

Lord’s Prayer

*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*

Benediction

Three-fold Amen

Closing Hymn *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* ELW #502 (vss. 1, 5-6)

Sending: P: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord
 C: Thanks Be to God!

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Welcome! We are glad you are with us today!!
“If you do not have a church home, you are welcome here. If you would like to become a member, contact any member or the church office.”

Sunday, April 30, 2023; 9:30 am Fourth Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Temple Talk Dale Hanson

Sharing of the Peace/Invocation

Call to Worship **Psalm 23 (read responsively verse by verse)**

L: The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
 C: He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;
L: he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name sake.
 C: Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
 I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff — they comfort me.
L: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
 C: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
 and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Opening Hymn *Will You Come and Follow Me* ELW #798 (vss. 1,3,5)

Prayer of the Day (All)

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Lesson Acts 2:42-47 Susan Kruse
⁴²[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.
⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Second Lesson 1 Peter 2:19-25
¹⁹It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God’s approval. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.
²²“He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”
²³When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Alleluia Verse Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing ELW #389 (vs. 5)

Gospel John 10:1-10
(Response after the announcement: *Glory to you, O Lord.*)
[Jesus said:] ¹“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.
⁷So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate.

Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”
(Response after the conclusion: *Praise to you, O Christ.*)

Children’s Sermon Pastor Greg Johnson
Sermon “Do Right” Pastor Greg Johnson
Hymn of the Day I Love to Tell the Story ELW #661

Apostles Creed
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 the life everlasting. Amen

Offering (The children’s offering basket will be on the front steps of the church, so that they can in yet another way feel involved in Sunday worship)

Offertory Hymn God is Here! ELW #526 (vss. 1, 3-4)
Prayers of the Church

