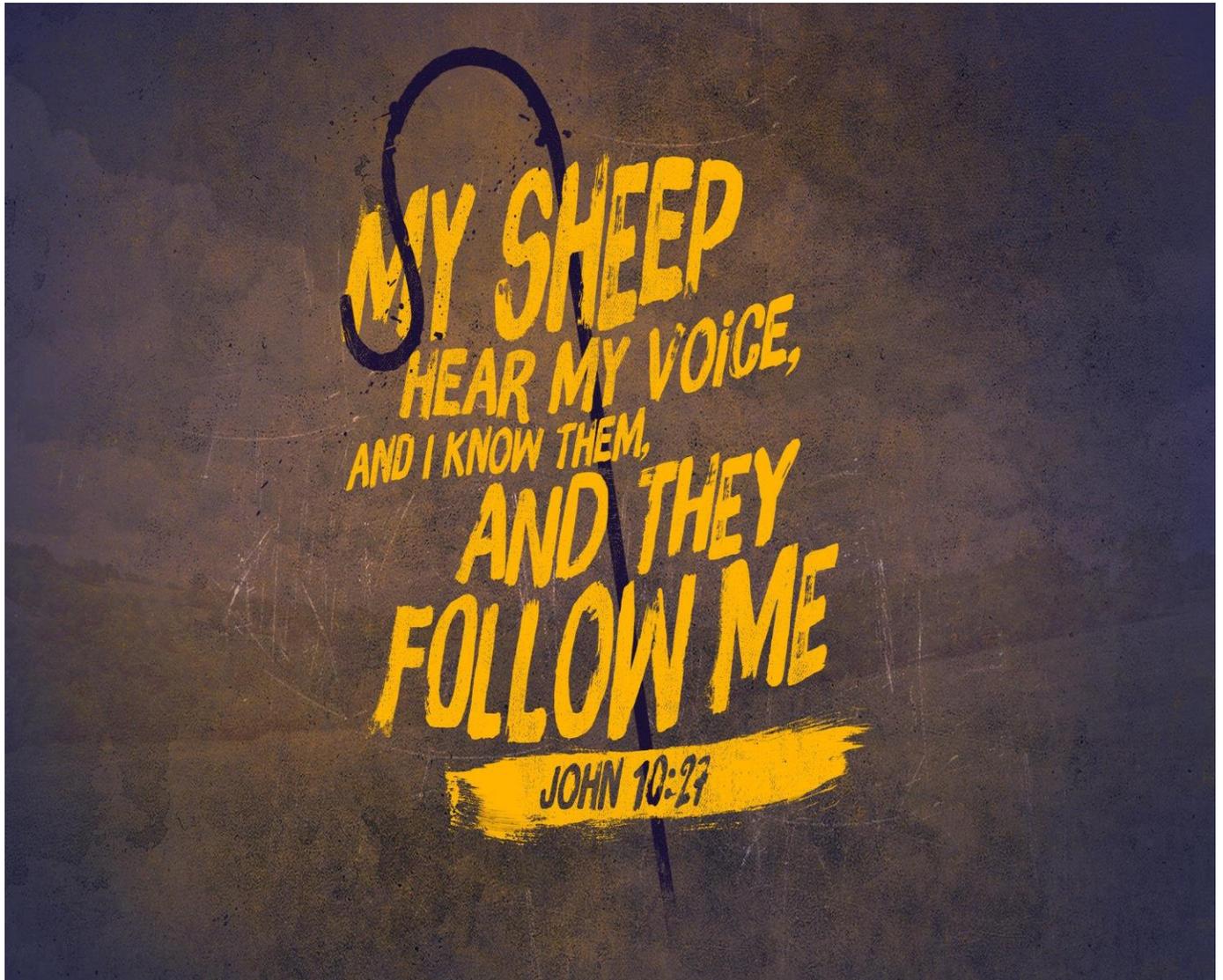


# The Fourth Sunday of Easter

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8:30 & 11:00 am - Holy Communion Services

9:45 am - Sunday School, and Bible Classes for All Ages

## Hymn

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus** LSB #821

## Invocation

*Pastor* In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*People* **Amen.**

*Pastor* The LORD is my shepherd;

*People* **I shall not want.**

*Pastor* He makes me lie down in green pastures.

*People* **He leads me beside still waters.**

*Pastor* He restores my soul

*People* **He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.**

*Pastor* Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

*People* **I will fear no evil,**

*Pastor* for You are with me;

*People* **Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.**

*Pastor* You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies

*People* **You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

*Pastor* Surely good and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

*People* **and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

## Confession and Forgiveness of Sins

*Pastor* The Lord, my Shepherd,

*People* **You call me by name as one of Your own dear sheep. You are teaching me to recognize Jesus' voice and follow Him. Yet, because my sinful nature is alienated from You since birth, I find it so difficult to listen to You, much less to love and serve even the people nearest me. In fact, I often think, say, and do things that are hurtful both to me and the people around me. How then will I be able to stand before Your throne on the Last Day in union with all Your people from every nation, tribe, and language? Forgive and help me for Jesus' sake.**

*Pastor* Beloved ones, Jesus has given you eternal life, and you will never perish, and no one will snatch you out of His hand. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Jesus 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.

