

SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES LUTHERAN CHURCH

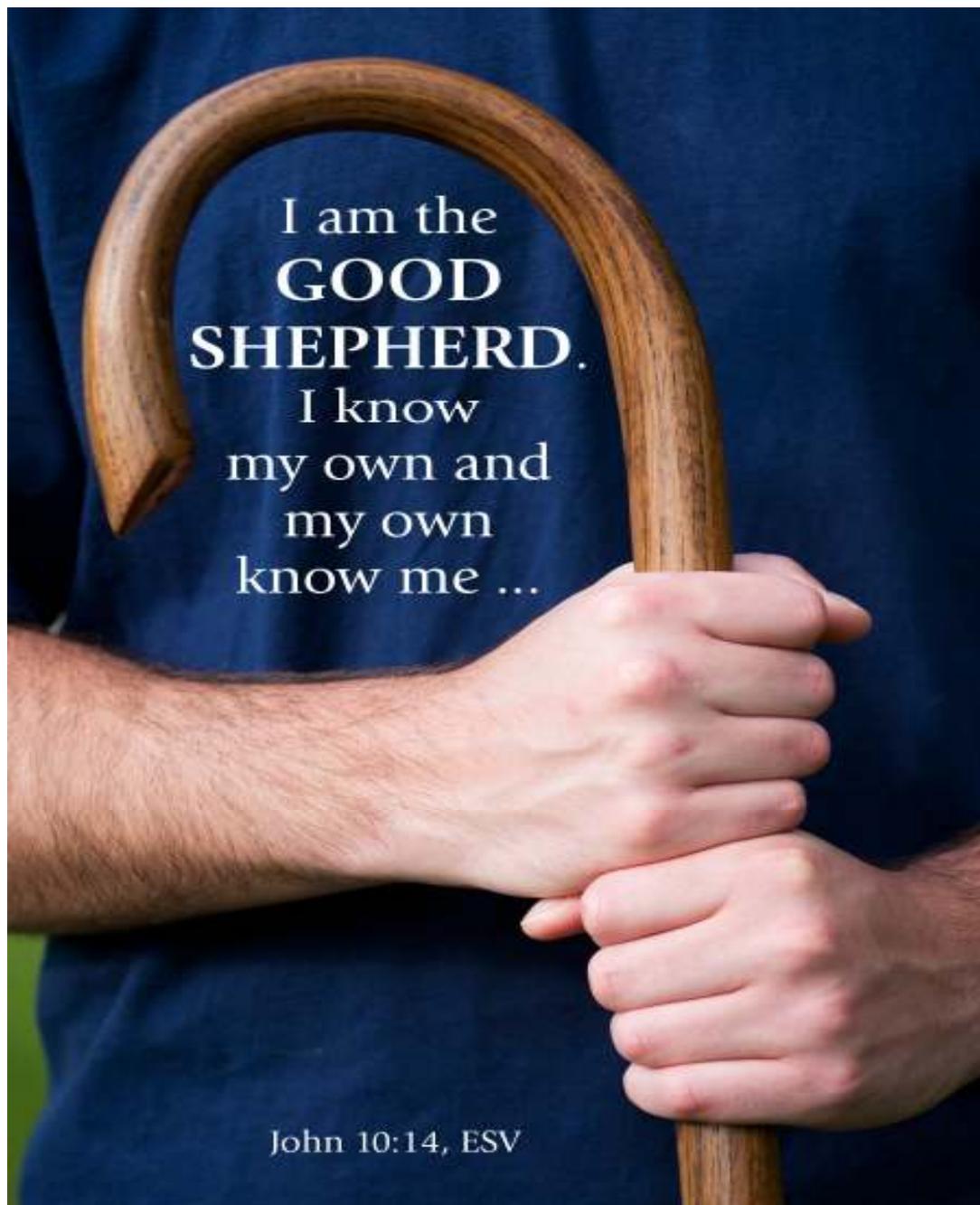
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**8:30 & 10:30 A.M.
WORSHIP**



**APRIL 25, 2021
FOURTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

All Are Welcome!

Welcome to Shepherd of the Glades!

All who have come to worship are heartily welcomed. Let us joyfully open our hearts to God and to one another.

You are encouraged to participate in all that Shepherd of the Glades has to offer and to make Shepherd of the Glades your spiritual home.

If Shepherd of the Glades can be of service to you or if you would like Pastor Jeff to contact you, please let us know. The office phone number and Pastor Jeff's cell phone number are on the cover of the bulletin.

