

April 20 & 21, 2024 † Fourth Sunday of Easter

KING OF KINGS LUTHERAN CHURCH
FAMILY WORSHIP LITURGY



***"I am the
good shepherd.
I know my own,
my own know me."***

John 10: 14

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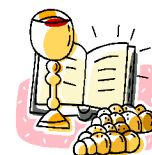
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / FAMILY WORSHIP
SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024 AT 5:00 P.M.
SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024 AT 11:00 A.M.



Welcome to Worship!



PROTOCOLS FOR WORSHIP AND OTHER INDOOR GATHERINGS AT KING OF KINGS
REVISED AS OF July 29, 2023

These protocols are subject to change at any time based on information received from Bishop Egensteiner, the Orange County Health Department, the Governor of New York, and the CDC.

Wearing of masks inside the church is optional. Anyone who chooses to wear a mask may do so without judgment. Masks and hand sanitizer are available from the Greeter.

Write or highlight your name (recorded for service attendance) at the lectern in the entryway.

Take a bulletin. You may place an offering in the offering plate in the entry area.

All pews are open for sitting.

The service is livestreamed and begins when the organist / pianist starts the prelude; please cease conversing and listen silently to prepare yourself for worship (your conversation may be heard on the livestream).

Worshippers are welcome to speak responses and sing hymns and liturgical music.

When sharing the peace, offer a smile or a hand signal, but do not touch.

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OR --

2. Come forward via the middle aisle at the direction of the usher, move to the right or the left of the altar rail, kneel or stand, and receive a wafer from the pastor; if you prefer a gluten-free wafer or pre-packaged elements, please tell the pastor. Take a cup of red wine or white grape juice from the tray held by the communion assistant. Return to your pew by the side aisles, and dispose of the empty cup or container in the receptacle at the side of the chancel or in the pew.

Please refrain from talking during the postlude so it is not heard on the livestream. Please have your post-worship discussions outside the Sanctuary.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S HOUSE

INTRODUCTION

The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. We show our love for each other by sharing our time, caring and wealth with any sibling in need.



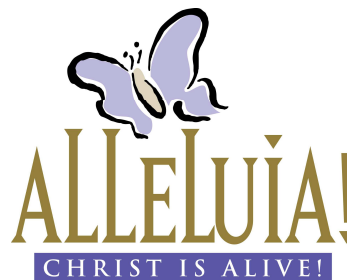
PRELUDES, GREETINGS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Please stand as you are able.







ENTRANCE PROCESSION WITH CHIMES

EASTER ACCLAMATION

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
L "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.
I am the good shepherd.
The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."
P Rejoice, for Christ is risen!
C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!



HYMN OF PRAISE (sung together)


☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. ☐ Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was

slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. ☐ Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

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C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. **I** Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and

might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. **II** For the Lamb who was

slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you. **C** And al-so with you.



P 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.

C Amen.

Sit



WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

PSALM: Psalm 4

L Please join in Psalm 4, reading the verses printed in bold.

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.**

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ALLELUIA, CHRIST IS RISEN

Left Side: Alle-lu-ia!

(hold for four extra beats)

Right Side: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

(hold for four extra beats)



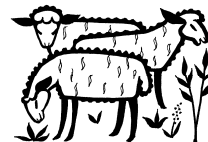
HOLY GOSPEL: John 10:7a, 10b, 11-18

In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.

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

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

(N: Narrator; J1-4: Jesus)



N Jesus said to them,

J1 I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

J2 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.

J3 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.

J4 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.

P This is the Word of the Lord for you and me this day.
C Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL RESPONSE

(Repeat the gospel acclamation on page 5.)

Sit

MESSAGE

Stand



ALWAYS ROOM FOR ONE MORE

When Jesus says “I am” in the Gospel of John, he unlocks a new perspective on his love. In today’s reading, when Jesus declares, “I am the good shepherd,” we can imagine our Lord caring for us and guiding us. We picture ourselves as his sheep. It’s reassuring to hear that we aren’t alone to navigate the dangers and challenges of this world. We have a loving shepherd who is looking out for us.

Jesus loves us so much that he goes above and beyond the shepherd’s role as a caretaker. He gives up his own life so our sins can be forgiven and we can receive eternal life. That’s what being a good shepherd means—having such a close relationship with the sheep that the shepherd will stop at nothing to protect them. The shepherd will lay down his own life so his sheep can have life.

