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APRIL 25, 2021 ~ 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.

GATHERING & WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ,

for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,
like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls,

like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life. Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

The Lord's My Shepherd

ELW 778 vs 1 & 5

The Lord's my shepherd; I'll not want.
he makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.
He leadeth me, he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me,
and in God's house forevermore
my dwelling-place shall be;
and in God's house forevermore
my dwelling-place shall be.

Text: The Psalms of David in Meeter, Edinburgh, 1650

Music: James L. Macbeth Bain; arr. Gordon Jacob, 1895-1984

Tune Name: Brother James' Air

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GREETING

The grace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

WORD

READINGS FOR THIS DAY:

Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 23 1 John 3:16-24

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 10th chapter. **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 given to you. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ELW 502 vs 1 & 2

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

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

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–1877

Music: Irish tune

Tune Name: St. Columba

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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.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

PEACE

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

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

BLESSING

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

ELW 789 verses 1 & 2

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.
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.
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Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779-1847

Music: William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

Tune Name Bradbury

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

*****ANNOUNCEMENTS*****

Thank you to Cathy Hoefler and her music and song leadership.

If you would like to place flowers on the altar for Sunday worship the Flower chart is on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Thank you for continuing to support the ministries of our congregation during these unprecedented times. As it becomes clear that we're in this phase for a longer haul, we want to say a particular thanks for your faith, your generosity, and your perseverance. Your faithful stewardship of all God's gifts is the heart of disciple-making and neighbor-loving.

Our Daily Bread ~ Thank you for caring for the less fortunate and your generosity. ***We look forward to May 10th for the next casserole pickup.***

Mason Dixon Food Pantry ~ Thank you for donating non-perishable food items for folks in the community. Sarah Keller takes the items to Mason Dixon at least once a month. The collection bin is located under the coat rack in the Narthex.

Spring has sprung along with flowers, growing grass and weeds. Thank you for lending your hands and heart to care for the church entrance flowerbeds. What a beautiful way to welcome folks to worship!

Geraniums for Pentecost are ordered. They are \$3.50 a plant. Please contact Mike Whitacre to place an order.

Salem's in-person Sunday Worship will continue in the foreseeable future until such time the State deems it necessary to make changes due to COVID. We will have one service at 9:00AM. Please RSVP with pastor, wear masks and maintain CDC guidelines. **Please note: if you have not RSVP we will take your names at the door.**

ONLINE DONATIONS ARE OPTIONAL ~ If interested, **CLICK ON THE LINK AT THE BOTTOM OF SALEM'S WEBSITE TO DONATE!** <http://www.salemjarrettsville.org/>

Want to spread encouragement? Let's send notes / cards of care to Charlie Phoebus.

Sterling Care Riverside C/O Charles Phoebus
1123 Belcamp Garth - Room 102 ~ Belcamp, MD 21017

Ongoing Prayer Concerns: Brent Przychoda, Ben & Caitlyn Taylor, Gloria Mallard, David Storf, Family and friends of James (Capt'n Jim) McMahan, Cathy Marowski, Georgia Coleman, Mildred Taylor, Family and Friends of Barb Vogel, Carol Porter, Cindy Miller, Charlie Phoebus, Douglas Porter, Austin Phoebus (military), Deana Vanhart, Faith LeBrun, Howard Kramer, James Rickman, Mike, Thelma Preisinger, Brenda Baker, Kimberley, Donna Glorioso, John Bragg, Jenny's mom and sister Donna, Norma Knudsen, Rachel's baby girl Diana, Capt'n Jim McMahan, Pr. Dick Kiesling, Karen, Donna Miller, Laura Riley, Judy Newsome, Bruce Greer, Debbie McDonald, Michelle Harshman, Lisa Barwick, Dorothy Portera, Nick Carmichael, Walt Karoll, Marianna Putnam, Dawn Weaver, Joan Burleigh, Donald Rembert, Steve Sussan, Betty Burnet, Carrie Claus, Dorothy Long, Bailey Law, Pr. Myers, Maurice Grove, Nancy Roschli, Margaret Shank, Jim McNicholas, Aunt Marie, Joan Evans, Steve Norman, Joan & John Kusick, Robin Sealover, Kaidyn Jamison, Jumela Beecher, Seth Bates, Steve White, Margret Krebbal, Frank Gailitz, Dan Gnau, Paula Feldman, Dolly Suiratt, Talu Elvove Arikan, Jim Bair, Craig Perry Beel, Joyce Craig, Aston Dean, Kattie Hale, Ray Morrison, Nicole Phelps, Kim Scott, Natalie Szparza, Pat Ward, Curtis Waters, Jason Whitney, Karen Wiley, Nick Wingate, and Jeanie Z., Will & Bernadine Boyce, Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Bishop Bill Gohl.

Please contact Lynn Cox or Pastor with updates concerning the prayer list.

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