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May 11, 2025

Fourth Sunday After Easter

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**GATHERING IN THE LORD'S PRESENCE**

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**Boldface = All speak**

❖ = All who are able, please stand.

**PRELUDE** ..... "Sheep May Safely Graze" *J. S. Bach, Arr. by John W. Schaum*

**WELCOME**

**CHORAL INTROIT** ..... "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"  
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❖ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*The Lord is our shepherd;*

**we lack nothing.**

*Though we may walk through the darkest valley,*

**we fear no evil; for God is with us.**

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives,*

**and we shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

*Come, let us worship God!*

❖ **HYMN** ..... "Come, Worship God" ..... **#386**

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❖ **CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER**

**Eternal God, in the presence of our enemies, we divide and demonize. When you face our enemies, you choose neither contempt nor punishment. Instead, you set a table and make provision for us all. Our ways are not your ways, O Creator, and we often struggle to understand the work of your hands. (a time for silent confession) Merciful God, heal us. Send our risen Lord among us again to repair relationships and restore humanity. Set us free to share the love of Christ Jesus just as he does at his table. Amen.**

❖ **ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE**

❖ **AFFIRMING THE PEACE AMONG US**

*The peace of Christ be with you!*

**And also with you!**

*The children may go back to Sunday School at this time.*

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**HEARING THE WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Gracious God, Living Word, as you revealed yourself to Mary that Easter morning, so reveal yourself to us. By the power of your Spirit, give each of us faith, that hearing your Word we, too, may proclaim, "I have seen the Lord!" Amen.**

**1<sup>st</sup> SCRIPTURE** .....Psalm 23, pg. 787  
*Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Thanks be to God.*

**CHORAL ANTHEM**..... "Come Down, Lord"  
*(Words and music by Stan Pethel)*

**2<sup>nd</sup> SCRIPTURE** .....John 10:22-30, pg. 1528  
*Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Thanks be to God.*

**MESSAGE** .....The Rev. Sara K. Snowden

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

❖ **HYMN** ..... "You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd" ..... **#274**  
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❖ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*adapted from the Confession of 1967*)  
**Life in Christ is life eternal. The resurrection of Jesus is the sign that God will consummate the work of creation and reconciliation beyond death and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*p. 35 in the hymnal*)

## OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**DOXOLOGY** ..... Genevan Psalter (*Public Domain*)..... **#606**

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### GOING FORTH TO SERVE

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## OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT & SERVE

❖**HYMN** ..... "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" ..... **#547**  
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## ❖SENDING FORTH

**POSTLUDE**..... "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"  
*William Bradbury, Arr. by Norman J. Clayton*

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**Pastor:** The Rev. Sara K. Snowden

**Lector:** Leila Trepanier

**Greeter:** Beverly Mason

**Worship Pianist:** Amy Dickman

**Offering Counters:** Darly Doyle and Cheri Schaefer



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