

EASTER SEASON

WINNETKA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

APRIL 21, 2024



GATHERING

ORGAN PRELUDE

Shepherd Me, O God

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears,
from death into life.

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT

I am the good shepherd.
I know my own and my own know me,
and I lay down my life for the sheep.

-John 10:14-15

GATHERING PRAYER

God, our shepherd,
you gather us into your kingdom,
and into your loving arms.
You seek us out when we are lost.
You rescue us when we are in trouble.
You welcome us when we return home.
Make us into a sanctuary for all who are fearful,
a place of healing for those who are broken,
and a welcoming home for all who seek it.
Amen.

HYMN | STANDING

I Come With Joy



1. I come with joy a child of God, for -
2. I come with Chris - tians far and near to
3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
4. The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un -
5. To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by



giv - en, loved, and free, the life of Je - sus
find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
proud di - vi - sion ends. The love that made us,
seen, but ev - er near, is in such friend - ship
all that God has done, we'll go with joy, to



to re - call, in love laid down for me.
ty of love in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
makes us one, and strang - ers now are friends.
bet - ter known, a - live a - mong us here.
give the world the love that makes us one.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gentle Shepherd,
you guide us in right paths
and lead us in ways of righteousness.
We confess that we have allowed our anger,
our rage,
our greed,
and sometimes, even our hate,
to direct our paths.
Forgive us for not following your ways,
for not remembering that you are our shepherd,
and for not listening to your voice.
Guide us back home to your fold
that we might be more faithful witnesses of your resurrection.

Silence is kept for personal confession.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

RESPONSE

The Lord Is My Shepherd

The Lord is my_ shep-herd, I'll walk with him al - ways.

He leads by still_ wat - ers, I'll walk with him al - ways.

Al - ways, al - ways, I'll walk with him al - ways.

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Acts 4:5-12

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23

The cantor sings the refrain once, then all repeat.



The Lord is my shep-herd, the Lord is my shep-herd.



I shall want for noth - - ing.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall want for nothing.

He makes me lie down in pastures of green,
and leads me beside the waters of peace.

He renews life within me,
and for his name's sake, guides me in the right path. (refrain)

Even though I walk through the valley dark as death,
I fear no evil, for thou art with me.

Thy rod and thy staff are my comfort. (refrain)

Thou spreadest a table for me in the sight of my enemies.
Thou hast richly bathed my head with oil,
and my cup runs over.

Goodness, love unfailing will follow me all the days of my life.
And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long. (refrain)

THE GOSPEL

John 10:11-18

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children (K-6) are dismissed to go to Sunday school following the readings.

SERMON

The Shepherd's Voice

Rev. Paul Gilmore

CHORAL RESPONSE

O Thou, in Whose Presence

O thou, in whose presence my soul takes delight,
on whom in affliction I call;
my comfort by day, and my song in the night,
my hope, my salvation, my all!

Where dost thou, dear Shepherd, resort with thy sheep,
to feed them in pastures of love?
Say, why in the valley of death should I weep,
or alone in this wilderness rove?

He looks, and ten thousands of angels rejoice,
and myriads wait for his word;
he speaks and eternity, filled with his voice,
re-echoes the praise of the Lord!

Dear Shepherd, I hear, and will follow thy call;
I know the sweet sound of thy voice;
restore and defend me, for thou art my all,
and in thee I will ever rejoice.

PROFESSION OF FAITH | STANDING

**We believe in God,
present in every time, and in every place,
generating and sustaining all life,
nurturing relationship with creation.**

We believe in Jesus Christ,
 who lived and loved,
 taught and died;
 who conquered death
 and surprises us with grace,
 when we least expect or deserve it.
 We believe in the Holy Spirit,
 who journeys with us and makes our faith possible,
 in every situation and every circumstance.
 We believe that God is with us
 in every time and in every place,
 and we are grateful.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST | STANDING

The peace of Christ be with you.
 And also with you.

