



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER-GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY
BLENDED WORSHIP SERVICE

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FOCUS Of all the animals that could have been used to portray humanity, does it feel strange to be called a sheep? After all, it is not the most honorable creature. There are no defense mechanisms to escape a predator, no intimidating roar, and limited ability to fend for one's self when it comes to seeking nourishment, water, and safety. Yet these things reveal the point we are called to understand. It may not be good to be a sheep on our own, but it is great to be a sheep with a Good Shepherd to care for the flock. Jesus is our perfect shepherd who protects and defends, feeds and nourishes, leads and provides all we need in this body and life. Together as His flock, we are blessed to follow Him as by His Word and Means of Grace He leads us to streams of living water and paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

WELCOME

OPENING PRAISE

"He Reigns"

It's the song of the redeemed Rising from the African plain
It's the song of the forgiven Drowning out the Amazon rain
The song of Asian believers Filled with God's holy fire
It's every tribe every tongue every nation A love song born of a grateful choir

Chorus: It's all God's children singing Glory glory hallelujah
He reigns He reigns
It's all God's children singing Glory glory hallelujah
He reigns, He reigns

Let it rise above the four winds Caught up in the heavenly sound
Let praises echo from the towers of cathedrals
To the faithful gathered underground
Of all the songs sung from the dawn of creation Some were meant to persist
Of all the bells rung from a thousand steeples None rings truer than this

(Chorus x2)

And all the powers of darkness, Tremble at what they've just heard
'Cause all the powers of darkness, Can't drown out a single word

(Chorus x2)

It's all God's children singing Glory glory hallelujah, He reigns He reigns

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INVOCATION

L In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Saturday, 5:00pm

Baptism

Rev. Zach J. Holdorf

"Jexi Joy Olcott"

Daughter of Brandon & Jami Olcott

APOSTLES' CREED (All)

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.

BAPTISMAL WELCOME

(The newly baptized is welcomed with the following after a reading from the Elder.)

C Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

L Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

L By this we know love,

C that He laid down His life for us.

- L** “I am the good shepherd,” says the Lord.
- C** **The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.**
- L** Whoever keeps His commandments abides in God, and God in him.
- C** **And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.**

PRAISE THE LORD!

Psalms 23

- L** The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- C** **He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.**
- L** He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name’s sake.
- 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.**
- L** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- 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.**

PRAYER

PRAISE SONG

“Build My Life”

*Brett Younker | Karl Martin | Kirby
Kaple | Matt Redman | Pat Barrett*

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing
 Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
 Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe, We live for You

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name
 Jesus the only one who could ever save
 Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe, We live for You, we live for You

Chorus:

Holy there is no one like You, There is none beside You
 Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are
 And fill me with Your heart, And lead me in Your love to those around me

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing
 Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
 Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
 We live for You (*Chorus*)

Bridge

I will build my life upon Your love, It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone, And I will not be shaken (*Repeat*)

(Chorus)

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name, Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe, We live for You, we live for You

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FIRST READING

Acts 4: 1-12

(Peter and John witness before the council.)

And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ² greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³ And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴ But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand. ⁵ On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶ with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷ And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹ if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰ let 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. ¹¹ This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹² And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

EPISTLE

1 John 3:16-24

(Love one Another)

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not

believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.¹⁹ And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.²⁰ For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.²¹ But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”²² After this Jesus and his disciples went into the Judean countryside, and he remained there with them and was baptizing.²³ John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because water was plentiful there, and people were coming and being baptized²⁴ (for John had not yet been put in prison).

HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:11-18

(Jesus the Good Shepherd)

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.”

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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.

A SPECIAL MESSAGE for the CHILDREN

PRAISE SONG

“Once and For All”

Once and for all, the Father's love
He is the light in the darkness
Who took on flesh and took our place
The weight of the world on His shoulders
The weight of the world on His shoulders

Chorus

We believe our God is Jesus, We believe that He is Lord
We believe that He has saved us, From sin and death, once and for all

Once and for all, our debt is paid
There on the cross it is finished
The Lamb of God, for us was slain
Up from the grave He is risen
Up from the grave He is risen (*Chorus*)

Jesus, Jesus, God from God, Light from light, You are our salvation
Jesus, Jesus, God from God, Light from light, Your Kingdom is forever (*Repeat*)

Chorus (2x)

From sin and death, once and for all, Once and for all

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Confession and Forgiveness

L Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd, we confess to You that we have been ungrateful for all You give us to sustain our bodies and lives.

C **Forgive us, Good Shepherd.**

L Like sheep, we are distracted and tend to wander and scatter. We forget who we are as baptized children of God and fail to respond to Your shepherding in our lives.

C **Forgive us, Good Shepherd.**

L We confess that in difficult times of life, we sometimes struggle to be confident in Your presence and protection, seeking to find our own comfort.

C **Forgive us, Good Shepherd.**

L As we journey through this sinful world, we overlook the goodness and mercy that flow into our lives from You.

C **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.**

L Jesus, our Good Shepherd, hears our cries and says to us, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep." Receive the forgiveness won for You through Christ's laying down His life and rising from death in victory. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

PRAYERS of the CHURCH

L Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd who laid down His life for us out of love. Help us to hear Your voice, follow where You lead, and receive what You provide through Your grace and mercy

C **Good Shepherd and Lord, hear our prayer.**

L For the times we fear our enemies and the powers against us, remind us that we belong to You and no one can snatch us from Your hand. We bring before You the part of Your flock here in this place and others whom we love in their time of need, [*especially . . .*]. Carry them as lambs in a shepherd's arms through the difficult paths ahead. Give us wisdom to know the faithful path we are to take, and shepherd us through every trial, trouble, and temptation.

