

*Upon entering the SANCTUARY we ask
that you be respectful of the people
who wish to spend their pre-worship
time in prayer and meditation.
**PLEASE KEEP YOUR VOICES DOWN AND
CONVERSATIONS TO A MINIMUM.**
Thank You.*

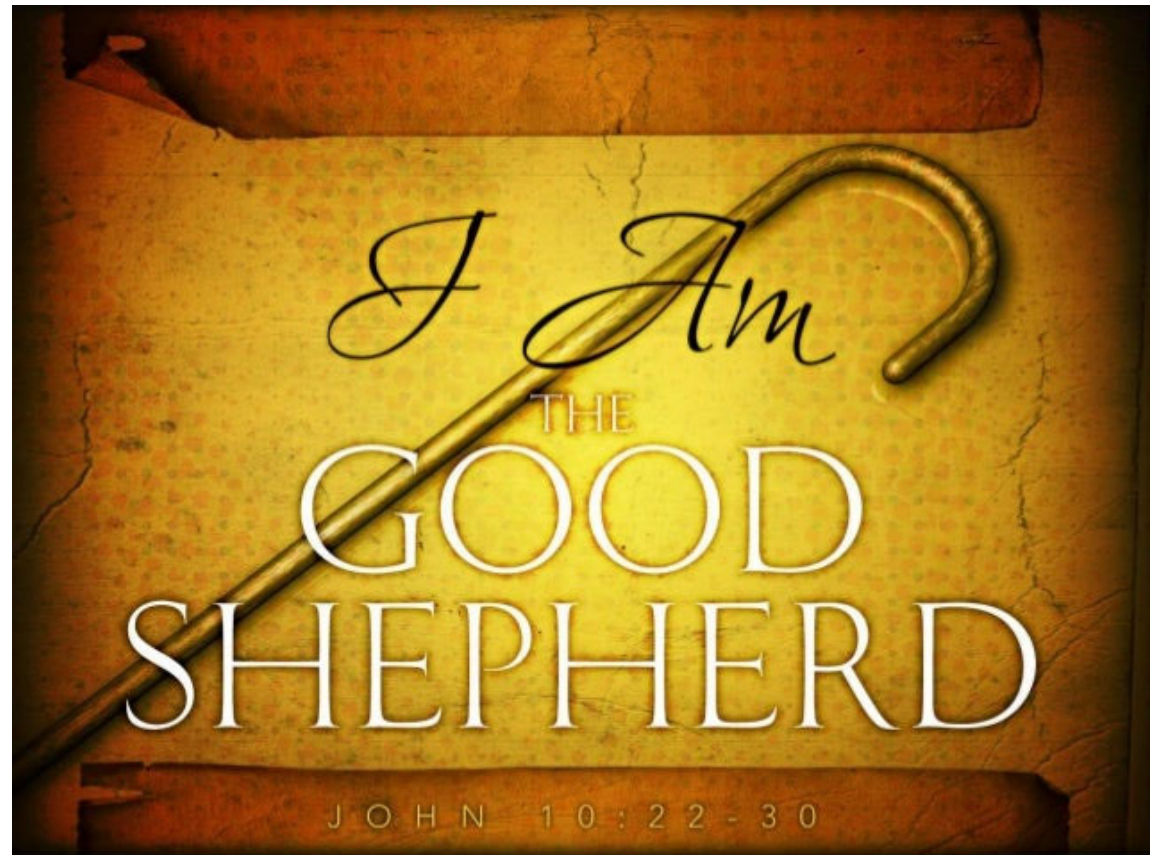
A circular logo is centered on a sandy background. Inside the circle, a white dove is shown in flight, positioned above a dark cross. The text is overlaid on the logo.

***Our mission is to share
the Good News of grace
and love with all
through worship,
service, and fellowship.***

A circular metal sculpture is mounted on a textured, light-colored wall. The sculpture depicts a person with their arms raised in a gesture of joy or praise. Above the person's head, a white dove is shown in flight, symbolizing peace. The entire scene is framed by a dark, circular border.

***"Our Vision:
Joy is a spiritual
community sharing the
love of Christ in a
challenging world".***

Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21, 2024



**SING
TO THE
FINALE**

PRELUDE:

Elena Daniel

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
the wellspring of grace,
our Easter and our joy.

C Amen.

P Immersed in the promises of baptism,
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.
We give you thanks, O God, for in the
beginning your voice thundered over the
deep and water became the essence of life.



