

# Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

10:30 am

## AS WE GATHER

Flocks of sheep can number in the hundreds or even thousands. An annual trek from winter quarters to summer pastures and back again at a location in rural Idaho consistently draws hundreds of spectators to a location where the sheep must cross a major highway to reach their destination. Keeping track of two or three thousand sheep on the move is quite a task! Jesus, our Good Shepherd, knows how to care for not just thousands but millions of His sheeplike people. The prophet Isaiah says of the Lord God that He "will tend His flock like a shepherd" (40:11). Assured and reassured that we are part of His flock, we travel through life following the guidance of our caring Shepherd!

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

## OPENING SONG

"Love the Lord"

Preschool/Kindergarten

## INVOCATION

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

## SONG

He Is

If you're troubled  
Heavy hearted  
Come to Jesus and find your peace

If you're run down  
Empty handed  
Come to Jesus and find your strength

He is  
Hope for the hopeless  
Rest for the weary  
Help for the hurting  
He is He is  
Mending the broken  
Bearing the burdens  
All that you're needing  
He is

If you're wandering  
In the darkness

Come to Jesus and find your way

If you want freedom  
Need forgiveness  
Just come to Jesus and find His grace

He is  
Hope for the hopeless  
Rest for the weary  
Help for the hurting  
He is He is  
Mending the broken  
Bearing the burdens  
All that you're needing  
He is

Comforter Counselor Prince of Peace  
Author and Maker of everything  
Defender Deliverer King of kings  
He is He is

Helper and Healer forevermore  
Savior and Shelter through every storm  
My Refuge Redeemer and Lord of Lords  
He is He is

Child of Heaven and Son of Man  
Provider Protector the great I AM  
Alpha Omega Beginning and End  
He Is He Is  
He is  
Hope for the hopeless

Rest for the weary  
Help for the hurting  
He is He is  
Mending the broken  
Bearing the burdens  
All that you're needing  
He is  
All that you're needing  
He is

CCLI Song # 7172903

## SALUTATION

Leader: The Lord be with you.  
People: And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Let us pray.  
Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, 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; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
People: Amen.

## INSTALLATION MRS. AMY BLAIN

## READINGS

### FIRST READING

Acts 4:1-12

As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, 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. This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. 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."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

## SECOND READING

1 John 3:16–24

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. Whoever keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:11–18

[Jesus said:] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 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. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. 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. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. 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."

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

## APOSTLES' CREED

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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON SONG

King Of Kings

Band/Preschool/Kindergarten

In the darkness we were waiting  
Without hope without light  
Till from Heaven You came running  
There was mercy in Your eyes  
To fulfil the law and prophets  
To a virgin came the Word  
From a throne of endless glory  
To a cradle in the dirt

Praise forever to the King of Kings  
  
And the morning that You rose  
All of heaven held its breath  
Till that stone was moved for good  
For the Lamb had conquered death  
And the dead rose from their tombs  
And the angels stood in awe  
For the souls of all who'd come  
To the Father are restored

Praise the Father  
Praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit three in one  
God of Glory  
Majesty  
Praise forever to the King of Kings

And the Church of Christ was born  
Then the Spirit lit the flame  
Now this Gospel truth of old  
Shall not kneel shall not faint  
By His blood and in His Name  
In His freedom I am free  
For the love of Jesus Christ  
Who has resurrected me

To reveal the kingdom coming  
And to reconcile the lost  
To redeem the whole creation  
You did not despise the cross  
For even in Your suffering  
You saw to the other side  
Knowing this was our salvation  
Jesus for our sake You died

Praise the Father  
Praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit three in one  
God of Glory, Majesty  
Praise forever to the King of Kings  
Praise forever to the King of Kings

Praise the Father  
Praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit three in one  
God of Glory, Majesty

CCLI Song # 7127647

SERMON

"Matters of the Heart"

Pastor Pat Hauser

1 John 3:16-24

OFFERING

LORDS PRAYER

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

HOLY COMMUNION

WORDS OF OUR LORD

Leader: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

#### THE PEACE OF THE LORD

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

#### SONG

##### At The Cross (Love Ran Red)

There's a place  
Where mercy reigns and never dies  
There's a place  
Where streams of grace  
flow deep and wide  
Where all the love I've ever found  
Comes like a flood comes flowing down

At the cross at the cross  
I surrender my life  
I'm in awe of You I'm in awe of You  
Where Your love ran red  
and my sin washed white  
I owe all to You I owe all to You (Jesus)

There's a place  
Where sin and shame are powerless  
Where my heart  
Has peace with God and forgiveness  
Where all the love I've ever found  
Comes like a flood comes flowing down

At the cross at the cross  
I surrender my life  
I'm in awe of You I'm in awe of You  
Where Your love ran red  
and my sin washed white  
I owe all to You I owe all to You

Here my hope is found  
Here on holy ground

Here I bow down here I bow down  
Here arms open wide  
Here You saved my life  
Here I bow down here I bow

At the cross at the cross  
I surrender my life  
I'm in awe of You I'm in awe of You  
Where Your love ran red  
and my sin washed white  
I owe all to You I owe all to You

Here my hope is found  
Here on holy ground  
Here I bow down here I bow down  
Here arms open wide  
Here You saved my life  
Here I bow down here I bow

At the cross at the cross  
I surrender my life  
I'm in awe of You I'm in awe of You  
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed  
white  
I owe all to You I owe all to You  
I owe all to You I owe all to You  
Jesus Savior of the world  
Jesus

CCLI Song # 7017786

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Leader: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, we give thanks that we have again received the Body and blood of Christ, the bread from heaven. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage, that we speak the truth in love and build up the Body of Christ until that day we see You face-to-face; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

## BENEDICTION

Leader: 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 give you peace.

