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EASTER**

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Prelude

Opening Hymn

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

LSB 709



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant
 love He sought me And on His shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.
 com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Easter Acclamation

P Alleluia, Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Opening Sentences

Martin Luther on Psalm 23

P If the Lord is my Shepherd and I am His sheep,

C then I am very well supplied both in body and soul.

P He will feed me well,

C protect and preserve me from misfortune,

P care for me,

- C** help me out of all troubles,
- P** comfort and strengthen me.
- C** In short, He will do for me what a good shepherd can be expected to do.

Kneel/Sit: Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.


Confession and Absolution

Psalm 23

- P** The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- C** **But we have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way** (Isaiah 53:6). **Forgive us, Lord.**
- P** He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.
- C** **But we have turned away from our God; we have turned away from our fold** (Jeremiah 50:6). **Forgive us, Lord.**
- P** He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- C** **But we stray too far from the path; led by various passions and pleasures, malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another** (Titus 3:3). **Forgive us, Lord.**
- P** 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.
- C** **But even death comes for me; when my flesh and heart fail, my breath departs and I will return to the earth** (Psalm 146:4). **Forgive us, Lord.**
- P** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- C** **But sin fills our cup with divine wrath- to which we cry out: Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from us!** (Luke 22:42)
- P** Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
- C** **For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer** (1 Peter 3:12). **Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need** (Hebrews 4:16). **Save us, Lord.**
- P** I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me... (John 10:14). I will search for you and will rescue you (Ezekiel 34:11). Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom (Luke 12:32). As a called 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.**

Gloria Patri


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C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Kyrie

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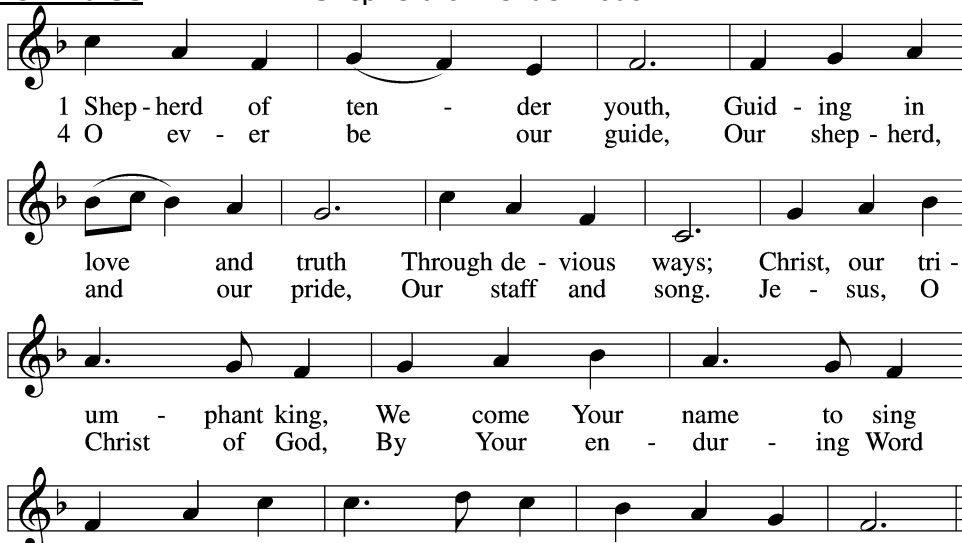


C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Hymn of Praise

"Shepherd of Tender Youth"

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1 Shep - herd of ten - der youth, Guid - ing in
4 O ev - er be our guide, Our shep - herd,
love and truth, Through de - vious ways; Christ, our tri -
and our pride, Our staff and song. Je - sus, O
um - phant king, We come Your name to sing
Christ of God, By Your en - dur - ing Word
And here our chil - dren bring To join Your praise.
Lead us where You have trod; Make our faith strong.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Collect of the Day

P 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.

G Amen.

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."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem (8:15am)

"Lambs at the River"

Carlson

Jr. Chancel (11:00am)

"The Lord is My Shepherd"

Koshat

Epistle

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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia


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C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel


P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

[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."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

☩ I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Children Message

-Children of all ages are welcome to approach the altar at this point-

Sermon Hymn

"O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe"

LSB 666



1 O lit - tle flock, fear not the foe Who mad - ly
2 Be of good cheer; your cause be - longs To Him who
3 As true as God's own Word is true, Not earth nor
4 A - men, Lord Je - sus, grant our prayer; Great Cap - tain,



seeks your o - ver - throw; Dread not his rage and pow'r.
can a - venge your wrongs; Leave it to Him, our Lord.
hell's sa - tan - ic crew A - gainst us shall pre - vail.
now Thine arm make bare, Fight for us once a - gain!



And though your cour - age some-times faints, His seem - ing
 Though hid - den yet from mor - tal eyes, His Gid - eon
 Their might? A joke, a mere fa - cade! God is with
 So shall Thy saints and mar - tyrs raise A might - y



tri - umph o'er God's saints Lasts but a lit - tle hour.
 shall for you a - rise, Up - hold you and His Word.
 us and we with God— Our vic - t'ry can - not fail.
 cho - rus to Thy praise For - ev - er - more. A - men.