There is one Lord, There is one faith,
 There is one bap - tis - m, There is one God,
 And we are all chil - dren of God,
 born of one same Spir - it, Al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

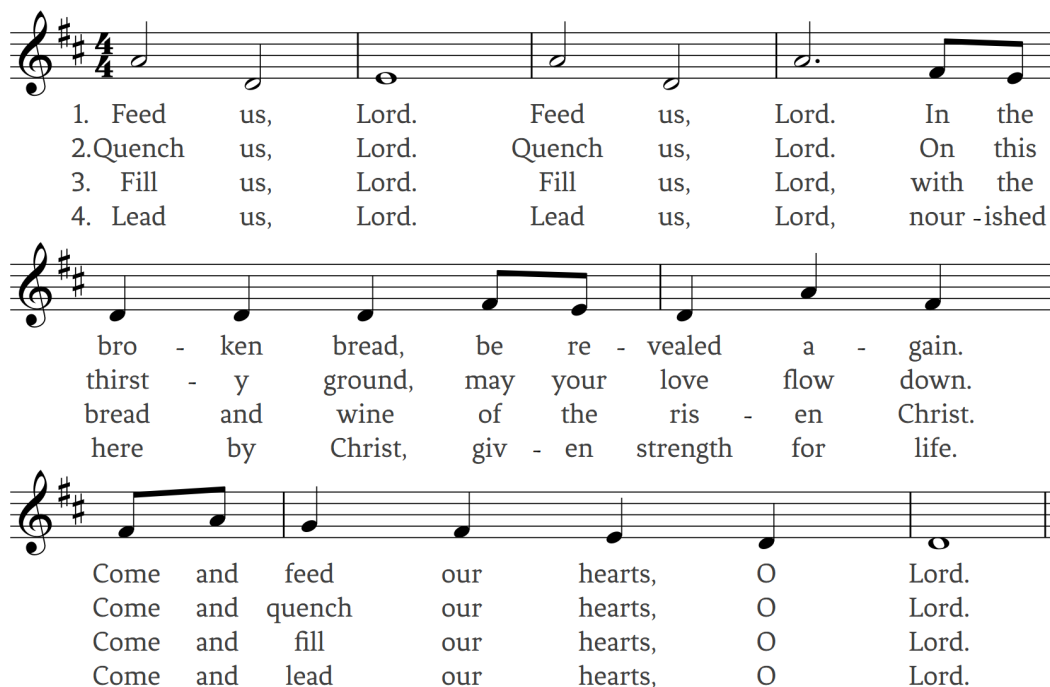
THE LORD'S PRAYER | STANDING

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 debts as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.
Amen.

TABLE

OFFERING

*After the offering, the congregation stands and sings "Feed Us, Lord"
as the bread and juice are brought forward to the Lord's Table.*



1. Feed us, Lord. Feed us, Lord. In the
2. Quench us, Lord. Quench us, Lord. On this
3. Fill us, Lord. Fill us, Lord, with the
4. Lead us, Lord. Lead us, Lord, nour-ished

bro - ken bread, be re - vealed a - gain.
thirst - y ground, may your love flow down.
bread and wine of the ris - en Christ.
here by Christ, giv - en strength for life.

Come and feed our hearts, O Lord.
Come and quench our hearts, O Lord.
Come and fill our hearts, O Lord.
Come and lead our hearts, O Lord.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE | STANDING

This is the table of our risen Lord,
the table prepared for us in the presence of our enemies,
the table where we share a banquet of love in the face of hatred,
the table where we expect to meet Jesus.
Christ, the Good Shepherd, is the host,
and God's loving kindness and mercy overflow.
So whoever you are,
wherever you have been,
come and celebrate this holy feast this Easter season,
because Jesus is here
and invites us to join him in the banquet.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING | STANDING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

