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GOD'S PEOPLE**

**4th SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
APRIL 21, 2024, 9AM**

JESUS IS RISEN ALLELUIA!! AMEN!!!

AS WE GATHER - EASTER PEOPLE FOLLOW

Flocks of sheep can number in the hundreds or even thousands. An annual trek from winter quarters to summer pastures and back again at a location in rural Idaho consistently draws hundreds of spectators to a location where the sheep must cross a major highway to reach their destination. Keeping track of two or three thousand sheep on the move is quite a task! Jesus, our Good Shepherd, knows how to care for not just thousands but millions of His sheeplike people. The prophet Isaiah says of the Lord God that He “will tend His flock like a shepherd” (40:11). Assured and reassured that we are part of His flock, we travel through life following the guidance of our caring Shepherd!

+ PREPARATION +

686 COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING



1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -
4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy



sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,
help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,
strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter
love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,



Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less
Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
Bind my wan-d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I
How I'll sing Thy won-drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er



glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me
strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to
feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my
tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine



ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.
res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.
an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–90, alt. Tune: Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813, Harrisburg
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INVOCATION

PIn the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

CAmen.

OPENING SENTENCES *John 12:26; Ephesians 4:15; Psalm 25:1–3, 5, 10; 106:48*

PJesus said: “If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there will My servant be also. If anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.”

CSpeaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ.

PTo You, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in You I trust.

CIndeed, none who wait for You shall be put to shame.

PLead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation.

CAll the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.

PBlessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting!

CAnd let all the people say, “Amen!” Praise the LORD!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

PLet us confess our sins to God, our Father.

CO Lord God Almighty, we confess that we are sinful human beings by nature and by deed. We have not put You first at all times. We have not followed in the ways You have set forth for us. We have not always been thoughtful caretakers of Your creation and have not shared its bounty on all occasions. We have not kept our thoughts, words, and deeds fully pure and honorable. We have sinned in ways we know and in ways we do not even recognize. We have not honored those in authority and have not without reservation encouraged them. We have not completely put the best construction on all things and on all people. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Forgive us all our sins, and finally by Your grace, bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

PThe almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of 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.

CAmen.

+ WORD +

709 THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS

sts. 1-2

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed
fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant
I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-77. Tune: Irish, c. 18th cent. Text and tune: Public domain

SALUTATION

LThe Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

LLet us pray. Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

CAmen.

709 THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS

sts. 3-4

3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear
love He sought me And on His shoul - der
Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my



gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.
com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–77. Tune: Irish, c. 18th cent. Text and tune: Public domain

FIRST READING

Acts 4:1–12

¹As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ²greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

⁵On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹²And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

L This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

1 John 3:16–24


¹⁶By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷But if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him? ¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

¹⁹By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²²and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴Whoever keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.


L This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

740 I AM JESUS' LITTLE LAMB


st. 1




1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at



heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,



Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry



day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.

Text: Henrietta L. von Hayn, 1724–82; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

740 I AM JESUS' LITTLE LAMB

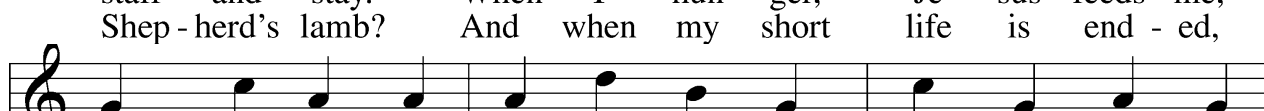
sts. 2–3



2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my
3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the



staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,
Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,



In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He
By His an - gel host at - tend - ed, He shall fold me



bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.
to His breast, There with - in His arms to rest.

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HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:11–18

PThe Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

CGlory to You, O Lord.

¹¹[Jesus said:] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing 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. ¹⁶And I have other sheep that are not of 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 that I may take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

PThis is the Gospel of the Lord.

CPraise to You, O Christ.