C **Good Shepherd and Lord, hear our prayer.**

L Give us courage that we not live in captivity to our fears; guide those who lead us in this and every land; provide peace, justice, and freedom for people everywhere. In our busy days, give us time to reflect upon the goodness of God and to experience joy in the security and peace You provide us, that we find contentment and peace in You.

C **Good Shepherd and Lord, hear our prayer.**

- L** Protect and defend the members of our armed forces and the public workers who keep our communities safe. Defend us from our enemies, and teach us to rely on Your provision, the true protector of us all.
- C** **Good Shepherd and Lord, hear our prayer.**
- L** Help us so that we do not forget those in need but share with all what You have entrusted to us and to display the kind of love shown and known that has no end.
- C** **Good Shepherd and Lord, hear our prayer.**
- L** In the hope of new life in You, O Christ, our Good Shepherd, we raise our prayers, trusting in Your never-ending mercy and love and praying as You have taught us,

The 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.

SONG

"I Will Follow"

Tomlin/Ingram/Morgan

Where You go I'll go, Where You stay I'll stay
When You move I'll move, I will follow

Oh oh oh
All Your ways are good, All Your ways are sure
I will trust in You alone, Higher than my sight
High above my life, I will trust in You alone

Chorus Where You go I'll go, Where You stay I'll stay
When You move I'll move, I will follow You
Whom You love I'll love, How You serve I'll serve
If this life I lose, I will follow You
Yeah I will follow You yeah

Light into the world, Light into my life
I will live for You alone, You're the One I seek
Knowing I will find, All I need in You alone, In You alone (*Chorus*)

In You there's life everlasting, In You there's freedom for my soul
In You there's joy unending joy, And I will follow
Where You go I'll go, Where You stay I'll stay
When You move I'll move, I will follow You
Whom You love I'll love, How You serve I'll serve
If this life I lose, I will follow (*Chorus*)

I will follow You yeah, I will follow You yeah.

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SERMON

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CLOSING PRAYER

BENEDICTION

DISMISSAL

L Go in peace and serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God!

CLOSING PRAISE

“All the People Said Amen”

Maher/Moak/Morgan

You are not alone if you are lonely. When you feel afraid, you're not the only.
We are all the same, in need of mercy, To be forgiven and be free.
It's all you got to lean on, but thank God it's all you need.

Chorus And all the people said, “Amen!” (whoa)
 And all the people said, “Amen!”
 Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends.
 And all the people said, “Amen!”

If you're rich or poor, well it don't matter.
Weak or strong, you know love is what we're after.
We're all broken, but we're all in this together.
God knows we stumble and fall,
And He so loved the world He sent His Son to save us all.

Chorus Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart;
 Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart;
 Blessed are the people hungry for another start;
 For theirs is the kingdom, the kingdom of God. *Chorus x2*

And all the people said, “Amen!”

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PRESIDING MINISTER: *Rev. Zach J. Holdorf, Senior Pastor*

LITURGIST: *Rev. Timothy D. Smith, Associate Pastor*

ELDERS: *5pm—Terry Knoll; 11am—Terry Knoll*

ACOLYTE: *5pm— ; 11am—Jaidyn Oelke*

TECH: *5pm— ; 11am—*

WELCOME TO TRINITY!

Your presence is very special to us. May your faith be strengthened and your life enriched as you join us in worship to God!

BLENDDED WORSHIP SERVICES IN THE UPPER SANCTUARY—

5pm Saturday & 11am Sunday

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES IN THE UPPER SANCTUARY—

8am & 9:30am Sunday

WORSHIP SCHEDULE—Holy Communion is celebrated on the 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays of the month in the Upper Sanctuary. We invite those who have been instructed in the teachings of the Evangelical Lutheran Church to receive the Sacrament of the Altar. Others are asked to speak with a pastor before receiving the Sacrament. *Gluten free wafers are available upon request.*

LARGE PRINT—large print copies of the bulletin are available on the table in the Narthex or you may ask the usher for one.

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS—for ages 3-6 years & 7-12 years old, are available on the table in the Narthex.

NURSERY—for children ages 3 & under. The upper level nursery located near the Narthex will be available for parent use on Sunday mornings. *Please Note: The upper level nursery will be unstaffed unless volunteers are available.*

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Sunday School is available for children 4 years old through 6th Grade at 9:30am on Sunday mornings during the school year. Christian Education courses for adults and young adults are held at 9:30am on Sunday mornings & various times throughout the week during the school year. Trinity is committed to Christian Education through the 4K-8 School, our Childcare (*infant—13 years*), and through our association with Wisconsin Valley Lutheran High School.

RESTROOMS—Narthex level across from the Library, lower level next to the elevator.

JOINING TRINITY—We invite you to become part of this Christian community! If interested in membership, please speak with an elder or pastor, and we will contact you.

MISSION STATEMENT:

To gather people who grow in faith and share Jesus with all.

VISION STATEMENT:

To strive to be a mature and faithful congregation that is focused on our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



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