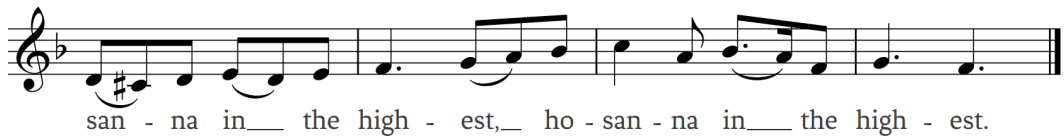
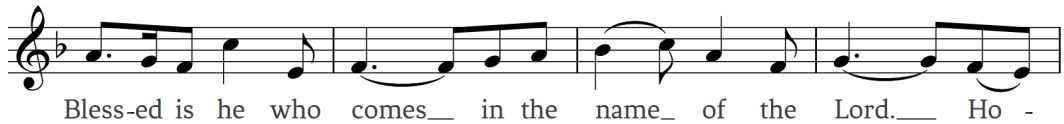
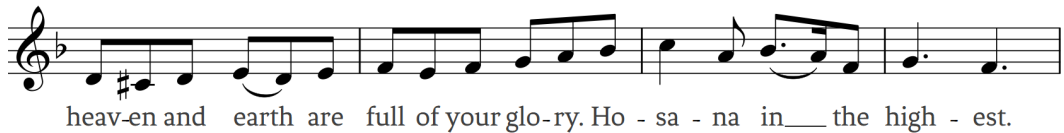
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Loving Shepherd,
we give you thanks and praise
for your beautiful and good creation.
Surrounded by such beauty,
we choose hunger
when we could feast at the banquet you spread before us;
we thirst in deserts
when we could drink deeply from the streams of your grace;
we stumble off the pathway
when we could be led into your holy presence.
Yet you continue to seek us out,
to bring us home,

and to prepare a feast for all who will respond
to your gracious invitation.

And so, we raise our voices
with those gathered around your throne,
singing your praise now and always...

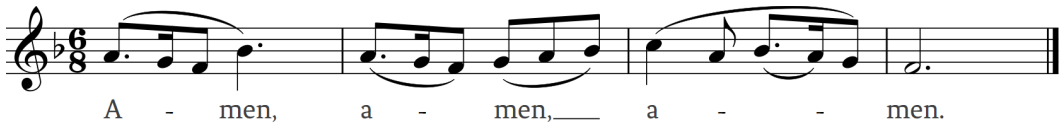


Holy are you, O God,
and blessed is Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.
Knowing that we prefer the shadows,
he became the Light to illumine the way back to you.
Hearing our hearts breaking in grief,
he became the Love which defeated sin.
Seeing you weep over your creation,
he became the Compassion which saved the world.
Remembering the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus,
we proclaim the mystery of our faith...

Christ came to call us back to you;
Christ died to save us;
Christ will come again to lift us into your presence.

Gracious God,
 pour out your Holy Spirit on us,
 and on these gifts of bread and wine.
 May they be for us the rich feast of life
 so that we might be for the world a sign of your love.
 As we are fed and nourished
 with the bread of heaven
 and the cup of salvation,
 send us forth from this table
 to be your presence to all who are hungering and searching.
 And on that final day,
 when we pass through the valley of death,
 lead us home into your eternal presence forever.

Through Christ, our Good Shepherd,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 all glory and honor are yours,
 almighty God,
 now and forever.



The congregation is seated

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION

All are welcome at the Lord's Table.

Please come forward by the center aisle to receive communion.

*Once you have received, please return by the side aisles,
 placing your cups in the baskets provided*

The bread of life ... **Thanks be to God or Amen**
 The cup of salvation ... **Thanks be to God or Amen**

COMMUNION SONG

You Are My Shepherd

OSTINATO REFRAIN

You are my shep - herd. I shall want noth - ing.

Green are the pas - tures where you give me rest.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Good Shepherd, in this holy meal
you show us your will for every meal.
As we rise from this table,
help us to live and work for the day
when all tables are filled with your abundance.
Amen.

SENDING

HYMN 516 | STANDING

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

CHARGE AND BLESSING | STANDING

RECESSIONAL | STANDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Information about weekly Bible studies and small groups can be found in your weekly email or at winnpres.org. Sign up at winnpres.org to receive our weekly email.



OFFERING

- Scan QR code
- Offering plate in worship
- Online at winnpres.org

PANCAKES AND PENTECOST: MAY 19

Mark your calendar! We will celebrate Pentecost with a pancake breakfast on May 19 following worship. The proceeds will help fund our Youth Mission Trip to Minneapolis this summer.

SERVING TODAY

Worship Leaders: Paul Gilmore, Geoff Duffy

Greeters: Nancy Holly, Deacons

Lectors: Scott Martin, Kendal Reis

Prayer Leader: Kendal Reis

Elements:

Servers: Kendal Reis, Amy Schutz,

Martha Bermingham, David Holly

Musicians: Bryan Wlas, Daniel Rausch,

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