Ministries for Today

Lector: Brenda Charleston

Greeter: Karen & Pete Peterson

Altar Guild: Darlene Momberg

Ushers: 8:30 a.m. Alan Espersen & Lester Larabee
Linda Tidmore

10:30 a.m. Ann & Paul Hashagen
Charlotte Wahlig

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25, 2021, 8:30 & 10:30 A.M. Worship - Setting I

+ Indicates Please Stand

Bold Indicates Congregation Joins In

PRELUDE

Megan Cianflone, Director of Music

INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

C We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers. Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life. Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever. Amen.

+ **OPENING HYMN “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing” ELW 385**

+ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Let us pray.

C 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.

+ **THE PRAYER OF PRAISE**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia!

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches, wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: blessing and honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign, alleluia.
This is the feast of victory for our God.

C: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

FIRST READING: Acts 4: 5-12

⁵The next day the rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is ‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.’”

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 23 (Read responsively)

¹The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name’s sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I
shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

SECOND READING: 1 John 3: 16-24

¹⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

+ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

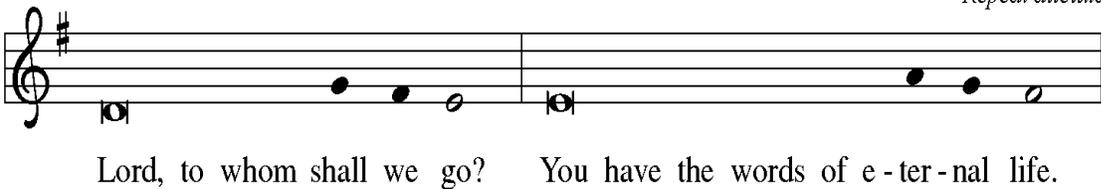


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Repeat alleluia



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

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A Let us proclaim our trust in the presence and power of God in our lives with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

+ **APOSTLES' CREED**

ELW 105

**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 life everlasting.

Amen.

+ **THE PRAYERS**

A Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

A brief silence.

A Loving Shepherd, you know your own and your own know you. Your voice calls us to your loving embrace. Strengthen your church throughout the world that we bear witness to your expansive love. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Gracious Shepherd, you are generous with the gifts of goodness and mercy. Restore your creation to wholeness so that cities and towns, countryside and wilderness, may abound with life. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Hope-giving Shepherd, the nations and peoples are your heritage. Place into the hearts of all leaders and rulers the passion to serve. Crucify any desire to overpower others and give leaders joy in lifting up the lowly. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Abiding Shepherd, your love flows as we reach out to those around us. Move us with your Spirit, so that we lay down our lives for those in need, especially; John White, Beth & Ed O'Brien, Catherine Victoria Parker, Marge & Don Sharpe, Merlyn Bowers, Jim Opperman, Carole Freitag, Sharon & Bobby Hicks, Leo Malinowski, Pat Lussky, and Nick & Anita Lehr. Help us love one another in truth and action. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Saving Shepherd, you restore us to wholeness. Help our community in our life together and give us vigor as a people of faith. In the midst of challenges and opportunities, fill us anew with you Holy Spirit. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of mercy, you are our resurrection. We give you thanks, oh God, for the celebration of birthdays and anniversaries within our faith community. Today we pray for Mary Jingling, Larry Buettner, Jeffrey Seminario and Louise Kalbaugh as they celebrate their birthdays. We also pray for Barbara & Donald Glaser, Susan & Alan Espersen, Karen & Harlo Peterson and Diana & Steve Snover as they celebrate their anniversaries. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Eternal Shepherd, you hold us securely in your loving hands. In the assurance of resurrection hope, we remember our loved ones who have died in you. Bring us, with them, to dwell in your house forever. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

+ **SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

P The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

+ **OFFERTORY**

+ **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

ELW 107

A Let us pray.

C **God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

+ **PROPER PREFACE**

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

+ **THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(Spoken)*

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C **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.**

+ **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

+ **COMMUNION BLESSING**

P Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

+ **THE BLESSING**

P May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

+ **SENDING HYMN** “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us” **ELW 789**
8:30 a.m. (*verses 1 & 4*)

+ **DISMISSAL**

A Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

A Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the chancel this morning are given by Connee Zeman to honor her wedding anniversary, and Corrine Roscoe to honor Karen and Harlow Peterson’s wedding anniversary.

HOSPITALIZATIONS

At this time, due to covid-19, local clergy are permitted to visit patients in the hospital but with restrictions. Local hospitals are no longer calling church offices to advise of the hospitalizations of parishioners. If you are hospitalized, please let the church office know so that we may keep you in our prayers and provide pastoral support.

