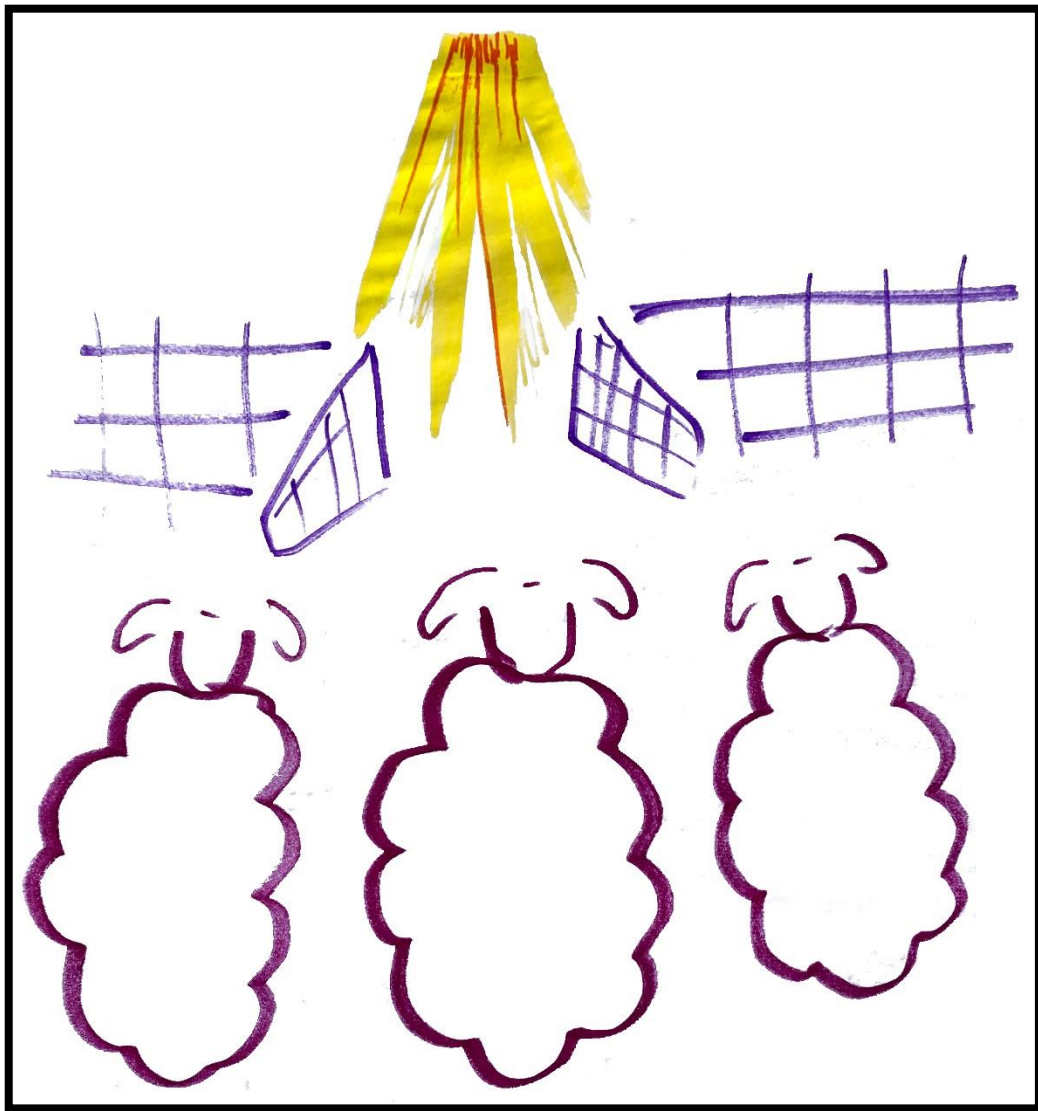


Youth Sunday

April 30, 2023

8 & 11:00 am, Livestream 11:00 am



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Prelude

Arioso in G
Angela Wachter, piano

Johann Sebastian Bach

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Please stand, as you are able and turn towards the font and Christ Candle at the Sanctuary entrance.

