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## April 30 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

*Welcome in Jesus' name.*

*We extend a special welcome to guests and visitors.*



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# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Prelude/Procession/Bells

“The Old Rugged Cross” (vs. 1,4)

1 On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross  
The emblem of suff'ring and shame  
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
For a world of lost sinners was slain

Chorus

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross  
Till my trophies at last I lay down  
I will cling to the old rugged cross  
And exchange it some day for a crown

4 To the old rugged cross I will ever be true  
Its shame and reproach gladly bear  
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away  
Where His glory forever I'll share

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“Blessed Assurance”

ELW #638 (vs. 1,3)

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

*Refrain*

This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior, all the day long:  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest;  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *Refrain*

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915  
Music: Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830-1908

## “Fill My Cup”

REFRAIN:

Fill my cup and let it overflow (o-o-o)  
Fill my cup and let it overflow (oh yeah)  
Fill my cup and let it overflow,  
Let it overflow with love.

Amazing grace how sweet the sound (o-o-o)  
Save a wretch like me (oh yeah)  
Once was lost but now I'm found  
Was blind but now I see (REFRAIN)

Jesus loves me this I know (o-o-o)  
For the Bible tells me so (oh yeah)  
Little ones to Him belong  
They are weak but He is strong    REFRAIN x 2

## Welcome and Announcements

### **\*Thanksgiving for Baptism:**

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.

**C: Amen.**

L: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.*

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

**C: Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.  
Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our  
resolve in seeking justice for all.**

L: Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope.

Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Gathering Hymn: "Borning Cry"**

1 "I was there to hear your borning cry,  
 I'll be there when you are old.  
 I rejoiced the day you were baptized  
 to see your life unfold.  
 I was there when you were but a child,  
 with a faith to suit you well;  
 in a blaze of light you wandered off  
 to find where demons dwell."

2 "When you heard the wonder of the Word  
 I was there to cheer you on;  
 you were raised to praise the living Lord,  
 to whom you now belong.  
 If you find someone to share your time  
 and you join your hearts as one,  
 I'll be there to make your verses rhyme  
 from dusk till rising sun."

3 "In the middle ages of your life,  
 not too old, no longer young,  
 I'll be there to guide you through the night,  
 complete what I've begun.  
 When the evening gently closes in  
 and you shut your weary eyes,  
 I'll be there as I have always been,  
 with just one more surprise."

4 "I was there to hear your borning cry,  
 I'll be there when you are old.  
 I rejoiced the day you were baptized  
 to see your life unfold."

Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937  
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**\*Apostolic Greeting:**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**Hymn of Praise:** "Shout to the Lord"

ELW #821

My Jesus, my Savior,  
Lord, there is none like you.  
All of my days I want to praise  
the wonders of your mighty love.  
My comfort, my shelter,  
tower of refuge and strength;  
let ev'ry breath, all that I am  
never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing  
power and majesty, praise to the King.  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar  
at the sound of your name.  
I sing for joy at the work of your hands;  
forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

Text: Darlene Zschech, b. 1965

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**\*The Prayer of the Day:**

**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.**

**Hymn:** "Day by Day"

ELW #790 (vs. 1,2)

1 Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me,  
bringing comfort to my anxious soul.  
Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me  
draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal.  
Love divine, beyond all mortal measure,  
brings to naught the burdens of my quest;  
Savior, lead me to the home I treasure,  
where at last I'll find eternal rest.

2 Day by day, I know you will provide me  
strength to serve and wisdom to obey;  
I will seek your loving will to guide me  
o'er the paths I struggle day by day.  
I will fear no evil of the morrow,  
I will trust in your enduring grace.  
Savior, help me bear life's pain and sorrow  
till in glory I behold your face.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832-1903; tr. Robert Leaf, 1936-2005  
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**Scripture Reading:**

Acts 2:42-47

[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup>they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>Day 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, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.      **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn:** "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

ELW #789 (vs 1,2)

1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us;  
much we need your tender care.  
In your pleasant pastures feed us,  
for our use your fold prepare.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
you have bought us; we are yours.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
you have bought us; we are yours.

2 We are yours; in love befriend us,  
be the guardian of our way;  
keep your flock, from sin defend us,  
seek us when we go astray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
hear us children when we pray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
hear us children when we pray.

Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779-1847  
Music: William B Bradbury, 1816-1868

**Responsive Psalm Reading:**

Psalm 23

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

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

L: You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

**C: 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.**

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

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

**Hymn:** "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

ELW #789 (vs 3,4)

3 You have promised to receive us,  
poor and sinful though we be;  
you have mercy to relieve us,  
grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
early let us turn to you.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
early let us turn to you.

4 Early let us seek your favor,  
early let us do your will;  
blessed Lord and only Savior,  
with your love our spirits fill.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
you have loved us, love us still.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
you have loved us, love us still.

Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779-1847  
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**Scripture Reading:**

1 Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>If 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. <sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup>"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." <sup>23</sup>When 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. <sup>24</sup>He 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. <sup>25</sup>For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



## Hymn:

“I've Got That Joy Joy Joy Joy”

1 I've got that joy joy joy joy

Down in my heart, Down in my heart, Down in my heart

I've got that joy joy joy joy

Down in my heart, Down in my heart to stay

Chorus:

And I'm so happy; So very happy

I've got the love of Jesus in my heart

And I'm so happy so very happy

I've got the love of Jesus in my heart

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## Children's Sermon

### \*Gospel Acclamation:

“Beautiful Savior”

ELW #838 (vs. 1,2)

1 Beautiful Savior, King of creation,

Son of God and Son of Man!

Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

2 Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,

robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;

Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,

he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904

Music: Silesian folk tune, 19<sup>th</sup> cent.

**\*Holy Gospel:**

John 10:1-10

L: The Holy Gospel according to the Book of John.

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

[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>“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. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. <sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ**

**Hymn:**

“Beautiful Savior”

ELW #838 (vs. 3,4)

3 Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,  
bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels in the sky.

4 Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904

Sermon

## Hymn:

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

ELW #502

1 The King of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his  
and he is mine forever.

2 Where streams of living water flow,  
my ransomed soul he leadeth  
and, where the verdant pastures grow,  
with food celestial feedeth.

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.

4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill,  
with thee, dear Lord, beside me,  
thy rod and staff my comfort still;  
thy cross before 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

**“Have No Fear, Little Flock”**

ELW #764 (vs. 1,4)

1 Have no fear, little flock;  
have no fear, little flock,  
for the Father has chosen  
to give you the kingdom;  
have no fear, little flock!

4 Thankful hearts raise to God;  
thankful hearts raise to God,  
for he stays close beside you,  
in all things works with you;  
thankful hearts raise to God!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jilson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4  
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**\*Apostle’s 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.**

**\*Prayers of the People:** (sing throughout prayers)

**“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”** ELW #773 (vs. 1,2,3)

1 Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
I am tied, I am weak, I am worn.  
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

2 When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,  
When my life is almost gone,  
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

3 When the darkness appears and the night draws near,  
And the day is past and gone,  
At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Text: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1899-1993  
Music: George M/ A;;em. 1812-1877, adapt. Thomas A Dorsey

**\*Peace:**

L: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

**Offering:** (children may bring offerings forward)

**\*Offertory Hymn:** "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" ELW #774 (vs. 1,2)

1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms;  
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

*Refrain*

Leaning, leaning, (*Leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,*)  
safe and secure from all alarms;  
leaning, leaning, (*leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,*)  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,  
leaning on the everlasting arms;  
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,  
leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain*

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839-1929

**\*Offertory Prayer:**

God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. **Amen.**

**Hymn:** "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling" ELW #608 (vs. 1,3)

1 Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,  
calling for you and for me.  
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching,  
watching for you and for me.

*Refrain*

"Come home, (Come home,)  
come home! (come home!)  
You who are weary, come home."  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
calling, "O sinner, come home!"

3 Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised,  
promised for you and for me!  
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,  
pardon for you and for me. *Refrain*

Text: Will L. Thompson, 1847-1909

**\*The 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:**

The God of all, who raised † Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation. **Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymns:**

“Let There Be Peace On Earth”

1 Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me  
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be  
With God as our Father we are family  
Let us walk with each other, in perfect harmony.

2 Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.  
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow;  
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

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“Amazing Grace”

ELW #779 (vs. 1,5)

1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
was blind, but now I see.

5 When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun.

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt., sts. 1-4; anonymous, st. 5

**\*Dismissal:**

L: Go in peace. Serve the risen one. **C: Thanks be to God.**