# **Good Shepherd Sunday**The Fourth Sunday of Easter April 21, 2024



# **Welcome to Gloria Dei!**

The name *Gloria Dei* is a Latin phrase meaning *God's glory*. We pray that here you will find his glory and love chiefly revealed in our Savior Jesus. May your time in worship be edifying and enable you to focus on Jesus as the solution to your sin and as the certainty of eternal life in heaven.

Should you need a **restroom** during the service, you will find them in the Fellowship Hall directly beneath the sanctuary. Exit the sanctuary by the main doors, turn right and head down the stairs, turn right at the bottom of the stairs and enter the first door.

If you need anything during the service, please speak to one of the ushers.

# To Those Visiting with Children

The members of Gloria Dei believe that families should be able to worship together. It is clear that some amount of noise will come with children being in worship. Any noise children make in worship is the sound of families doing what God has told them to do: bringing their children to sit at Jesus' feet. Should your family need a few moments away from the sanctuary, the Fellowship Hall located directly beneath the sanctuary is open and equipped with a closed circuit TV of the service.

#### **Our Communion Practice**

If you are a visitor with us today, we are glad that you're here! We are celebrating the Lord's Supper in worship today. If you would like to receive the Lord's Supper today, we ask that you speak with Pastor Shrimpton or one of the ushers before doing so.

God requires that we only commune with those with whom we share complete agreement in God's Word (1 Corinthians 10:16-17) and makes us responsible for ensuring that those whom commune know exactly what God teaches lest people commune to their spiritual harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-30). Because of this, we ask that any visitors who are not a member of one of our sister congregations give us the opportunity to compare what we teach with your faith to ensure that we are in complete agreement before you commune with us. Please speak with Pastor Shrimpton after worship for more information.

#### The Theme of Today's Worship

Scripture frequently pictures spiritual care in terms of a shepherd watching over sheep. Even folks unfamiliar with shepherding are able to grasp the meaning. Sheep are helpless animals—an easy meal for predators. For sheep to survive they needed a shepherd who not only leads them to sources of food, but who also is willing to tangle with a pack of wolves. Jesus is such a shepherd. He proved he is willing to lay down his life for his sheep.

The word "pastor" comes from the Latin word for "shepherd." Today, there are plenty of people—pastors, religious leaders, etc.—who claim they can provide healing for your soul. Yet, Scripture warns that "many" of these are "false prophets" (1 John 4:1) who "distort the truth" (Acts 20:30). Many! But the resurrection reality is that our Good Shepherd is faithful. He will raise up true sub-shepherds who know Christ and proclaim the truth of his gospel.

# **Serving in Worship**

Presiding Minister & Preacher	Pastor Timothy Shrimpton
Accompanist	Kathy Lee
Ushers	Tim Mann and Daniel Donovan
Communion Assistant	Jasen Higgins
Altar Preparation	Karen Shrimpton
Sunday School Teacher	Kathy Lee
Coffee Hour Host	Karen Shrimpton

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# The Service

Setting Two

# **Opening Hymn**

481 Alleluia! Let Praises Ring





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Please stand

#### **Invocation**

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

## Confession\*

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.†

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

<sup>\*</sup> We are born into this world with a deep need for confession. We come as sinners before the holy God who demands perfection from us. We come asking for his forgiveness, trusting in his promises to forgive us for the sake of Jesus' life and death in our place.

<sup>†</sup> Psalm 32:1-2

We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

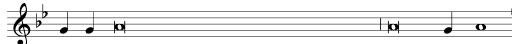
God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

# **Lord, Have Mercy**

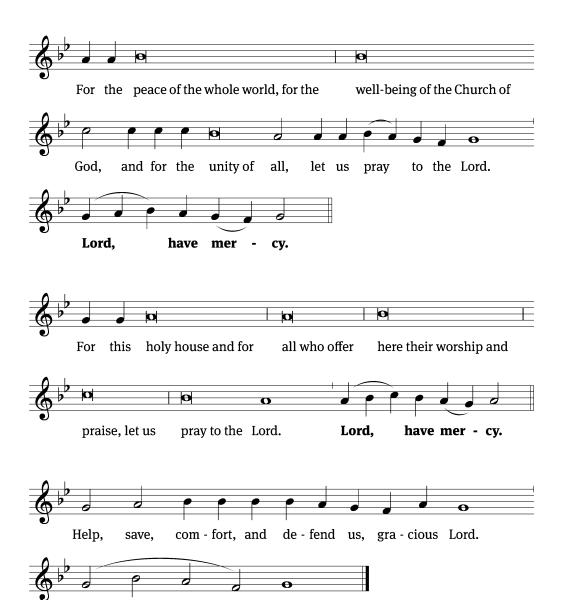
Kyrie





For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.