P *Alleluia! Christ is risen.*

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

P *Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.*

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

Water is poured into the font as we continue:

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

C **We have sinned and we have made choices to ignore your voice. We have not followed you as our shepherd and protector. Our hearts have been taken from your flock and led out of your righteousness. Wash us clean that we may enter your fields and be guided by your voice for the glory of your holy name.**

P *“Come now, and let us reason together,” says the Lord, “though your sins are as scarlet, they will be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they will be like wool.” We are forgiven, made clean, and loved in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.***

Gathering Song

You Are My All in All

Dennis Jernigan

Verse 1

You are my strength
When I am weak
You are the treasure
That I seek
You are my all in all
Seeking You as a precious jew'l
Lord to give up I'd be a fool
You are my all in all

Verse 2

Taking my sin
My cross my shame

Rising again I bless Your name
You are my all in all
When I fall down You pick me up
When I am dry You fill my cup
You are my all in all

Chorus

Jesus Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name
Jesus Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name

Verse 1

Chorus

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

C **And also with you.**

L *Let us pray. O God, you are the strength and guidance for all who listen for you,*

C **because we are human we cannot follow the path you have shown us. Guide us to your pasture, bring us into your flock and forgive us for wondering from your voice.**

L *In the actions of the shepherd you showed us your safety and protection.*

C **Please help us to be like the sheep to the shepherd, to recognize your voice when you call and to follow you. Amen.**

Please be seated.

Psalm 23

Read Responsively

L *¹The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.*

C **²He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters; ³he restores my soul.**

L *He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.*

C **⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff — they comfort me.**

L *⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.*

C **⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.**

Reading

1 Peter 2:19-25

L *¹⁹ It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. ²² "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."*

²³ When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

L *The word of the Lord.* **C** **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

L *Alleluia. Jesus says, I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me.* *John 10:14*

C **Alleluia!**

Gospel

John 10:1-18

L *The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the Tenth chapter.*

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

¹¹I 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."

L *The Gospel of the Lord.*

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Children's Message

Liturgical Dance

Reckless Love

Cory Asbury

American Sign Language Dance – Brynn Raedeke

Sermon

Please stand as you are able.

Song of the Day

How Great is our God

Chris Tomlin

The splendor of the King
Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice
All the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
And trembles at His voice

Chorus

How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God

And age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End
Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb

Chorus

Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
And my heart will sing
How great is our God

Chorus

- L** *Let us confess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.*
C **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.**

L *United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.*

A brief silence.

After each portion of the prayers:

L *Guide us, O God.*

C **We follow your voice.**

The prayers conclude:

L *Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.*

C **Amen.**

L *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

C **And also with you.**

L *We invite you to practice casual consent as you share the peace of the Lord with one another in whatever way you feel called.*

After sharing the peace, please be seated.

Offering and Anthem

Lead Me to the Cross

Youth Sunday Band

Kendall Marx and Brynn Raedeke, guitar; Angela Wachter, piano
Eliana DeVoe, Kayla Rao, Eleanor Starbuck, Marleigh Steel, vocals

L *Let us pray. Generous God,*

C **Receive these and all of our offerings that we faithfully present in service for you. We ask you to help prepare us and our hearts to receive you in this meal as you share your presence through Christ Jesus, the shepherd guiding us. Amen.**

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.**

P *In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.*

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P *Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior taught us:*

C **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.