When we hear Jesus’ promise to be our good shepherd, we must not miss his commitment to gather up the sheep that aren’t yet part of his flock. They, too, will listen to Jesus’ voice. Responding to his loving call, they will become part of the one flock that follows Jesus as their good shepherd, their Savior, and their Lord. No matter how many sheep are already jostling for space, there is always room for one more. Just like there is always room at our holy communion table for one more person to eat the bread, drink the wine, and receive the gifts of God’s mercy and grace. We can always squeeze closer to the sheep around us to let one or more sheep enter Jesus’ flock, thankful that the flock is growing and that we get to listen to the loving voice of our good shepherd, together.

LIFE LAID DOWN

How does faith in the risen Christ call one to live? What shape does one’s life take? Five times in eight short verses Jesus mentions laying down his life for the sake of the sheep.

A friend tells the story of her grandfather, a faithful man who earned a modest income. Each year when tax time rolled around, he was audited. According to tax records he earned so little and gave away so much. The astounded auditors questioned him, wondering why he gave so much of his income to the church. Incredulous, he responded, “You can’t outgive God.”

The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep, and joined to the risen life of Christ, the lives of the baptized are shaped by generosity and sacrifice. Giving one’s life, resources, whatever one holds most dear for the sake of another is witness to the love we have first been shown and an act of faith. Hearing Jesus’ words in this Easter season reminds us that laying down one’s life is not an act to be feared; rather, it is an act that defies death, as we trust that, washed in the waters of baptism, we already live in the resurrected life of Christ.

All

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be - yond my fears, from

death in - to life. life.

Leader or All

1 God is my shep-herd, so noth - ing shall I want, I
 2 Gent - ly you raise me and heal my wea - ry soul, you
 3 Though I should wan - der the val - ley of death, I

rest in the mead-ows of faith - ful - ness and love, I
 lead me by path-ways of righ - teous-ness and truth, my
 fear no e - vil, for you are at my side, your

walk by the qui - et wa - ters of peace.
 spir - it shall sing the mu - sic of your name.
 rod and your staff, my com - fort and my hope.

Leader or All

4 You have set me a ban-quet of love in the face of

ha-tred, crown-ing me with love be-yond my pow'r to hold.

Leader or All

5 Sure-ly your kind-ness and mer-cy fol-low me all the days of my life;

I will dwell in the house of my God for-ev - er - more.

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Final refrain
All

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -
yond my fears, from death in - to life.

PRAYERS

All are invited to bring their prayers before God, either out loud or in silence. After each prayer petition, please say:

- A God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.



WE SHARE IN GOD'S MEAL

GREETING OF PEACE

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.



The pastor and congregation may greet one another sharing a physically-distanced sign of peace.

PEACE HYMN

SWEET PEACE

Peace, peace, sweet peace! Won - der - ful gift from a - bove! (a - bove!)

Oh, won - der - ful, won - der - ful peace! Sweet peace, the gift of God's love!

KING'S KIDS CHOIR ANTHEM (Sunday) (Congregation sing along)

THE SHEEP SONG

Chorus - I just wanna be a sheep - Baa, baa, baa, baa
I just wanna be a sheep - Baa, baa, baa, baa
I pray the Lord my soul to keep
I just wanna be a sheep - Baa, baa, baa, baa



SHARING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

You may share an offering for the work of God through King of Kings in a variety of ways, either weekly or monthly or periodically. You may place cash or a check in the offering plate. You may use an envelope from the rack on the table in the narthex or request a set of personalized envelopes. If you use a check or identify yourself on an envelope, you will receive quarterly summaries of your giving. You may also mail in a contribution or give on-line through your bank or give by using the e-giving link on the kofk.com website or the "Vanco" app on your smartphone (see ORB bits for more information).

OFFERTORY While the gifts are being presented to the altar, we sing:

Refrain

Now we of - fer you, our Fa - ther, with the bread and with the wine

all our joys and all our sor - rows, all our strug-gles and our time.

You give good things with-out mea-sure, all we need comes from a-bove,

Repeat Refrain

So we give to you our trea-sures, so that all may know your love!

COMMUNION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.



P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly God, you are the God of
pow - er and might. Ho - san - - - na!
Heav'n and earth are full,
full of your love, the glo - ry of you. Ho - san - -
na! Blessed is one who
comes, here in the name, the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - - - na!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P 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.



LORD'S PRAYER

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.**



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

C **Thanks be to God.**

Sit



WE SHARE IN THE HOLY EUCHARIST WITH THE BODY OF CHRIST

All are welcome at Jesus' table of grace at this service.

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Please be assured that no matter your preferences, Jesus comes to you in this meal.