709 THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS

sts. 5–6

5 Thou spreadst a ta - ble in my sight; Thine unc - tion
6 And so through all the length of days Thy good - ness

grace be - stow - eth; And, oh, what trans - port
fail - eth nev - er; Good Shep - herd, may I

of de - light From Thy pure chal - ice flow - eth!
sing Thy praise With - in Thy house for - ev - er!

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–77. Tune: Irish, c. 18th cent. Text and tune: Public domain

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

CI believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the

dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING AND VIDEO *(At this time, please fill out the attendance sheet in the colored bulletin and place in the offering plate. Also at this time, on the back of the attendance slip, please refresh your thoughts or read what we believe, as you prepare to come to receive the Lord's Body & Blood or as you come forward to receive a blessing.)*

OFFERATORY

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and
give us A fore - taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922–80. Tune: Richard W. Hillert, 1923–2010

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LIn peace, let us pray to the Lord, beseeching Him for the needs of ourselves and others. Trusting in God's loving response, we pray for the church and all who are called to lives of service to God's people, asking that the Lord will bless His undershepherds and all who care for His flock.

CLord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

LWe pray for ourselves, that the Holy Spirit guide us into gracious ways and instill in us a holy confidence in the goodness of our God, aiding us in our prayers. With thanks for the faithful examples set by those whose earthly journeys are complete and whose witness to Christ yet inspires us, let us pray to the Lord:

CLord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

LWe pray for the blessing of God upon our nation and its leaders that we may lead peaceable lives, and we pray for the needs of ourselves and others for healing and restoration, for solace and comfort. We pray especially for all who have requested our prayers. Let us pray to the Lord:

CLord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

LThese things and all else that we should have asked grant us according to Your gracious will, O Lord, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

CAmen.

LITURGICAL HYMN REFLECTION 1

LThe image of the loving Shepherd featured in Psalm 23 reminds us that our Lord is always with us, ready to guide us and to support us. The image is one that resonates with young children and has been featured in hymns texts used in Sunday School hymnals. The hymn "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" first appeared in a volume *Hymns for the Young, selected for the purpose of being committed to memory* in England in 1832. We might well follow the directive of the hymnbook's title and commit this special hymn to memory. We sing the first two stanzas of "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us."

711 SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US

sts. 1–2

1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; Much we
2 We are Yours; in love be - friend us, Be the
need Your ten - der care. In Your pleas - ant pas - tures
guard - ian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin de -
feed us, For our use Your fold pre - pare.
fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us
bought us; we are Yours. Bless - ed Je - sus,
chil - dren when we pray. Bless - ed Je - sus,
bless - ed Je - sus, You have bought us; we are Yours.
bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us chil - dren when we pray.

Text: Hymns for the Young, 1836, 4th ed., London, alt. Tune: William B. Bradbury, 1816–68
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LITURGICAL HYMN REFLECTION 2

L Originally framed as a hymn for children, “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us” contains solid biblical truths. We rejoice that our Lord has bought us and that He defends us in many ways, even though we are sinful. His caring mercy is experienced in all our days. As faithful followers of the Good Shepherd, we seek to do His will in our lives as we experience His divine love. We sing stanzas three and four of the hymn.

711 SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US

sts. 3–4

3 You have prom-ised to re-ceive us, Poor and
4 Ear-ly let us seek Your fa-vor, Ear-ly
sin-ful though we be; You have mer-cy to re-
let us do Your will; Bless-ed Lord and on-ly
lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Sav-ior, With Your love our spir-its fill.
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, Ear-ly
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, You have
let us turn to You. Bless-ed Je-sus,
loved us, love us still. Bless-ed Je-sus,
bless-ed Je-sus, Ear-ly let us turn to You.
bless-ed Je-sus, You have loved us, love us still.

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+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

PThe Lord be with you.
also with you.

C And

PLift up your hearts.
them to the Lord.

C We lift

PLet us give thanks to the Lord our God.

CIt is right to give Him thanks and praise.

