

April 21, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE "Chorale from Cantata 147" Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCES Ps. 23:1; John 10:14-16

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.
He lays down his life for his sheep.
The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.
He knows us, and we belong to him.
The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.
He speaks, and we listen for his voice.
Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY Ps. 23

+HYMN: GTG #39 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" FAITHFULNESS

CALL TO CONFESSION 1 John 3:20

PRAYER OF CONFESSION 1 John 3:16-24

Lord, have mercy on us.
We talk about love,
but our actions betray us.
We talk about love,
but we neglect the poor.
We talk about love,
but we fail to love one another.

Lord, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, and abide in us
by the power of your Spirit
so that our lives may show
our love for Jesus Christ,
in whose body we live
and in whose name we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS 1 John 3:16, 21-22

... in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN: GTG #187 "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" BRADBURY

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... God of goodness and mercy,
hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HONORING OUR FIFTY-YEAR MEMBERS

Bruce Caltrider (1972)	Linda Peterson (1963)
JoAnn Caltrider (1950)	Carma Philip (1971)
Robert Caltrider (1961)	Suzanne Riley (1953)
Margaret Clarke (1958)	Mary Robinson (1964)
Julie Dart (1955)	Peter Robinson (1964)
Jack Davis (1949)	Scott Robinson (1974)
Mary Lou French (1965)	Ruth Sablich (1966)
Bonnie Friend (1972)	Eleanor Simpson (1950)
Anna Lee Lavis (1949)	Jane Somerville (1964)
Barbara Lumbert (1962)	Sally Trout (1954)
Gordon Oesterle (1971)	

HYMN: GTG #801 "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" CRIMOND

Children and youth are dismissed to Sunday School

INVITATION TO OFFERING 1 John 3:17

OFFERTORY "Sarabande in c" Bach

+RESPONSE: GTG #606 OLD HUNDREDTH
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION 1 John 3:16

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *The Heidelberg Catechism*
(Germany, 1563)

72. Does this outward washing with water itself wash away sins?
No, only Jesus Christ's blood and the Holy Spirit cleanse us from all sins.

73. Why then does the Holy Spirit call baptism the water of rebirth and the washing away of sins?
God has good reason for these words. To begin with, God wants to teach us that the blood and Spirit of Christ take away our sins just as water removes dirt from the body.

But more important, God wants to assure us, by this divine pledge and sign, that we are as truly washed of our sins spiritually as our bodies are washed with water physically.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Ps. 23:3, 6; John 10:16

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 4:5-12 N.T. page 92

PSALM Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.
**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

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

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 John 3:16-24 N.T. page 189

GOSPEL LESSON John 10:11-18 N.T. page 79

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE John 14:1, 6
Jesus said: I am the way, the truth, and the life. Believe in me.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Shepherd Me, O God" Haugen / arr. Hayes

SERMON Rev. Bill Pinches
"I Know My Own and My Own Know Me"

+HYMN: GTG #802 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" ST. COLUMBA

+CHARGE 1 John 3:23; John 10:11
In the name of the good shepherd, love one another.
Amen.

+BLESSING Ps. 23:6
May the goodness and mercy of God follow you all the days of your life,
and, at your life's end, may you dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
Alleluia!

CHORAL BENEDICTION "God So Loved the World" Stainer

POSTLUDE "Prelude in b" Bach

*You are invited to join us
for fellowship and refreshments
after worship in the Memorial Room.
It is not necessary to remain seated during the postlude.*

SERVING US TODAY

Liturgist: Ginnie Gibson
Guest Musicians: Natasha Kubit (violin); Yu-Chen Lin (cello)
Greeters: Max Harman and Isaac Reyes
Next Week's Greeters: Dan and Melissa Baker
Sound: Marty Subject
Livestream: Tami Chapman
Security: Doreen Chapman

Today's flowers are given by
Marge and Ted Welch
in memory of
Florence Fletcher and Gladys Burroughs

CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#81. Assumption of Mary:

According to a 5th-century tradition, after the mother of Jesus died, angels took her body up to heaven. Catholics call this the Assumption (“taking up”) of Mary.

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 4. How do you live in the communion of the Holy Spirit?

By the Holy Spirit, I am made one with the Lord Jesus Christ. I am baptized into Christ’s body, the church, along with all others who confess him by faith. As a member of this community, I trust in God’s Word, share in the Lord’s Supper, and turn to God constantly in prayer. As I grow in grace and knowledge, I am led to do the good works that God intends for my life.

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Class of 2026: Ron Dlouhy, Bill Leutscher, Sandy Leutscher, Nancy Sue MacDonald, Laurie McGonigal

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today	Adult Sunday School	11:15 am
	Explorers Class	11:30 am
Tuesday	Women’s Association Craft and Lunch	10:00 am
Wednesday	Lunch Packing for Advent House	10:30 am
	Prayer Fellowship (in the Chapel)	12:00 pm
	Wonderful Wednesday (<i>Children/Youth</i>)	4:00 pm
	Wednesday Night Dinner	6:00 pm
	Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm
	Choir Rehearsal	7:10 pm
Thursday	Personnel Committee	5:30 pm
Friday	Church Office closed / Pastor’s Sabbath	

BIRTHDAYS

Calvin Hammond Apr. 22
Lucinda Davenport Apr. 23

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St John the Baptist’s Anglican Church
Ashfield, New South Wales, Australia

*The fruit of the Spirit
is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity,
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
(Galatians 5:22-23)*