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*Fourth Sunday of Easter*



HE IS RISEN

CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION

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*We at St. Luke's dedicate ourselves to grow in faith and love, to serve together, and to reach out with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

## PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

## WELCOME &amp; GREETING

## GATHERING SONG ~ 'What a Friend We Have in Jesus'

1.     What a friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
Ev'rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;  
Oh, what needless pain we bear  
All because we do not carry  
Ev'rything to God in prayer!
  
2.     Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
  
3.     Are we weak and heavy laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do your friends despise, forsake you?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In His arms He'll take and shield you;  
You will find a solace there.  
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## CALL TO WORSHIP

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: He is our Good Shepherd.

**C: He leads us to green pastures and still waters.**

P: He is our Good Shepherd.

**C: We listen to His voice.**

P: He is our Good Shepherd.

**C: He lays down His life for the sheep.**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In this Easter season, celebration is always near our lips. We are glad to shout Alleluias in worship, but when we leave we do not always recognize our neighbors in need. We may close our hearts to them. We may reject them. We may fail to follow the example of our Good Shepherd. As we draw near to the Lord, let us consider our sins and ask God for His forgiveness.

*Silence for reflection.*

P: Heavenly Father,

**C: we have sinned against You and against our neighbors in our thoughts, words, and actions. You know our sins, and they are ever before You. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us as a shepherd leads his sheep.**

P: God has sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Good Shepherd. He has laid down His life for our forgiveness and has taken His life back up again in His glorious resurrection. As a called and ordained servant of the risen Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen. The Lord restores us and leads us in paths of righteousness.**

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, merciful Father, You have wakened the Shepherd of Your sheep from death. Grant us Your Holy Spirit so that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him as the One who calls us each by name and follow where He leads. We pray this through the Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

#### SACREMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM ~ Cheyenne Brockman

#### OPENING SONG ~ 'Holy Water'

1 God I'm on my knees again  
God I'm begging please again  
I need You Oh I need You  
Walking down these desert roads  
Water for my thirsty soul  
I need You Oh I need You

#### **Chorus**

Your forgiveness  
Is like sweet sweet honey on my lips  
Like the sound of a symphony to my ears  
Like holy water on my skin

2 Dead man walking slave to sin  
I wanna know about being born again  
I need You Oh God I need You  
So take me to the riverside  
Take me under baptize  
I need You Oh God I need You **(Chorus)**

### **Bridge**

I don't wanna abuse Your grace  
God I need it ev'ry day  
It's the only thing that ever really  
Makes me wanna change (3x)

### **(Chorus twice)**

### **Ending**

Yeah it's like holy water on my skin  
It's like holy water

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### FIRST READING ~ Acts 4:1-12

<sup>1</sup>The priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to Peter and John while they were speaking to the people. <sup>2</sup>They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead. <sup>3</sup>They seized Peter and John, and because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day. <sup>4</sup>But many who heard the message believed, and the number of men grew to about five thousand.

<sup>5</sup>The next day the rulers, elders and teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and the other men of the high priest's family. <sup>7</sup>They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: "By what power or what name did you do this?"

<sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! <sup>9</sup>If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a cripple and are asked how he was healed, <sup>10</sup>then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. <sup>11</sup>He is "the stone you builders rejected, which has become the capstone.

<sup>12</sup>Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING ~ 1 Peter 2:19-25

<sup>19</sup>For it is commendable if a man bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because he is conscious of God. <sup>20</sup>But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. <sup>21</sup>To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, 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 they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING ~ John 10:11-18

<sup>11</sup>"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. <sup>13</sup>The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

<sup>14</sup>"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me-- <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father--and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life--only to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to You, O Christ.**

CONFESSION OF FAITH – Psalm 23: We Confess our Faith in God our Shepherd

P: The Lord is my shepherd;

**C: I shall not want.**

P: He makes me to lie down in green pastures;

**C: He leads me beside the still waters.**

P: He restores my soul;

**C: He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.**

P: Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me;

**C: Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.**

P: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

**C: You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over.**

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

## CHILDREN'S TIME

### MESSAGE SONG ~ 'Lead On Good Shepherd'

#### Praise Team

1 Well I've been turned 'round  
But I've never been lost  
Seen the water get troubled  
But we walked across  
When my knees were shaking  
You held my hand  
Turning my problems  
To a promised land

#### **Chorus**

Lead on Good Shepherd  
I'll follow all my days  
There ain't nothing sweeter  
Than to watch You make a way  
You've walked me through the valley  
But You never steered me wrong  
So lead on Good Shepherd lead on



## Praise Team

2  
Seen some mighty deep canyons  
That You brought me through  
Seen some mighty big mountains  
That just up and moved  
Glory glory hallelujah  
Yeah that's my song  
Walking with my Father  
Into the great unknown **(Chorus)**

## **Bridge**

Step by step day by day  
Lead me on Lord I pray  
Road gets dark walk by faith  
Lead on Good Shepherd **(Repeat)**

## **Chorus**

## **Bridge**

## **Ending**

Lead on Good Shepherd lead on Good Shepherd  
Lead on Good Shepherd lead on Good Shepherd  
Lead on Good Shepherd lead on

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MESSAGE

THE GATHERING OF OUR GIFTS & WE CARE CARDS

OFFERING SONG ~ 'In Christ Alone/Cornerstone/The Solid Rock' (Duet)

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.** *(after final petition: Amen.)*

LORD'S PRAYER

**All: 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.**

SENDING SONG ~ 'Lord, I Lift Your Name On High'

Lord, I lift Your Name on high, Lord I love to sing Your praises.  
I'm so glad You're in my life, I'm so glad You came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,  
From the earth to the cross my debt to pay,  
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky,  
Lord I lift Your name on high.

***(repeat all)***

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,  
From the earth to the cross my debt to pay,  
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky,  
Lord I lift Your Name on high.

## THE SENDING

P: The Lord Bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you  
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

**All: Amen & Amen**

P: Go in peace and serve the Risen Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God**

## POST-SERVICE MUSIC