HANSON HALL RENTAL

Our church council approved the rental of Hanson Hall to a United Methodist Church mission development. The name of this congregation is the Iglesia Conexion Church. The minister of this church is Orlando Ramirez and the congregation has approximately 25-30 members at this time. They will be meeting in Hanson Hall at 9:30 a.m. starting Sunday, May 2, 2021. We feel this is a wonderful mutual opportunity to help our Christian neighbors.

THIS WEEK AT SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES:

The office is open from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday thru Friday. We request that you wear a mask when entering the Church.

Pastor Jeff is available in the office by appointment.

Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 25, 2021, 8:30 a.m., public worship with Pastor Jeff Unga. Worship will also be live streamed on YouTube, or you can access on our website. See website for details - www.sotgweb.org. 10:30 a.m. Worship will be held outside.

Tuesday, April 27, 2021, 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Sew-Sew ladies meet in Hanson Hall.

Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 2, 2021, 9:30 a.m., public worship with Pastor Jeff Unga. Worship will also be live streamed on YouTube, or you can access on our website. See website for details - www.sotgweb.org.

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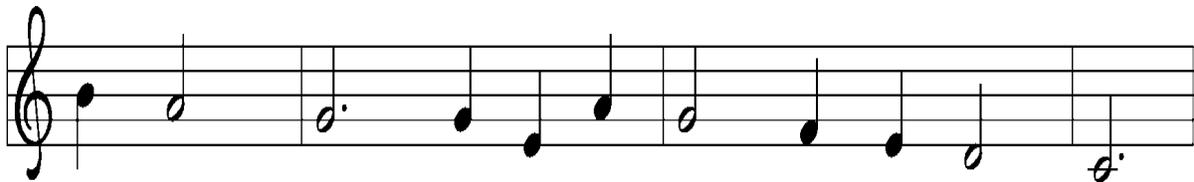
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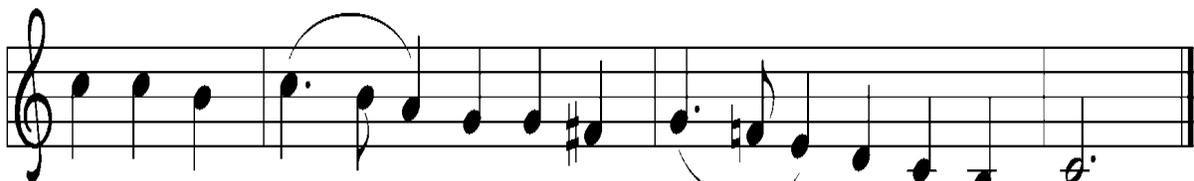
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might-y stone is
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with



of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:
rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joice and say:
can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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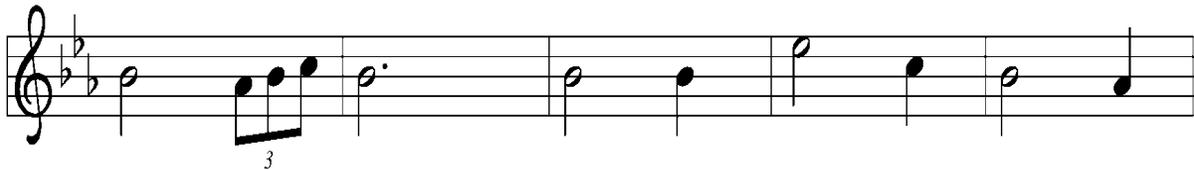
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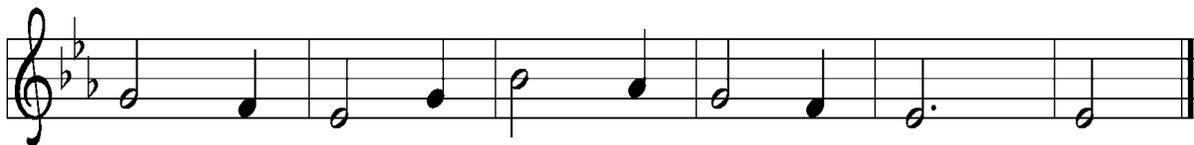
The King of Love My Shepherd Is



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.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 thine unction grace bestoweth;
 and, oh, what transport of delight
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
 thy goodness faileth never.
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877

Music: St. COLUMBA, Irish tune

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Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us



1 Sav-ior like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;
3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your fold pre-pare.
keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.