P

The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.



P By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN:

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today, Alleluia”– ELW # 369

**1 Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!
Christians, hasten on your way;
Alleluia!
offer praise with love replete,
Alleluia!
at the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!**



GATHERING HYMN:

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today, Alleluia”– ELW # 369

**2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled,
Alleluia!
sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high;
Alleluia!
now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!**



GATHERING HYMN:

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today, Alleluia”– ELW # 369

**3 Christ, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!
God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!
when contending death and life,
Alleluia!
met in strange and awesome strife.
Alleluia!**



GATHERING HYMN:

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today, Alleluia”– ELW # 369

**4 Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!
all your grateful homage pay;
Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high;
Alleluia!
now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!**

GREETING

P The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: ELW –S149—page 149-“This is the Feast”

**Ⓟ This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia.**

**1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of
God.**

**Power and riches and wisdom and strength,
and honor and blessing and glory are his.**



HYMN OF PRAISE: ELW –S149—page 149-“This is the Feast”

Refrain:

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia.

2. Sing with all the people of God

and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing and honor and glory and might

be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.



HYMN OF PRAISE: ELW –S149—page 149-“This is the Feast”

Refrain:

**This is the feast of victory for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has begun
his reign.**

Alleluia. Alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us Pray.

G **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.**



Acts 4:5-12

***Salvation
in the
name of
Jesus***



P The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: ELW # 780 "Shepherd Me O God"

Refrain

**Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.**

**1 God is my shepherd, so nothing shall
I want,
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.**




ELW # 780 "Shepherd Me O God"

Refrain

**Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.**

**2 Gently you raise me and heal my weary
soul,
you lead me by pathways of righteousness
and truth,
my spirit shall sing the music of your name.**



ELW # 780 "Shepherd Me O God"

Refrain

**Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.**

**3 Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my
hope.**



ELW # 780 "Shepherd Me O God"

Refrain

**Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.**

**4 You have set me a banquet of love
in the face of hatred,
crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to
hold.**



ELW # 780 "Shepherd Me O God"

Refrain

**Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.**

**5 Surely your kindness and mercy follow me
all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God
forevermore.**



ELW # 780 "Shepherd Me O God"

Refrain

**Shepherd me, O God,
beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.**

THIS IS HOW WE KNOW WHAT LOVE IS:
JESUS CHRIST LAID DOWN
HIS LIFE FOR US.

1 JOHN 3:16



1 John 3:16-24
Love in truth and action



P The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



SPECIAL

**“For the Beauty of the
Earth”
arr. Zach Unke**



MUSIC

**“Jesus is my Shepherd”
JOY Choir**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *ELW #172 "HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH"*

