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PRELUDE *Christ lag in Todesbanden* Samuel Scheidt (1587-1654)

GATHERING SONG *v. 1, 4* *Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands*



1 Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands for our of - fens - es giv - en;
2 Our Sav - ior Je - sus, God's own Son, here in our stead de - scend - ed;
3 Here the true Pas - chal Lamb we see, whom God so free - ly gave us,
4 So let us keep the fes - ti - val to which the Lord in - vites us;
5 Then let us feast this Eas - ter day on Christ the bread of heav - en;



but now at God's right hand he stands and brings us life from heav - en.
the knot of sin has been un - done, the claim of death is end - ed.
who died on the ac - curs - ed tree— so strong God's love!—to save us.
Christ is the ver - y joy of all, the sun that warms and lights us.
the Word of grace has purged a - way the old and e - vil leav - en.



There - fore let us joy - ful be and sing to God right thank - ful - ly
Christ has crushed the pow'r of hell; now there is naught but death's gray shell—
See, his blood now marks our door; faith points to it; death pas - ses o'er,
Now his grace to us im - parts e - ter - nal sun - shine to our hearts;
Christ a - lone, our ho - ly meal, the hun - gry soul will feed and heal;



loud songs of hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!
its sting is lost for - ev - er. Hal - le - lu - jah!
and Sa - tan can - not harm us. Hal - le - lu - jah!
the night of sin is end - ed. Hal - le - lu - jah!
faith lives up - on no oth - er! Hal - le - lu - jah!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. composite
Music: CHRIST LAG IN TODESBANDEN, J. Walter, *Geistliche Gesangbüchlein*, 1524
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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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Acts 4:5-12

Jim Hall

A reading from Acts.

⁵The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is

‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.’

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

PSALM: Psalm 23 *read responsively*

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.**

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24

A reading from 1 John.

¹⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The 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. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I 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. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No 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.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SONG *v. 1,2*

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us



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.
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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 INTERCESSION

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

Gracious Shepherd, you are generous with the gifts of goodness and mercy. Restore your creation to wholeness so that cities and towns, countryside and wilderness, may abound with life. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Hope-giving Shepherd, the nations and peoples are your heritage. Place into the hearts of all leaders and rulers the passion to serve. Crucify any desire to overpower others and give leaders joy in lifting up the lowly. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Abiding Shepherd, your love flows as we reach out to those around us. Move us with your Spirit, so that we continue to care for those in need especially Anne and Jim and family, Edwin, Pauline, Shirley, Charlotte, Louise, Rodney, Yvonne, Carroll, Ruby. Be close to the hearts of the lonely. Care for the emergency and first line responders everywhere, especially John, Stacy, Mike, Liz, Dixie, David, Evan, Bill, Hillary, Helen, Emily and James. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Saving Shepherd, you restore us to wholeness. Help our community in our life together and give us vigor as a people of faith. In the midst of the challenges and opportunities which surround us, fill us anew with you Holy Spirit. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

VIRTUAL OFFERING *If you have not already prepared your offering to mail to the church, please take a moment now to do so.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

Amen.



The Good Shepherd – Julien Dupre, Legion of Honor Museum, San Francisco CA



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

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Fanfare Tritant

1800's

TRENDING @ TRINITY

The church office will be closed April 26-30 while Pastor JMe and Brenda take vacation. If you have a pastoral need during this time, please contact Darla Wolf (575-496-6269) and she will contact the clergy person on call.

With the return to in person worship Trinity will now have the Call to Worship teleconference worship *only* on the first Sunday of the month, beginning immediately. The next Call to Worship will be Sunday, May 2.

Anyone with an interest in sewing quilts (no experience required) is welcome to join the Sewing for the Savior group at the first gathering in a long time on Tuesday May 11 at 9:30 AM in Room 204. Please wear your mask.

Lutheran Church Women will meet May 16 immediately after worship in the Parlor for a short meeting to discuss plans for meeting going forward.

Zoom to Worship, 9:30AM Meeting ID: 893 0840 5981 Passcode: 321080
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Call to Worship, *First Sunday of the month 11AM* Phone (**not toll free**) 1-971-224-6593
Conference Code: 423612