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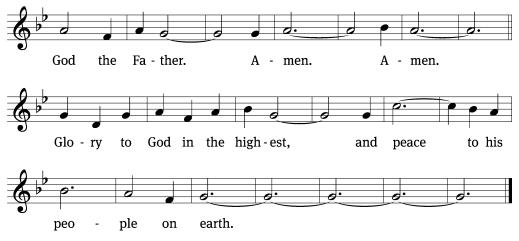
men.

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<sup>\*</sup>This song borrows the words of the angels as they proclaimed the birth of the Savior to the shepherds (**Luke 2:14**). This song's traditional name, *Gloria in Excelsis*, is a Latin phrase meaning "glory in the highest."





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# The Word

#### **Salutation**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 

# **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading Acts 20:28–32

The Good Shepherd asks his sub-shepherds to keep watch over the flock.

lways keep watch over yourselves and over the whole flock in which the Holy Spirit has placed you as overseers, to shepherd the church of God, which he purchased with his own blood. <sup>29</sup>I know that after my departure savage wolves, who will not spare the flock, will come in among you. <sup>30</sup>Even from your own group men will rise up, twisting the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. <sup>31</sup>Therefore be always on the alert! Remember that for three years, night and day, I never stopped warning each one of you with tears.

<sup>32</sup>"And now I entrust you to God and to the word of his grace, which has power to build you up and to give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

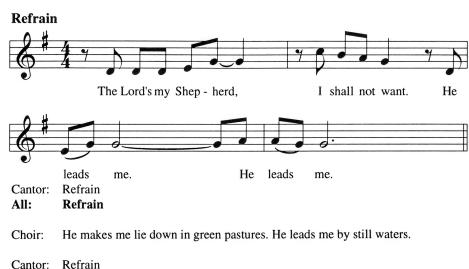
All:

Choir:

Refrain

# **Psalm of the Day**

The Lord's My Shepherd Setting: John A Behnke



Cantor: Refrain
All: Refrain

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

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Choir: Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no

evil.

Cantor: Refrain Refrain

Choir: You prepare a table in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my

head with oil, my cup overflows.

Cantor: Refrain Refrain

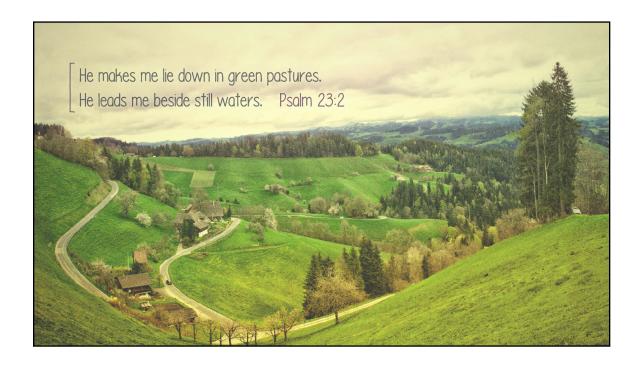
Choir: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and

I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever and ever.

Cantor: Refrain Refrain

Choir: He leads me, he leads me.

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Second Reading 1 John 4:1-6

John encourages us to test all those who claim to have a spiritual message. Not all such individuals have been sent by God.

ar friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see if they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. <sup>2</sup>This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit who confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, <sup>3</sup>and every spirit who does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard is coming and is already in the world. <sup>4</sup>You are from God, dear children, and you have overcome the false prophets, because the one in you is greater than the one in the world. <sup>5</sup>They are from the world. That is why they speak from a worldly perspective and the world listens to them. <sup>6</sup>We are from God. The one who knows God listens to us, but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. That is how we can distinguish between the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand\*

## **Gospel Acclamation**



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<sup>\*</sup>We stand out of respect for the words and account of the life of our Savior and King, Jesus.

Gospel John 10:11–18

Jesus explains why he is the Good Shepherd.

am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

12The hired man, who is not a shepherd, does not own the sheep. He sees the wolf coming, leaves the sheep, and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the sheep and scatters them. 13Because he works for money, he does not care about the sheep.