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

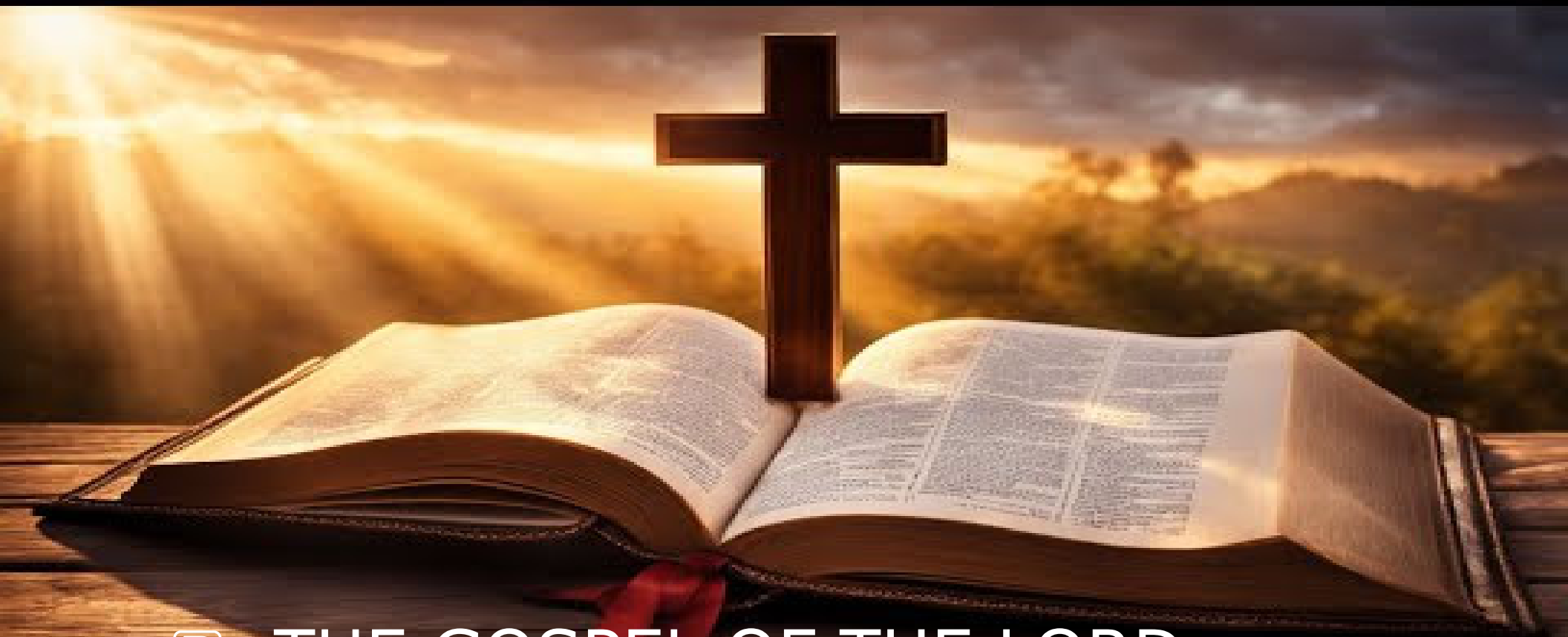
P The Holy Gospel
according to

John 10:11-18

C Glory to you O Lord.

(Gospel is read)





Ⓟ : THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD

Ⓞ : PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.



***TODAY'S MESSAGE
GIVEN BY***

Pastor Art Wuertz

Silence for Reflection



HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW # 502-

**“The King of Love My Shepherd Is” –
vs. 1, 2, and 6**

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



HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW # 502-

**“The King of Love My Shepherd Is” –
vs. 1, 2, and 6**

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



HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW # 502-

**“The King of Love My Shepherd Is” –
vs. 1, 2, and 6**

**6 And so, through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.**

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,**



**God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,**



**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the virgin Mary and became
truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;**



**he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of
the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to
judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**



**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father
and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is
worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the
prophets.**



**We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for
the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the
dead, and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

A top-down view of several hands clasped together in a circle, suggesting a group prayer or a supportive gathering. The hands are of various skin tones and are positioned around a central point. The background is a soft, light-colored surface. The text "PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE" is centered over the image.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Passing of the Peace


- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- R** And also with you.

(Share the sign of peace in the manner you feel most comfortable.)



OFFERTORY

8:15 AM



**Hymn
of
Promise**

Com. Natalie Sleeth

11:00 AM



**“Savior Like a
Shepherd Lead Us”**

Phil and Bev Kriner

**CONGREGATIONAL OFFERTORY:
ELW #531-"The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing"**

- 1 The trumpets sound the angels sing
The feast is ready to begin
The gates of heav'n are open wide
And Jesus welcomes you inside**



**CONGREGATIONAL OFFERTORY:
ELW #531-"The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing"**

**Chorus: Sing with thankfulness
Songs of pure delight
Come and revel in
Heaven's love and light
Take your place at the
Table of the King
The feast is ready to begin
The feast is ready to begin**



**CONGREGATIONAL OFFERTORY:
ELW #531-"The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing"**

**2 Tables are laden with good things
O taste the peace and joy He brings
He'll fill you up with love divine
He'll turn your water into wine –**



**CONGREGATIONAL OFFERTORY:
ELW #531-"The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing"**

**Chorus: Sing with thankfulness
Songs of pure delight
Come and revel in
Heaven's love and light
Take your place at the
Table of the King
The feast is ready to begin
The feast is ready to begin**



**CONGREGATIONAL OFFERTORY:
ELW #531-"The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing"**

**3 The hungry heart He satisfies
Offers the poor His paradise
Now hear all heaven and earth
applaud
The amazing goodness of the Lord –**



**CONGREGATIONAL OFFERTORY:
ELW #531-"The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing"**

**Chorus: Sing with thankfulness
Songs of pure delight
Come and revel in
Heaven's love and light
Take your place at the
Table of the King
The feast is ready to begin
The feast is ready to begin**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A** Risen One,
you call us to believe and bear fruit.
May the gifts that we offer here
be signs of your abiding love.
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.
- C** Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

“It is indeed
right....”