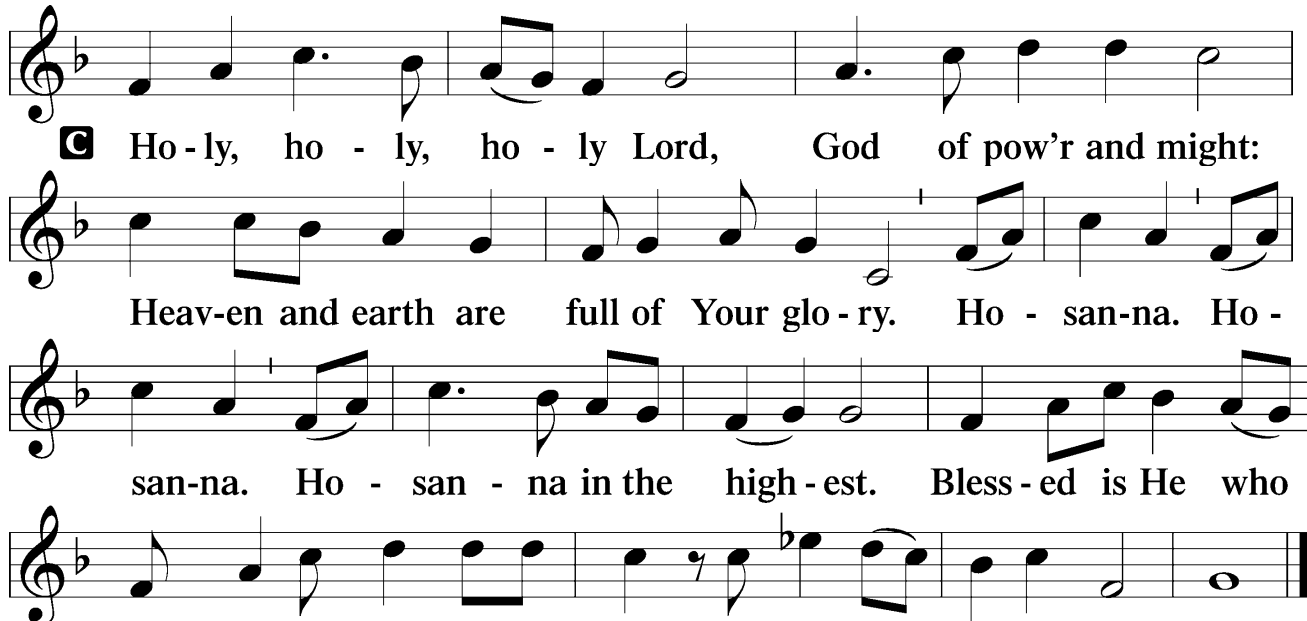
PROPER PREFACE

PIt is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Lord our God. You call us to be Your people and invite us to bring our cares to You in prayer. You did so love the world that You sent Your only Son to be our Redeemer. By His sacrificial life and death and glorious resurrection He has

brought us salvation and has shown us the path to life eternal. Pour upon us now the gift of the Holy Spirit that we may receive the body and blood of our Lord with true devotion in this sacred fellowship of Your pilgrim people. Grant us a foretaste of the feast to come, heavenly Father, that we may with increased faith joyfully await a blessed eternity in Your glorious presence. **C Amen.**

SANCTUS

LSB 161



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord of heaven and earth. We give thanks to You for the gifts of bread and wine here before us and for Your gracious provision for all Your creatures. Invited by Your grace and supported by Your love, we come to Your Table with thanksgiving and praise. Grant that we receive, with true faith and trust in Your words of promise, the bread and wine, that is, the very body and blood of Christ, as a guarantee of the salvation that He purchased for us through His innocent suffering and death on the cross. Receive our prayers and praises and grant that we may follow You as Your people, in this season of Easter and always. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and praise with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

PO Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

COur 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.