P *Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.*

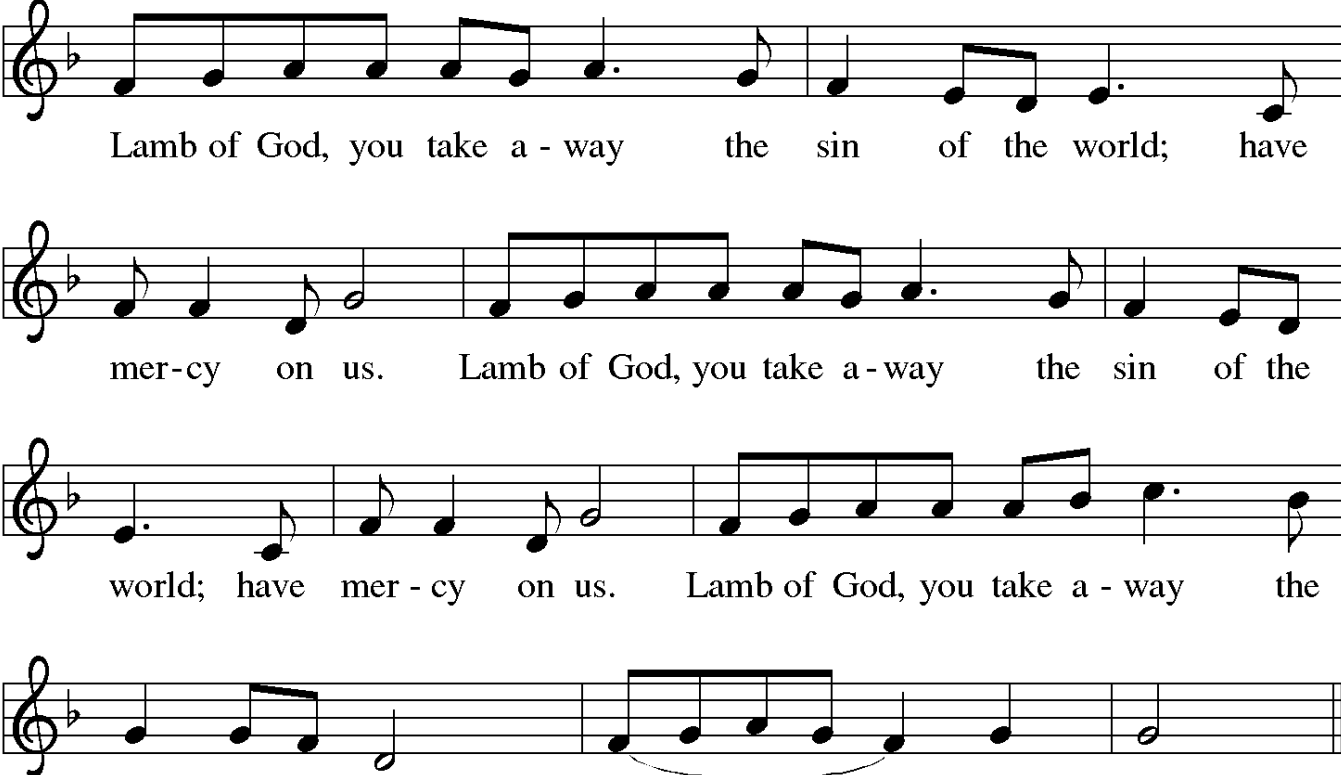
C **Thanks be to God.**

Please be seated.

We welcome to the table all who proclaim with us that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and the wine. (Note: should you prefer, we also offer gluten free wafers and grape juice.)

If you require communion to be brought to you in the pew, please alert an usher.

During the distribution of communion, the following is sung:



The musical notation is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace." The word "grant" is underlined with a curved line, and "us" is also underlined with a curved line.

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mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
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sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion Music

Brynn Raedeke, guitar

After all have communed, please stand, as you are able.

P *The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his pasture.*

C **Amen.**

L *Let us pray. Embodied God,*

C **at your table we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With our ears listening to your call, empower us to follow you and share your good word and love. Amen**

Announcements/Senior Recognition

L *Almighty God, Parent, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever*
C **Amen.**

Sending Song

My Lighthouse

Rend Collective

In my wrestling and in my doubts
In my failures You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

In the silence, You won't let go
In the questions, Your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Chorus

My Lighthouse, my lighthouse
Shining in the darkness, I will follow You
My Lighthouse, my lighthouse
I will trust the promise,
You will carry me safe to shore
Safe to shore
Safe to shore
Safe to shore

L *Go now and listen for our shepherd, who is I am.*
C **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

The flowers on the Altar are Given to the Glory of God by

*Andrea and Darrell Hamerla in Thanksgiving for April on her birthday
and by*

Gina and Tim Miller in Thanksgiving for LCGS' amazing youth!

Pray for Those That Need God's Healing

*Ray, Shirley, Ken, Al, Donna, Lind, Joan, Doris, Theresa,
Charles, Elaine, Georgeann, Jean, Nicholas, Lois, Barbara & Bruce*

Pray for Our Service Men and Women

*Josh, Michael, Nick, Ryan, Matt, Kyle,
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