
- + **Welcoming New Members to the Congregation**
- Apostles' Creed** ELW p.105

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Let us welcome these siblings in Christ to this community of faith.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

- + **Prayers of Intercession** God of grace, **hear our prayer.**
- + **Peace**

**+Meal+**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

**Offering**

Thank you for supporting the mission of the church as you are able!

Electronic donations can be made at

<https://give.tithe.ly/?formId=622d08be-6865-11ee-90fc-1260ab546d11>.



**+ Offering Prayer**

**+ Great Thanksgiving**

ELW p. 152

**+ Proper Preface**

**+ Sanctus**

ELW p. 153

**+ Thanksgiving at the Table (IV)**

ELW p.111

**+ Lord's Prayer (sins)**

ELW p.154

**+ Invitation to Communion**

**Agnus Dei**

ELW p.154

**Notes about Communion Distribution at Grace**

*When we're gathered around the table, there is enough food, drink, blessing, space and time for all to share in Holy Communion! GLC practices Eucharistic hospitality since we trust that God welcomes all who come to the table where Christ is both host and meal.*

*Wine (red) and grape juice (white) are distributed in individual cups.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

*If you prefer to stay in the pew, there are prepackaged kits (wine, juice, and gluten free options) available at the sanctuary doors.*

*If you prefer not to receive the wafer and wine/grape juice, you may kneel or stand at the rail with arms folded across your chest to receive a blessing.*

**Distribution Song**

TFF #82 "Oh, How He Loves You and Me"

Oh, how he loves you and me. Oh, how he loves you and me;  
He gave his life, what more could he give?  
Oh, how he loves you; oh, how he loves me; oh, how he loves you and me!

Jesus to Calv'ry did go his love for this world to show;  
What he did there brought from despair.  
Oh, how he loves you; oh, how he loves me; oh, how he loves you and me!

Kurt Kaiser, b. 1934 © 1975 Word Music, Inc.

**+ Table Blessing****+ Post Communion Canticle**

ELW #207

**+ Prayer after Communion****+ Sending +**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**+ Blessing****Announcements****+ Sending Song**

ACS # 1062 "Build a Longer Table"

Build a longer table, not a higher wall, feeding those who hunger, making room for all. Feasting together, stranger turns to friend, Christ breaks walls to pieces; false divisions end.

Build a safer refuge, not a larger jail; where the weak find shelter, mercy will not fail. For any place where justice is denied, Christ will breach the jail wall, freeing all inside.

Build a broader doorway, not a longer fence. Love protects all people, sparing no expense. When we embrace compassion more than fear, Christ tears down our fences: all are welcome here.

When we lived as exiles, refugees abroad, Christ became our doorway to the reign of God. So must our tables welcome those who roam. None can be excluded; all must find a home.

David Bjorlin, b. 1984 © 2018 GIA Publications, Inc., [giamusic.com](http://giamusic.com)

**+ Dismissal**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**Postlude**

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