PAX DOMINI

PThe peace of the Lord be with you always. **C** Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 163

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

+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

809 GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS



1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,
There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;
Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,
As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain
Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!
Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;
All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;
Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866–1960. Tune: William M. Runyan, 1870–1957. Text & Tune: Public domain

GLORIOUS DAY

Kristian Stanfill

I was buried beneath my shame. Who could carry that kind of weight?
It was my tomb, 'Til I met You.
I was breathing, but not alive. All my failures I tried to hide.
It was my tomb, 'Til I met You

You called my name, Then I ran out of that grave,
Out of the darkness, Into Your glorious day.
You called my name, And I ran out of that grave,
Out of the darkness, Into Your glorious day.

Now Your mercy has saved my soul, Now Your freedom is all that I know
The old made new; Jesus, when I met You, whoa, what a day

When you called my name, And I ran out of that grave,
Out of the darkness, Into Your glorious day
You called my name, Then I ran out of that grave
Out of the darkness, Into Your glorious day

I needed rescue. My sin was heavy,
But chains break at the weight of Your glory.
I needed shelter. I was an orphan.
Now You call me a citizen of Heaven.

When I was broken You were my healing.
Now Your love is the air that I'm breathing.
I have a future. My eyes are open. 'Cause when you called my name,

I ran out of that grave, Out of the darkness, Into Your glorious day.
You called my name, And I ran out of that grave,
Out of the darkness, Into Your glorious day.

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THE DISMISSAL

LSB 181

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body
and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.

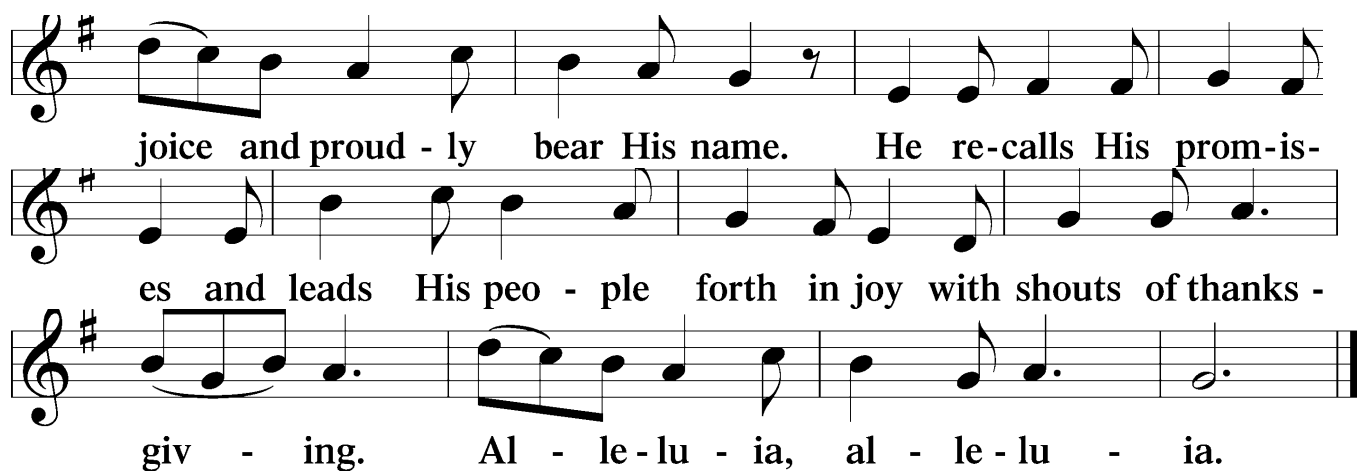
C Amen.