<sup>14</sup>"I am the Good Shepherd. I know my sheep and my sheep know me <sup>15</sup>(just as the Father knows me and I know the Father). And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I also have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. Then there will be one flock and one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life so that I may take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have the authority to lay it down, and I have the authority to take it up again. This is the commission I received from my Father."

The Gospel of the Lord.

#### Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

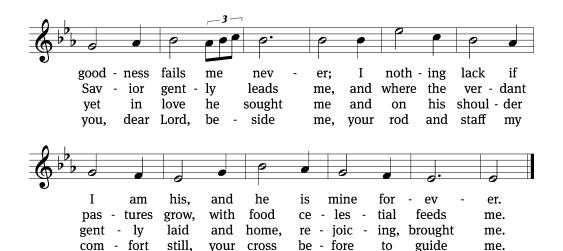
## Children's Message

The children are invited forward to sit in the first pew on the left-hand side of the sanctuary. Parents may join them for this special message.

# **Hymn of the Day**

552 The King of Love My Shepherd Is





- 5 You spread a table in my sight, a banquet here bestowing; your oil of welcome, my delight; my cup is overflowing!
- And so through all the length of days your goodness fails me never;
   Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise within your house forever!

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#### Sermon

#### **You Know Your Shepherd**

1 John 4:1-6

Please stand

#### **Confession of Faith**

Apostles' Creed\*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

<sup>\*</sup> The Apostles' Creed is an ancient confession of faith in the Christian church and is one of three nearly-ubiquitous confessions throughout Christendom. While not written by the apostles, it serves as a summary of their teaching.

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there 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.

Be seated

# **Prayer of the Church**

Lord of life, fill our hearts with joy during this season, for you have risen and conquered the grave. Imprint the message of victory on our hearts and implant it in our minds. Through the good news of your resurrection renew our hope and revive our faith. Lord, in your mercy,

#### Hear our prayer.

By baptizing us into your name, you have connected us to your death and rising. You have put our sin to death and have given us a new life. Enable us each day to think of ourselves as dead to sin and alive to you, so that we may walk in newness of life in all we do. Lord, in your mercy,

#### Hear our prayer.

In this fallen world, death and sorrow surround us. Touch the hearts of those who grieve the loss of a Christian they love. Direct their eyes to your empty tomb and ease their pain by reminding them that their loved ones will one day rise again. Lord, in your mercy,

#### Hear our prayer.

Lord, many people grieve without hope. Let the message of resurrection reach them and awaken faith in their hearts. Use us as your instruments to bring the word of life to their souls and the message of hope to their hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

#### Hear our prayer.

Stay by the side of all who are suffering. In your wise mercy, heal those who are sick, receiving treatment for illness, recovering from illness or surgery, or hurting in body or mind. Remind them that your victory over death is a fact, and comfort them with your promise to raise them and give them and all believers new, glorified bodies like yours. Lord, in your mercy,

#### Hear our prayer.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Risen Savior, feed our faith with the message of your resurrection. Come to us in your Word and in the feast of your Sacrament to sustain and strengthen us until we feast with you in eternal glory.

Amen.

# Offering

The members of Gloria Dei give their offerings out of thanks to God for his unending love. These offerings are used to support our work locally and around the world. Our guests may give, but should not feel compelled to do so. If you wish to give a gift electronically, please visit www.gdluth.org/giving.



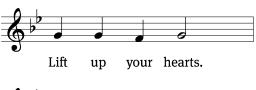
If you are a guest with us today, please fill out the "Connection Card" in the racks at the end of each pew and leave the card with an usher, in the offering plate, or with the pastor.

As the offering plates are brought forward, please stand for prayer.

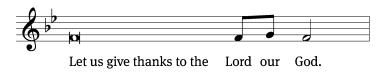
# **The Sacrament**

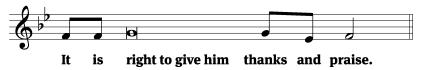
#### Preface\*











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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>\*</sup> The words of the Preface are the least changed liturgical text of the Christian church, dating back to at least 200 AD. They are spoken as joyous words that anticipate the forthcoming reception of the Lord's Supper.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

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Ho-san - na

Sanctus\*

<sup>\*</sup> We join the saints in the triumph song of the holy God who has rescued us. We sing, "Hosanna!" which means,

<sup>&</sup>quot;Please save us!" The traditional name for this song, Sanctus, is the Latin word for Holy.