People: Amen

## CLOSING SONG

Set Free

Here I surrender lay down every weight  
Remember Your love has broken all my  
chains

What You have finished cannot be  
undone

The work of the cross was more than  
enough

I've been set free I've been set free

Sin has no hold

Shame has no power over me

Found in Your mercy

I've been washed clean

You call me whole saved and redeemed

I've been set free

There is a promise written in Your scars

I am forgiven changed by who You are

What You have finished I will not forget

I'm buried with Christ

I'm raised from the dead

I've been set free I've been set free

Sin has no hold

Shame has no power over me

Found in Your mercy

I've been washed clean

You call me whole saved and redeemed

I've been set free

No longer bound in chains

No longer blind I see

This is amazing grace

Jesus alive in me

(REPEAT 3x)

(Oh) I've been set free (Oh) I've been set  
free

Sin has no hold

Shame has no power (no power) over me

Found in Your mercy

(Oh) I've been washed clean

You call me whole saved and redeemed

I've been set free

(Yes) You call me whole saved and  
redeemed

I've been set free

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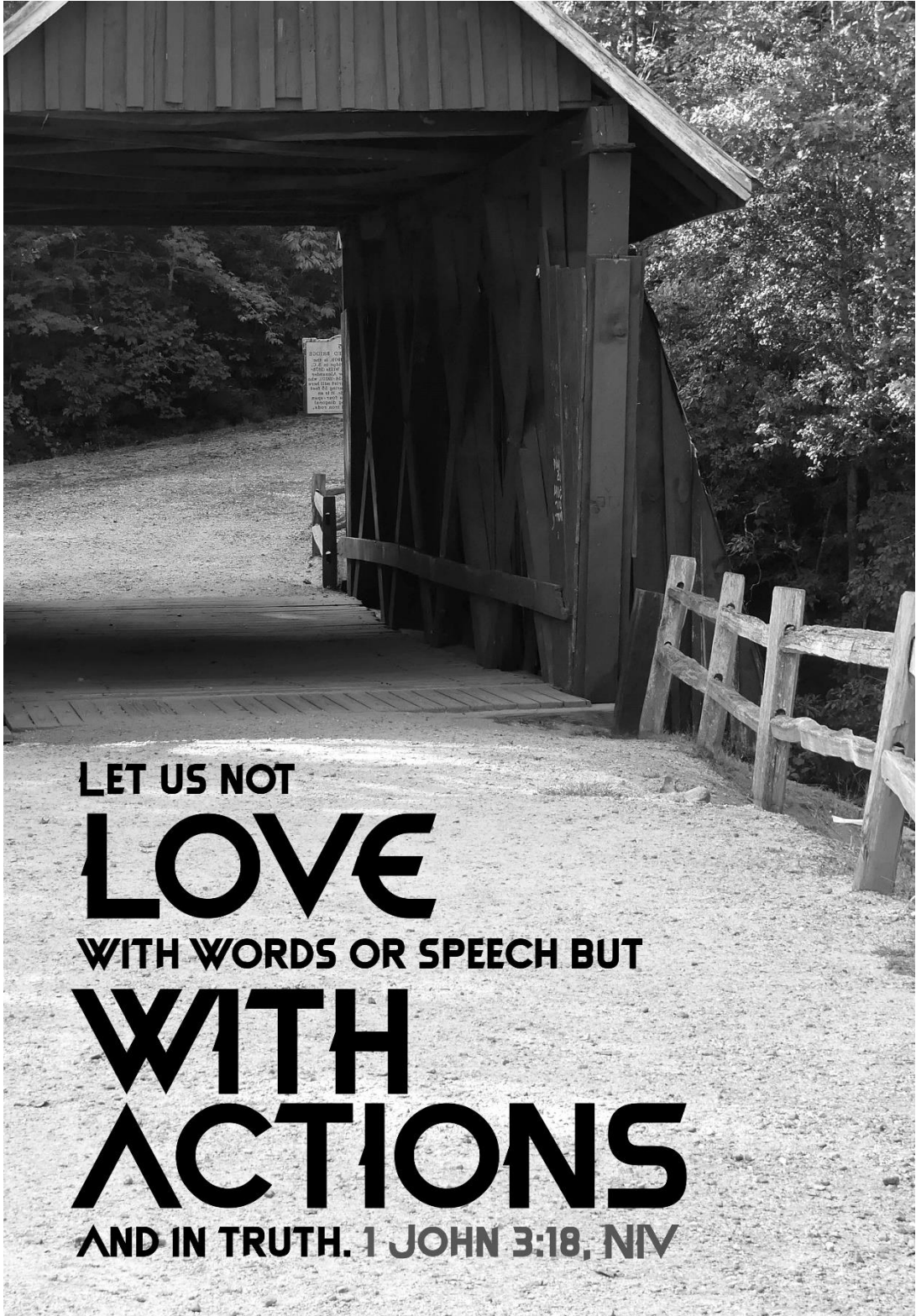
## DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace serve the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

## POSTLUDE

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LET US NOT  
**LOVE**  
WITH WORDS OR SPEECH BUT  
**WITH**  
**ACTIONS**  
AND IN TRUTH. 1 JOHN 3:18, NIV