

SUNDAY'S OF EASTER/GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

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Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

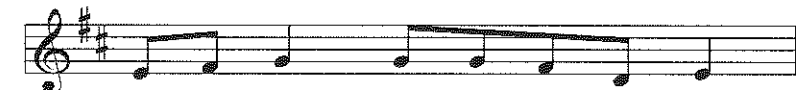
OPENING HYMN

Love in Christ Is Strong and Living
CW 726 (*Blue*)

- 1 Love in Christ is strong and living,
binding faithful hearts in one;
love in Christ is true and giving,
may his will in us be done.
- 2 Love is patient and forbearing,
clothed in Christ's humility,
gentle, selfless, kind, and caring,
reaching out in charity.
- 3 Love in Christ abides forever,
fainting not when ills attend;
love, forgiving and forgiven,
shall endure until life's end.

Please stand

M: O Lord, open my lips.



C: And my mouth shall de-clare your praise.

M: Hasten to save me, O God.



C: O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.

M: Christ is risen from the dead:

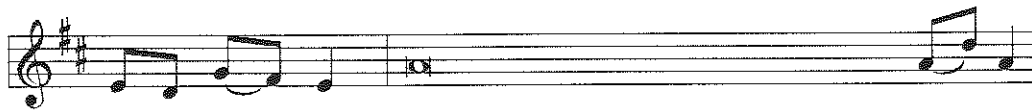


praise and thanks to God!

OH, COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD



C: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of



our sal - va - tion. Let us come into his presence with thanks-giv - ing,



let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a



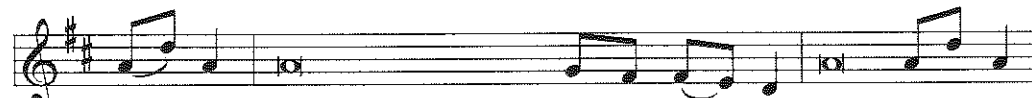
great God and a great king a-bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are



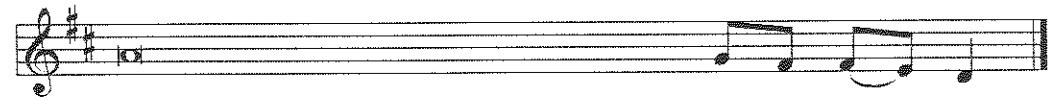
in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he



made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and



bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God,



and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Please be seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Acts 13:15,16a,26-39

¹⁵ After the reading of the Law and the Prophets, the leaders of the synagogue sent a message to them, saying, "Gentlemen, brothers, if you have a word of encouragement for the people, say it." ¹⁶ Then Paul stood up, motioned with his hand, and said, "Men of Israel and you who fear God, listen.

²⁶ "Gentlemen, brothers, sons of Abraham's family, and those among you who fear God, this message of salvation has been sent to you. ²⁷ The people of Jerusalem and their rulers did not recognize him, and by condemning him they fulfilled the statements of the prophets that are read every Sabbath. ²⁸ Though they found no grounds for a death sentence, they asked Pilate to have him executed. ²⁹ When they carried out everything that was written about him, they took him down from the cross and laid him in a tomb. ³⁰ But God raised him from the dead, ³¹ and for many days he was seen by those who had come up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem. These same individuals are now his witnesses to the people.

³² "We are preaching to you the good news about the promise that was made to our fathers. ³³ God has fulfilled this promise for us, their children, by raising up Jesus. As it is also written in the second Psalm:

You are my Son. Today I have begotten you.

³⁴ "That God would raise him from the dead never again to be subject to decay, God said in this way: I will give you the holy and sure blessings promised to David.

³⁵ "Therefore he also says in another place: You will not let your Holy One see decay.

³⁶ "For David, after he had served God's purpose in his own generation, fell asleep, was laid to rest with his fathers, and saw decay. ³⁷ But the One God raised did not see decay.