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# **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

#### Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

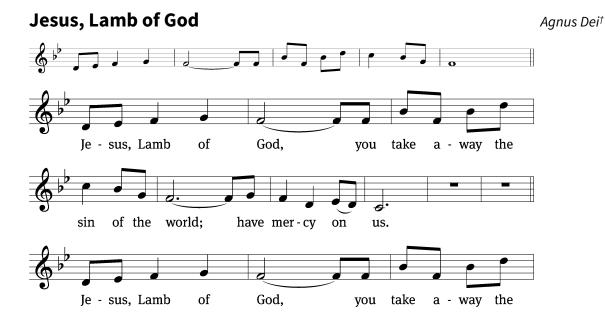
#### **Words of Institution\***

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

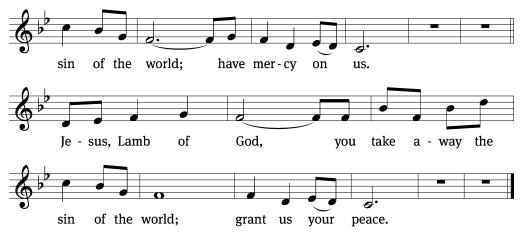
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.



<sup>\*</sup> This is no symbolic meal nor were Jesus' directions a parable. As his last will and testament, Jesus' direction on the Lord's Supper is clear: in a miraculous way, his true body and true blood are present with the bread and wine in the Sacrament. Through it we receive the forgiveness of our sins won for us by his death on the cross.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup> John the Baptist called Jesus the **"Lamb of God" (John 1:29)**, the long-promised, perfect sacrifice for sin. The traditional name of this song, *Agnus Dei*, is the Latin phrase *Lamb of God*.



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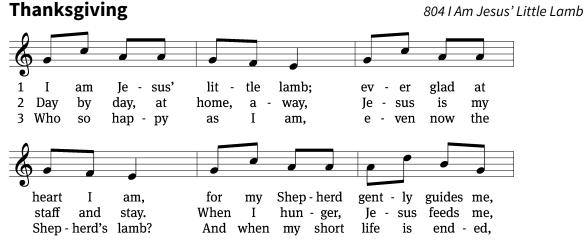
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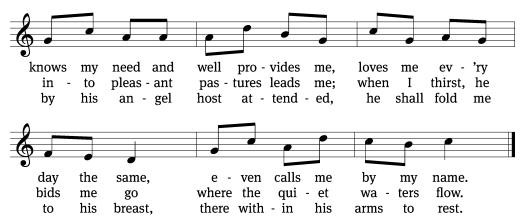
#### **Distribution**

**To our guests:** please review "Our Communion Practice" on p. 2 of this worship folder before communing with us. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor after the service.

Those communing with us today should follow the ushers' direction to come forward via the center aisle and return to their seats by the side aisles.

Please stand





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Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

his mercy endures forever.\*

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

## Blessing<sup>‡</sup>

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

#### Amen.

<sup>\*</sup> These words of praise occur repeatedly in Scripture. For an example, see Psalm 118:1.

<sup>† 1</sup> Corinthians 11:26

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>‡</sup> The closing blessing of the service follows the pattern of the blessing that God gave to his Old Testament people in **Numbers 6:22-27**.



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# **Calendar & Announcements**

Sun	day
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Sunday School [Grades PreK-5th] and Bible Class [Romans] 9:15 a  Worship 10:30 a  Coffee Hour 11:30 a  Choir Practice 12:00 p  Catechism Class 12:00 p	am am om
Tuesday In-Person Midweek Bible Class [Luke]	om
Thursday Senior Care Center Worship Service [The Abigail, Redwood City]	
Next Sunday Sunday School [Grades PreK-5th] and Bible Class [Romans]	am am om

#### **Tree of Life Bible Camp**

July 7-13

Tree of Life Bible Camp, our church body's weeklong summer camp for kids in 4th grade through seniors in high school will be held this July from the 7th through the 13th. The camp features a ton of fun outdoor activities and plenty of time in God's Word for our young men and women to grow in their faith.

If you have children in your family in that age group and/or are interested in volunteering for the week to help make the camp work the best it can be, please visit https://treeoflifebible-camp.org or speak with Tim Mann or Pastor Shrimpton.

## **Every Member Visits**

Pastor Shrimpton is making a new round of visits and would like to touch base with each member family in the congregation. These visits can take place in your home, at church, at a coffee shop, or online—whatever would be easiest and best for you and your family. You should have received an email early in the week with a link to schedule these visits, but you can also scan the code at the right to do so from your mobile device. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor.



# **Service and Sermon Notes**



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