LAMB OF GOD (sung together)

Christ, O Lamb of God, who takes a - way the
sin of the world, — have mer - cy on us.
Christ, O Lamb of God,
who takes a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on
us. Christ, O Lamb of
God, who takes a - way the sin of the world, —
give us your peace.

This Sunday we commemorate Anselm, Bishop of Canterbury, died 1109

This eleventh-century monk was one of the greatest theologians of the Middle Ages. He is remembered for emphasizing the maternal aspects of God, and for the theory that the Son of God became human in order to make the necessary payment for our sin.

Preparing for Next Week

Monday (Day of the Creation [Día de la Creación]) Psalm 95.

Tuesday (Toyohiko Kagawa, renewer of society, died 1960)

Revelation 7: 13-17.

Wednesday Micah 7: 8-20.

Thursday (Mark, Evangelist) Psalm 22: 25-31.

Friday Acts 8: 9-25.

Saturday Amos 9: 7-15.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8: 26-40; Psalm 22: 25-31; 1 John 4: 7-21; John 15: 1-8.

Refrain

You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.

Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.

1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?
 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,

Refrain

so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joi - ce.
 that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav' n - ly food.
 Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
 whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
 to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

Stand

SACRAMENTAL BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace and unto everlasting life.

C Amen.



Silence

WE ARE SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD

BLESSING

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

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

C Amen.





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.
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DISMISSAL

- L Alleluia! Christ is risen.
C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
L Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**



POSTLUDE

[Describing a vision she had while in prison and awaiting martyrdom in 213:] I saw a brazen ladder of wondrous length reaching up to heaven, and on the sides of the ladder were fastened all kinds of iron weapons. Just beneath the ladder was a dragon couching of wondrous size who lay in wait and sought to frighten those from going up. And I said, “In the name of Jesus Christ, the dragon will not hurt me.” And the dragon put out his head gently, as if afraid of me, just at the foot of the ladder; and as though I were treading on the first step, I trod on his head. And I went up the ladder, and I saw a vast expanse of garden, and in the midst a man sitting with white hair, in the dress of a shepherd, a tall man, milking sheep; and round about were many thousands clad in white. And he looked at me and said, “You have well come, my child.” And he gave me a morsel of the milk which he was milking, and I received it in my joined hands, and ate, and all they that stood around said, “Amen.” And at the sound of the word I woke, still eating something sweet.

—Perpetua, “The Passion of St. Perpetua and Felcitas,” trans. H.R. Musurillo, in *Medieval Women’s Visionary Literature*, ed. Elizabeth Alvilda Patroff (New York: Oxford, 1986), 71.

ABUNDANT CARE

One of the things that drew people to Jesus was that he was a master communicator. Drawing from examples of daily life, like shepherding, fishing, and growing grapes, he helped people see the connections between their story and God’s story. He drew from very ordinary and familiar elements like bread, water, and light to describe how God is at work in our lives and the world.

If Jesus were using imagery from our world today, it’s interesting to ponder what illustrations he might use to remind us of God’s presence and grace. However, even though much has changed from the ancient world, the “I am” sayings of Jesus, like those found in today’s gospel, are still amazingly relevant and tell us a great deal about how God moves among us.

When Jesus says, “I am the good shepherd” (John 10:11), and describes how this shepherd cares for his sheep, he is naming God’s abundant care for each and every one of us. Perhaps you don’t always feel the immediacy of God’s care. There are moments in each of our lives when our outlook is bleak, when God’s provision doesn’t seem obvious, and when we wonder where God is in the midst of a trying situation.

But as the good shepherd, Jesus does not wait for us to be able to name our needs and pain before he comes to heal it. Jesus knows each one of his sheep in all their particular uniqueness: “I know my own” (John 10:14). God the good shepherd anticipates our needs and gives generously so we may have life in Jesus’ name. This is a promise we can depend on yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

April 20 & 21, 2024 † Fourth Sunday of Easter

Serving Saturday, April 20 at 5:00 pm

Greeter	Mariann Grassel
Announcements	Mariann Grassel
Acolyte / Crucifer	Judy Lorkowski, 3 Positions Available
Communion Asst	Megan Tennermann
Lector	Judy Lorkowski, 4 Positions Available
Usher	Jim Meaney
Altar Guild	Carmela Herring

Serving Sunday, April 21 at 11:00 am

Greeter	Ed O'Connor
Announcements	Marcia Rant
Acolyte / Crucifer	4 Positions Available
Communion Asst	Ed O'Connor
Lector	Judy Lorkowski, 3 Positions Available
Usher	Position Available
Counters	John Zupko, John Roper
Altar Guild	Carmela Herring

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