*People* **Amen.**

## Hymn of Praise



1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
 2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!  
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
 Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup>and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup>And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" <sup>14</sup>I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

<sup>16</sup>They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

<sup>17</sup>For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Pastor  
 People

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem (11:00)***(Church Choir, Brian Hallman - soloist)***'Let All the People Say 'Amen'***by Pepper Choplin***Holy Gospel: St. John 10:22-30***Pastor* The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.*People* **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup>At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup>and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. <sup>24</sup>So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly."<sup>25</sup> Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, <sup>26</sup>but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.<sup>29</sup> My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup>I and the Father are one."

*Pastor* This is the Gospel of the Lord.*People* **Praise to You, O Christ.****Hymn of the Day****The Lord's My Shepherd** *LSB #710***Sermon****"THE VOICE"****St. John 10:27****Nicene Creed***All* **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Prayer of the Church****Parish Announcements and Gathering of Offering**

## Service of Holy Communion

*Pastor* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Pastor* Lift up your hearts.

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

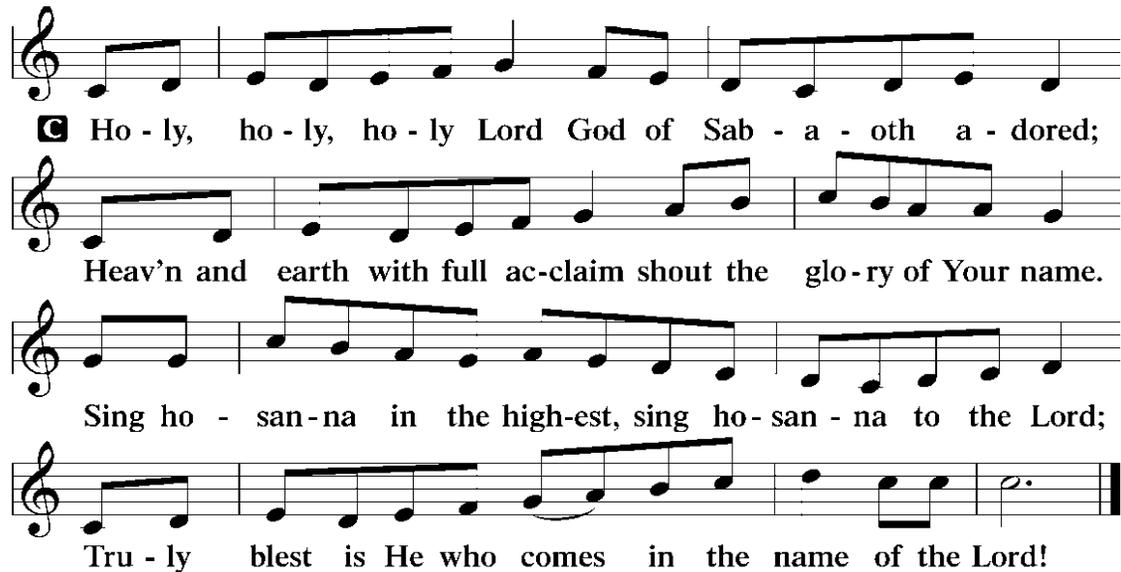
*Pastor* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## Proper Preface

*Pastor* It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who is risen to stand as the Lamb in the presence of God, and who shepherds His people from every nation, tribe and language. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san-na to the Lord;  
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## Words of Our Lord

*Pastor* Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Lord's Prayer

*People* **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.**

### Peace of the Lord

*Pastor* The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
*People* Amen.

### Agnus Dei

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 You take the sin of the world a - way;  
 You take the sin of the world a - way;  
 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

### Distribution Hymns

The King of Love My Shepherd is *LSB #409*  
 At the Lamb's High Feast we Sing *LSB #633*

### Post-Communion Thanksgiving

*Pastor* Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
*People* Amen.

### Benediction

*Pastor* 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.  
*People* Amen.

### Closing Hymn

**Sing with All the Saints in Glory** *LSB #671*

- Officiant ..... Pastor Roland Syens
- Communion Assistants ..... (8:30) Pastors Morley & Wentzlaff,  
 ..... (11:00) Earl Famme, Emmanuel George, Reinhold Schmidt
- Organist ..... Jennifer Massicotte
- Special Music ..... Jack Kahl (*trumpet*), Gabrielle George (*11:00 piano*)
- Acolytes ..... (8:30) Grace Radunsky, (11:00) Nicole Relf
- Sound System Operators ..... (8:30) Marty Stanfel, (11:00) Chris Bohl

**Prayer Concerns:** For *students* writing papers and exams that God give them wisdom; for those *looking for jobs* that God would provide; for those *struggling with illness* or *preparing for surgery*; **Paul VanderGriendt** at St Michael's Hospital, **Mary Coleman**, **Don Fielding**, **Walter Wentzlaff**, **Betty Lumsden** and others; for *countries at war or in civil unrest*: Central Republic of Africa, Ukraine, Syria and other countries; for *Ethiopia* as they go through a time of drought that rains may come and help may be given; Gratefulness for all the *blessings* God has given in family, homes, freedom to worship and share faith, all good and perfect gifts which are from God.