³⁸ "So, gentlemen, brothers, let it be known to you that through this Jesus forgiveness of sins is being proclaimed to you, also forgiveness from everything from which you could not be justified through the law of Moses. ³⁹ In this Jesus, everyone who believes is justified.

M: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

The Congregation will sing Psalm 23 (Red pg. 72)



The Lord is my shep-herd; there is noth-ing I shall want.



The LORD is my shepherd,*
I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;*
he leads me beside quiet waters.

He restores my soul;*
he guides me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

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

Refrain

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

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

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

Please stand

SECOND LESSON

John 10:22-30

²²Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon's Colonnade. ²⁴The Jews who were there gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."

²⁵Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me, ²⁶but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. ²⁷My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one."

M: This is the Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

The King of Love My Shepherd Is
CW 552 (Blue)

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness fails me never;
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine forever.
- 2 Where streams of living water flow,
my Savior gently leads me,
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feeds me.
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me
and on his shoulder gently laid
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

(Sunday) During verse 3, children are invited to come up for the Children's Message.

- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with you, dear Lord, beside me,
your rod and staff my comfort still,
your cross before to guide me.

5 You spread a table in my sight,
a banquet here bestowing;
your oil of welcome, my delight;
my cup is overflowing!

6 And so through all the length of days
your goodness fails me never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise
within your house forever!

SERMON

Rev. 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.

¹⁰And they cried out in a loud voice:

“Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”

¹¹All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying:

“Amen!

Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength
be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!”

¹³Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?” ¹⁴I answered, “Sir, you know.” And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵Therefore,

“they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst.

The sun will not beat down on them, nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd;

‘he will lead them to springs of living water.’

‘And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’”

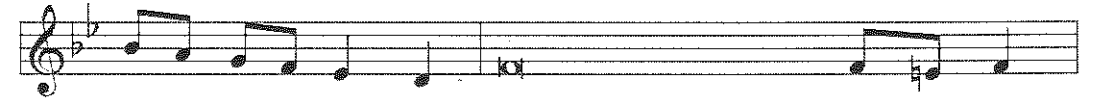
“Follow the Shepherd”

Please stand

WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD (*Te Deum*)



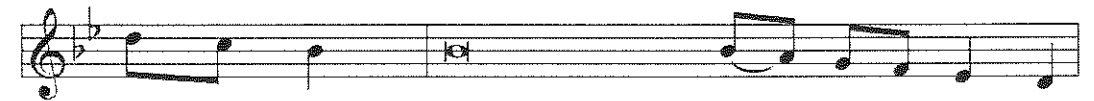
C: We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you,



Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing. To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,



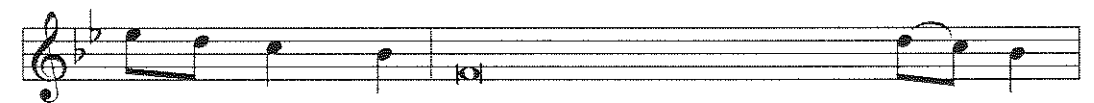
cherubim and seraphim, sing in end-less praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of



heav'n - ly hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.



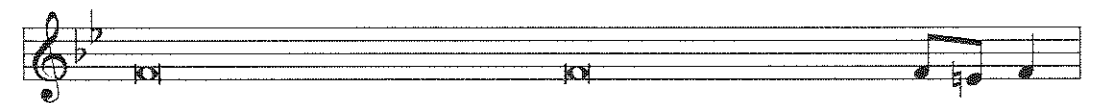
The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of



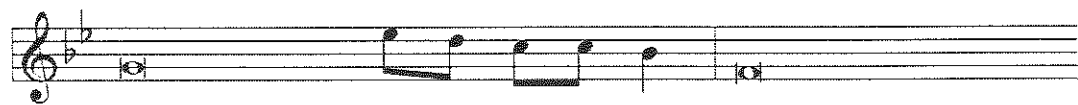
proph - ets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.



Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac - claims you:



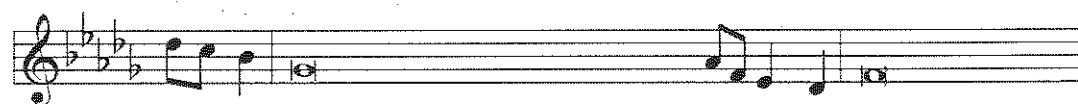
Father of majesty unbounded, your glorious, true, and on - ly Son,



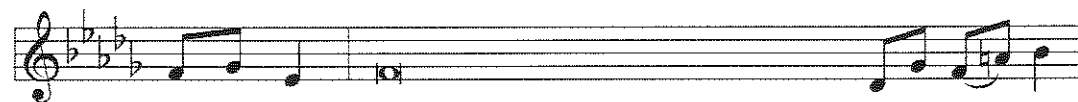
and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide. You, Christ, are the King of



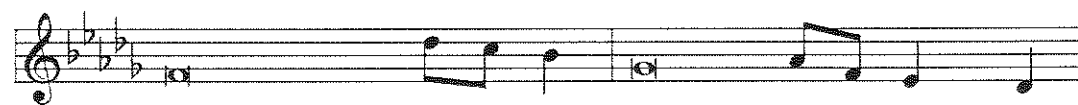
glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa - ther. When you became man to



set us free, you humbled yourself to be born of a vir - gin. You overcame the



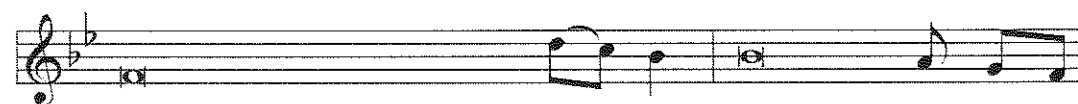
sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.



You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Fa - ther.



We believe that you will come to be our judge.



Come then, Lord, and help your peo - ple, bought with the price of



your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory ev - er - last - ing.

Please be seated

OFFERING

Please stand

LORD, HAVE MERCY

(Kyrie)

M: Hear my voice when I call, O Lord; be merciful and answer me.



C: Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

HYMN

Shepherd of Tender Youth
CW 756

- 1 Shepherd of tender youth, guiding in love and truth
 through devious ways, Christ, our triumphant King,
 we come your name to sing and here our children bring
 to join your praise.

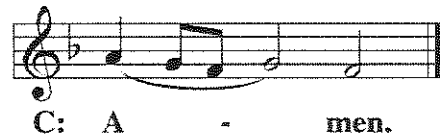
- 2 You are the holy Lord, Christ, the incarnate Word,
healer of strife. You did yourself abase
that from sin's deep disgrace you might thus save our race
and give us life.
- 3 You are the great High Priest; you have prepared the feast
of holy love; and in our mortal pain
none calls on you in vain; our plea do not disdain;
help from above.
- 4 O ever be our guide, our shepherd and our pride,
our staff and song. Jesus, O Christ of God,
by your enduring Word lead us where you have trod;
make our faith strong.
- 5 So now and till we die sound we your praises high
and joyful sing: infants and all the throng
who to your Church belong, unite to swell the song
to Christ, our King!

M: Let us praise the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God. (sung)

BLESSING

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ, and the love of God
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.



CLOSING HYMN

Oh, How Good It Is
CW 731 (Blue)

- 1 Oh, how good it is when the fam'ly of God
dwells together in spirit, in faith and unity.
Where the bonds of peace, of acceptance and love
are the fruits of his presence here among us. (Refrain)

*Refrain: So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord,
and with one heart we'll live out his word,
till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come,
for he dwells in the presence of his people.*

- 2 Oh, how good it is on this journey we share
to rejoice with the happy and weep with those who mourn.
For the weak find strength, the afflicted find grace
when we offer the blessing of belonging. (Refrain)
- 3 Oh, how good it is to embrace his command
to prefer one another, forgive as he forgives.
When we live as one we all share in the love
of the Son with the Father and the Spirit. (Refrain)