Sermon

"Shadow Fall"

Psalm 23

Rev. Jakob Andrzejewski, Senior Pastor

Easter Offertory

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia"

LSB 463



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
 All your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



Of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



At the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now He lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

To continue the work of the Lord at St. Paul- You may joyfully give at

www.stpaulroyaloak.org/online-giving,

or mail to 202 E. Fifth St, Royal Oak, MI 48067



Prayer of the Church

The 11:00am service continues with the Lord's Prayer and Benediction

† THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION †

Preface

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P The Lord be with you.



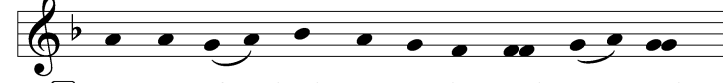
C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary...Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

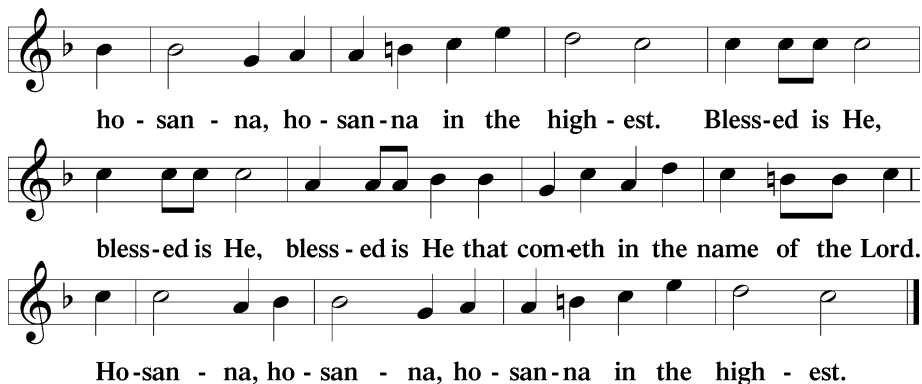
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C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,
 bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.
 Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

Mt. 6:9-11

☩ 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.

The Words of Our Lord

Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Co 11:23-25

Pax Domini

LSB 197

☩ The peace of the Lord be with you always.
☩ Amen.

Agnus Dei

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☩ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Distribution Hymn

"Our Paschal Lamb, That Sets Us Free"

LSB 473



1 Our Pas - chal Lamb, that sets us free, Is sac - ri - ficed. O keep
2 Let all our lives now cel - e - brate The feast; let mal - ice die.
3 Let all our deeds, u - nan - i - mous, Con - fess Him as our Lord



The feast of free - dom gal - lant - ly; Let al - le - lu - ias leap:
Let love grow strong a - new, and great, Let truth stamp out the lie.
Who by the Spir - it lives in us, The Fa - ther's liv - ing Word.

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! A -



gain Sing al - le - lu - ia, cry a - loud: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Distribution Hymn

"The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"

LSB 710



1 The Lord's my shep - herd, I'll not want; He makes me
2 My soul He doth re - store a - gain And me to
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I
4 My ta - ble Thou hast fur - nish - ed In pres - ence
5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life Shall sure - ly



down to lie In pas - tures green; He
walk doth make With - in the paths of
fear no ill; For Thou art with me,
of my foes; My head Thou dost with
fol - low me; And in God's house for -



lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.
righ - teous - ness, E'en for His own name's sake.
and Thy rod And staff me fort still.
oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.
ev - er - more My dwell - ing place shall be.

Post-Communion Collect

Benediction

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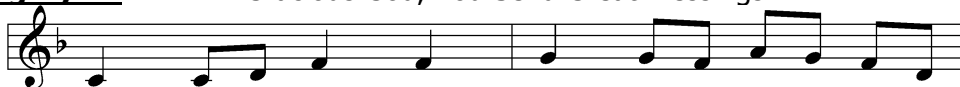
P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

"Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings"

LSB 782



1 Gra - cious God, You send great bless - ings
2 By Your Word You formed cre - a - tion
3 In His earth - ly life, our Sav - ior
△ 4 Heav'n - ly Fa - ther, may our car - ing



New each morn - ing all our days. For Your mer - cies
Filled with crea - tures large and small; As we tend that
Knew the care of faith - ful friends; May our deeds of
Bear the im - print of Your grace; With the Son and



nev - er end - ing, For Your love we of - fer praise.
end - less trea - sure May our care en - cir - cle all.
ded - i - ca - tion Of - fer love that nev - er ends.
Ho - ly Spir - it, Praise be Yours in ev - 'ry place!

Refrain



Lord, we pray that we, Your peo - ple Who Your gifts un - num - bered claim,



Through the shar - ing of Your bless - ings May bring glo - ry to Your name.

Serving us in Worship

Preacher Pastor Jakob Andrzejewski
Music Gregory Paul, Chancel & Jr. Chancel Choir
Altar Guild Gayle Carpenter
Readers 8:15 Kevin Calhoun
11:00 Terri Brockmiller
Elders 8:15 Chuck Brewer, Jim Schultz
11:00 Mike Rasmussen

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