THANK THE LORD

LSB 181

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev - 'ry-one what
He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -

The image shows musical notation for the hymn 'Thank the Lord'. It consists of two staves. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody begins with a quarter note on G4, followed by quarter notes on A4, B4, and C5. The second staff continues the melody with a quarter note on B4, a quarter note on A4, and a quarter note on G4. The lyrics 'Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev - 'ry-one what' are written below the first staff. The second staff continues the melody with a quarter note on F#4, a quarter note on E4, and a quarter note on D4. The lyrics 'He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -' are written below the second staff.



joyce and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-
es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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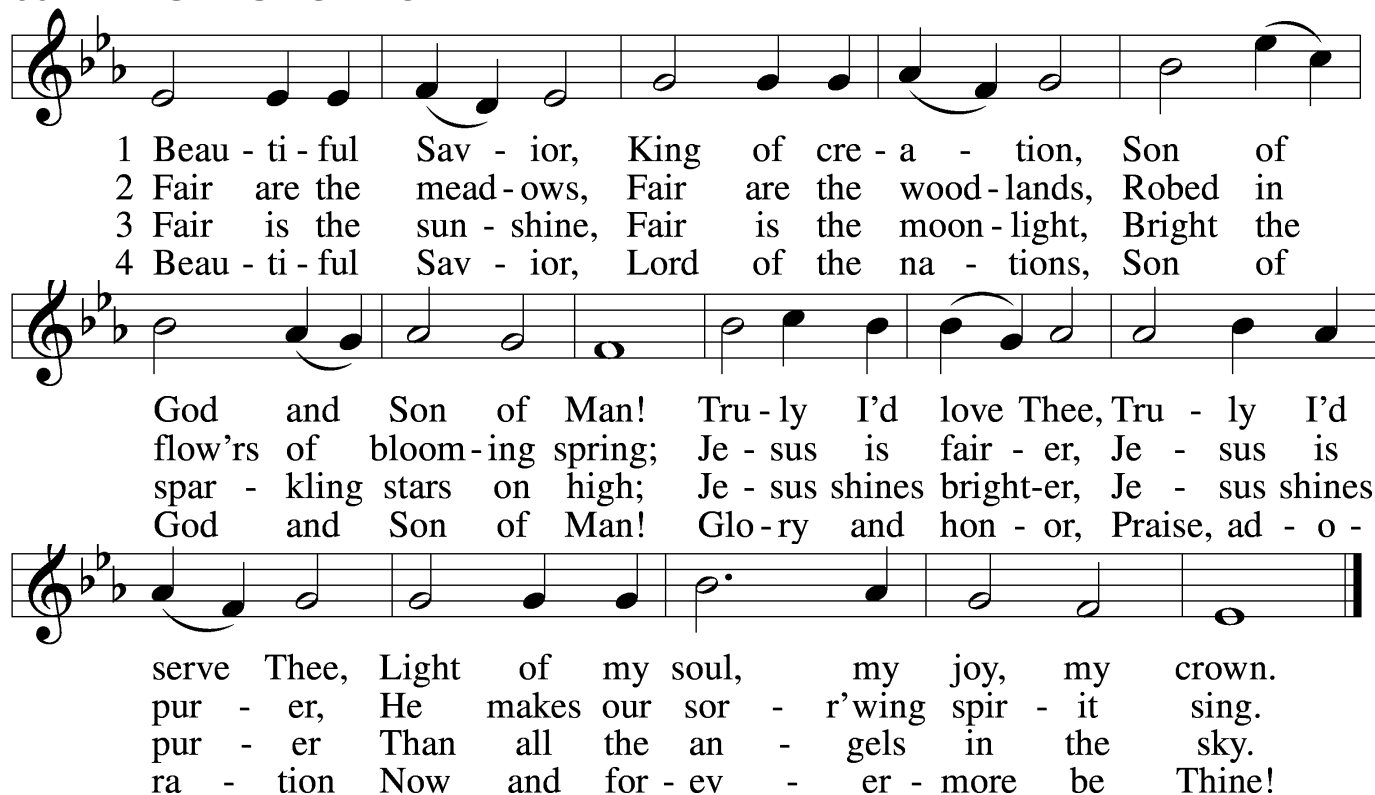
P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C Amen.

537 BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of
2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in
3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of
God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd
flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is
spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines
God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -
serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.
ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

Text: Münsterisch Gesangbuch, 1677, Münster; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904. Tune: Silesian, 19th cent.
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DISMISSAL

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P Go in peace as you serve our living Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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