SANCTUS: “HOLY, HOLY, HOLY” - ELW Page 153 – S153

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Lord God of pow’r and might:
Heav’n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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**



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

C AMEN

ALL baptized Christians are welcome to the Lord's Table for the sacrament. Please proceed as directed by the ushers.

Gluten-free wafers (distributed by Assistant Minister) and grape juice (Clear juice in center of tray) are also offered, if desired.

“LAMB OF GOD” ELW page 154—S154

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMN:

ELW # 461

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

**1 All who hunger gather gladly;
holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wand'ring.
Here in truth we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness,
all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.**



DISTRIBUTION HYMN:

ELW # 461

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

**2 All who hunger, never strangers;
seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming.
Here in joy we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered
in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.**



DISTRIBUTION HYMN:

ELW # 461

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

**3 All who hunger, sing together,
Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing.
Here in peace we have been fed.
Blest are those who from this table
live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.**

ELW # 685 "Take My Life That I May Be"

**1 Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**



ELW # 685 "Take My Life That I May Be"

**2 Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.**



ELW # 685 "Take My Life That I May Be"

**3 Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee.**



ELW # 685 "Take My Life That I May Be"

**4 Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
ev'ry pow'r as thou shall choose.**



ELW # 685 "Take My Life That I May Be"

**5 Take my will and make it thine,
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own,
it shall be thy royal throne.**



ELW # 685 "Take My Life That I May Be"

**6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.**

ELW # 782 "My Shepherd, You Supply My Need"

- 1 My Shepherd, you supply my need;
most holy is your name.
In pastures fresh you make me feed,
beside the living stream.
You bring my wand'ring spirit back
when I forsake your ways,
and lead me, for your mercy's sake,
in paths of truth and grace.**



ELW # 782 “My Shepherd, You Supply My Need”

**2 When I walk through the shades of death,
your presence is my stay;
one word of your supporting breath
drives all my fears away.
Your hand, in sight of all my foes,
does still my table spread;
my cup with blessings overflows,
your oil anoints my head.**



ELW # 782 "My Shepherd, You Supply My Need"

**3 The sure provisions of my God
attend me all my days;
oh, may your house be my abode
and all my work be praise.
Here would I find a settled rest,
while others go and come;
no more a stranger or a guest,
but like a child at home.**

ELW # 492 “Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup”

Refrain

Eat this bread, drink this cup.

Taste and see the goodness of God.

Bread of life, cup of love,

we rejoice in your presence.

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ELW # 492 “Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup”

**1 I will bless the Lord at all times,
praise with heart and voice;
in my God I glory forever:
listen and rejoice!**



ELW # 492 “Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup”

Refrain

**Eat this bread, drink this cup.
Taste and see the goodness of God.
Bread of life, cup of love,
we rejoice in your presence.**



ELW # 492 “Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup”

**2 Look upon the Lord, be radiant,
never turn away.**

**God will save in ev'ry affliction,
hear us when we pray.**



ELW # 492 “Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup”

Refrain

Eat this bread, drink this cup.

Taste and see the goodness of God.

Bread of life, cup of love,

we rejoice in your presence.



ELW # 492 “Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup”

**3 Angels fold their wings around us,
guard through good and ill.
Those who seek the Lord will lack
nothing;
taste, and have your fill.**



ELW # 492 “Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup”

Refrain

**Eat this bread, drink this cup.
Taste and see the goodness of God.
Bread of life, cup of love,
we rejoice in your presence.**



ELW # 492 “Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup”

**4 Saints of God, bow down and
worship,
bless the holy name.
Rise to tell God's greatness forever,
wondrous deeds proclaim!**



ELW # 492 “Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup”

Refrain

Eat this bread, drink this cup.

Taste and see the goodness of God.

Bread of life, cup of love,

we rejoice in your presence.