**Reports are due today!** For the Spring voters' assembly that meets on **Tuesday, May 3 at 7:00 p.m.** Heads of boards and other responsible officers we need your reports to enable the printing of the docket.

## Coming Events...

**Women's Renewal Weekend** Our "LAVENDER SPRINGS SPA" is just for you! Come on **April 22-23** to the Guelph Bible Conference Centre. Enjoy the fellowship, fun and laughter with new and old friends or bring a friend. For more information and registration forms, please see our display on the Welcome Desk. Registration Deadline is April 17, please try to register early. We look forward to seeing you there. God's blessings to all of you and your families.

**Spring Voters' Assembly** is on **Tuesday, May 3 at 7:00 pm.** Dockets will be available at the Welcome Centre desk next **Sunday.**

## Please Note...

**Thank you** to everyone who attended LINC and especially to our cooking and set-up friends (Susan A., Gerry L. & helpers) who blessed us weekly with your time & talents. Thanks to Mike K. for supervising gym time, to our rotation of volunteers leading the children & to Pastor Morley who lead adult learning time before Lent. It was neat to wrap up with our focus on environmental issues/service as Earth Day is Friday – much appreciated Roz & Heather.

## Today's Education Hour...

**Nursery through Grade 7 students** will meet for Opening in the Sanctuary. We thank Val, Heather & Cheri for providing today's Sunday School Special about "The Good Samaritan" from Luke 10. Today is the last Sunday we will be collecting cereal boxes & hygiene items for our Mission Projects!

**Youth** continuing our journey though the book of Romans.

**YABS** explores Christians being "In this world but not of it" with Mel leading.

**Adult Bible Class** .. This Sunday we focus on The Good Shepherd and we will look at Psalm 23 as that is our Bible Study focus.

## Last Week at Holy Cross...

<b>Sunday Attendance:</b>	131 & 194	Total 325	('15 – 346)
<b>Adult Bible Class:</b>	Pupils: 69 Staff: 3	Total 72	('15 – 44)
<b>YABS:</b>	Pupils: 3 Staff: 1	Total 4	('15 – 9)
<b>Youth Bible Class:</b>	Pupils: 6 Staff: 2	Total 8	('15 – 5)
<b>Sunday School:</b>	Pupils: 28 Staff: 15	Total 43	('15 – 49)

**Thankoffering:** In honour of the baptism of **NORA GREBINSKI** to *Vacation Bible School* from Marg Klages.

**Memorials:** In memory of **EARL HEBNER** to the *Unified Church Budget* from Murray & Margaret Parker, John & Janet Palmer, Hilde Neeb, Elaine Hammer, Julie Joza, Art & Ellie Schmidt, Ron & Doris Johnston, Doreen Groff, Myrtle Fierling.

## Weekly Calendar

Monday, April 18 to Sunday, April 24, 2016

<b>Monday</b>	ESL, <i>Historic St. Paul's</i> .....	10:30 a.m.
	Griefshare Seminar, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> .....	6:30 p.m.
	Jr. Confirmation, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> .....	6:00 p.m.
<b>Tuesday</b>	ESL, <i>Historic St. Paul's</i> .....	6:30 p.m.
	Board of Parish Education, <i>Panel Room</i> .....	7:00 p.m.
	Board of Stewardship, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> .....	7:00 p.m.
<b>Wednesday</b>	Knotty Ladies, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> .....	9:00 a.m.
	Jr. Confirmation, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> .....	6:00 p.m.
	Board of Worship, <i>Youth Room</i> .....	7:30 p.m.
<b>Thursday</b>	Beginnings, <i>Downstairs</i> .....	9:30 a.m.
	Prayer Group, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> .....	9:30 a.m.
	Stephen Ministry, <i>Panel room</i> .....	1:30 p.m.
	Board of Evangelism, <i>Parlour</i> .....	7:00 p.m.
	Praise Singers, <i>Church</i> .....	7:00 p.m.
	Church Choir, <i>Church</i> .....	8:00 p.m.
<b>Friday - Saturday</b>		
Women's Renewal Weekend, <i>Guelph Bible Conference Centre</i>		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>The Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>	
	<b>Divine Service</b> , <i>Church</i> .....	8:30 a.m.
	Sunday School, <i>Downstairs</i> .....	9:45 a.m.
	Adult Bible Class, <i>Church</i> .....	9:45 a.m.
	YABS, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> .....	9:45 a.m.
	Youth Bible Class, <i>Youth Room</i> .....	9:45 a.m.
<b>Divine Service</b> , <i>Church</i> .....	11:00 a.m.	