

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

10:00 a.m.



Welcome to worship at Oak Grove Lutheran Church.
Please know that you are welcome, no exceptions!

PRELUDE *“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”*

WELCOME

CALL to WORSHIP

Come, walk in green pastures.

We follow the Shepherd.

Come, lie down in green pastures.

We trust the Shepherd.

Come, dine at the table of abundance.

We are fed by the Shepherd.

Come, dwell in God’s house.

We live in the Shepherd’s care.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now and forever shall be, world without end. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN #385 vss. 1, 3 & 4 *“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing”*

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

HYMN of PRAISE *"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"*



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift-ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift-ed me. I'm so glad
Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift-ed me,
When I was in trou - ble,



sing-ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

PRAYER of the DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray, O Lord Christ,

good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

ANTHEM "Shepherd Me, O God" Chorale

PSALM 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 10th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

John 10:11-18

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care 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. I have other sheep that do not belong to 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 in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON *“Sheep Sunday!”*

HYMN of the DAY #502 vs. 1, 3 & 6 *“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”*

AFFIRMATION of FAITH

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

Each petition ends with: *“Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**”*.

SHARING of the PEACE

The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One,

you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed our right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

WORDS of INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

LAMB of GOD

INVITATION to COMMUNION

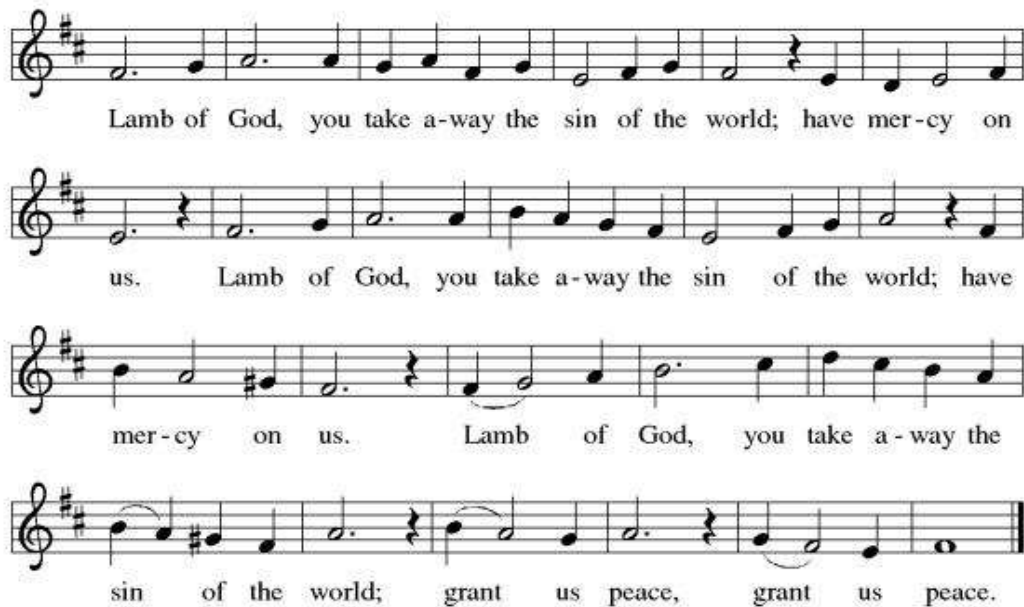
The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table of grace.

DISTRIBUTION

Hymns during distribution: #484 *"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"*
#480 *"O Bread of Life from Heaven"*

PRAYER after COMMUNION

Shepherding God,
you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love.
Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

BENEDICTION

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope (+) bless you now and always.

Amen.

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

SENDING FORTH HYMN #535 *"Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises"*

POSTLUDE

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THANK YOU to Violet Styba for being our assisting minister this morning!