COMMUNION BLESSING: *(Please Stand)*

P The body and blood of our
Jesus Christ strengthen you
and keep you in His grace.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A** Shepherding God,
you have prepared a table before us
and nourished us with your love.
Send us forth from this banquet
to proclaim your goodness
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,
our redeemer and friend.
- C** **Amen.**

BLESSING:

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C** **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
- P** The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope
✠ bless you now and always .
- C** **Amen**

SENDING HYMN: *“CCLI # 4010902 – “Sing to the King”*

**1 Sing to the King Who is coming to
reign**

**Glory to Jesus the Lamb that was slain
Life and salvation His empire shall bring
And joy to the nations when Jesus is
King**



SENDING HYMN: *“CCLI # 4010902 – “Sing to the King”*

Chorus:

Come let us sing a song

A song declaring that we belong to Jesus

He is all we need

Lift up a heart of praise

Sing now with voices raised to Jesus

Sing to the King



SENDING HYMN: *“CCLI # 4010902 – “Sing to the King”*

**2 For His returning we watch and we
pray**

We will be ready the dawn of that day

We'll join in singing with all the

redeemed

'Cause Satan is vanquished and Jesus

is King



SENDING HYMN: *“CCLI # 4010902 – “Sing to the King”*

Chorus

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A song declaring that we belong to Jesus

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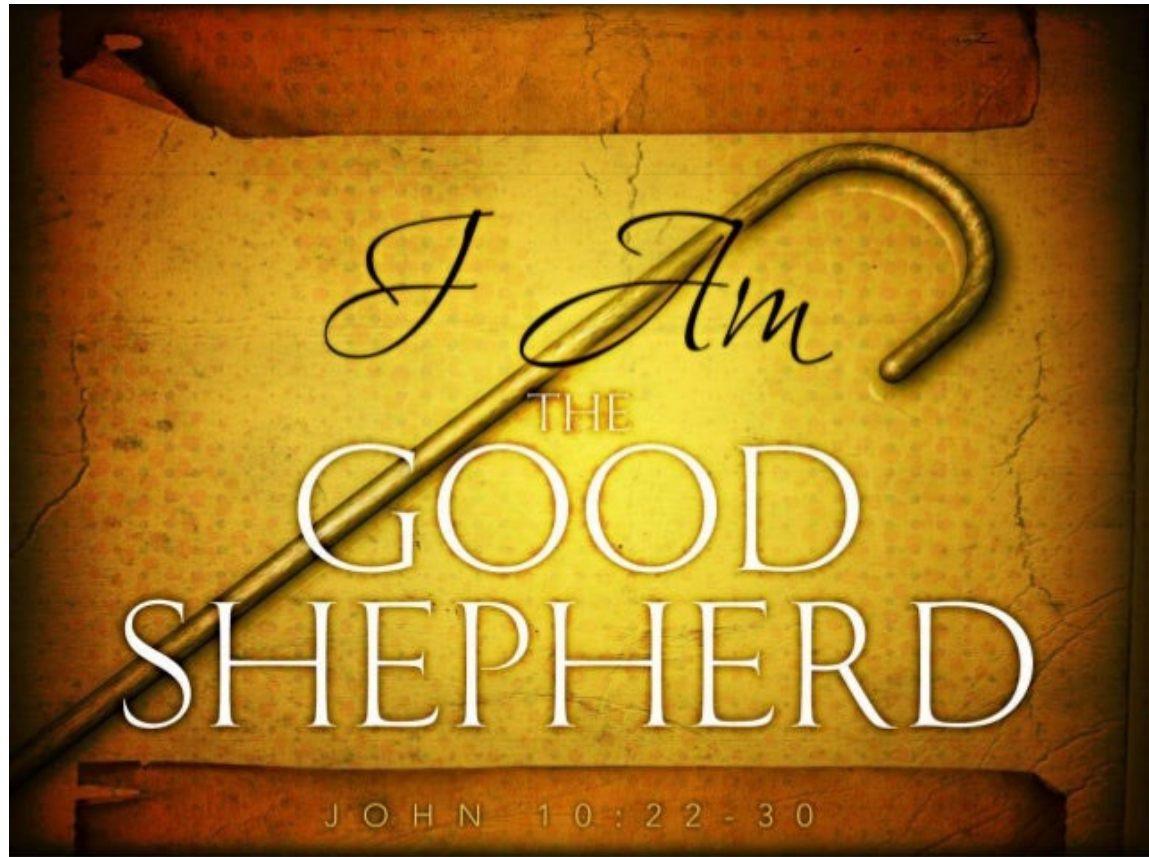
DISMISSAL:

- A** Alleluia! Go in peace.
Rejoice and be glad.
- C** **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE:

Joyful, joyful,
WE ADORE THEE!

arr. James Koerts



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