

Good Shepherd Sunday
Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21, 2024 11:00 a.m. Service



Jesus said, "I am the Good Shepherd.
I lay down my life for my sheep."

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You are invited to use the yellow prayer cards located in the pew for prayer requests. Please hand this card to an usher or place it in the offering plate.

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Holy Communion is offered today:

The Lord's Supper is a "sacrament" that is a means of grace by which God gives to us His mercy, grace, and new life. In the Lord's Supper, Jesus gives to us His body and blood in the vessels of bread and wine. Jesus says "This is my body... This is my blood." When we receive the Sacrament in faith, we receive forgiveness, stronger faith, and strength to live a new and holy life. God's Word teaches us to examine ourselves (*1 Corinthians 11:17-32*). The Scriptures also teach us to trust Jesus' Word that He is **really present** in the vessels of bread and wine. If you have any questions or doubts about the Sacrament, or other matters of life and faith, you can speak with Pastor Sippy before you commune. We ask children who have not communed with us before to meet with Pastor Sippy so that he can open the Scriptures with them and instruct them for a faithful receiving of Jesus' gifts.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Divine Service – Setting Three
April 21, 2024 11:00 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” LSB 709 sts. 1-6



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed
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



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant
love He sought me And on His shoul - der
Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.
com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever!

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Stand

+ INVOCATION +

LSB 184

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

C Amen.

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

LSB 184

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination. Lay your hurts and burdens, worries and doubts before the Lord and receive again the love and grace of Jesus.)

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

LSB 186

Introit

Ps. 23; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b

P I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

C **The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.**

P He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

C **He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

P Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

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

P Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

P **C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47, LSB 186

P **C** **Lord, have mercy upon us.**
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

P Glory be to God on high:

C **and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.**

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 189

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let 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.

C **Amen.**

Sit

First Reading

Acts 4:1–12

1 As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, 2 greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. 3 And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. **4 *But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.*** 5 On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, 6 with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. 7 And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?”

8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, 9 if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, 10 let 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. **11 *This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone.*** 12 ***And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.***”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

A Christ has risen from the dead.

C [God the Father] has crowned Him with glory and honor,

A He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;

C He has put all things under His feet.

Second Reading

1 John 3:16–24

16 *By this we know love, that Jesus laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.* **17 *But 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?*** **18 *Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.*** 19 By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; 20 for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. 21 Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; 22 and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. **23 *And 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.*** **24 *Whoever 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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

LSB 190



C Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

John 10:11–18

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

LSB 190

11 [Jesus said:] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12 He 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. **13** He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. **14 I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me,** **15** just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. **16** And 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. **17** For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. **18** No 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.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

LSB 191
LSB 191

Nicene Creed

C 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.

Sit

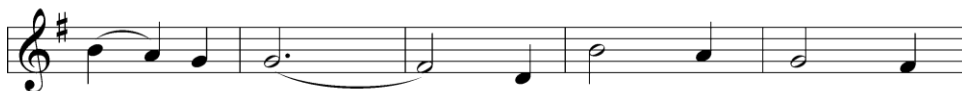
Hymn of the Day

LSB 710 sts. 1-5

“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”



1 The Lord’s my shep - herd, I’ll not want; He makes me
 2 My soul He doth re - store a - gain And me to
 3 Yea, though I walk in death’s dark vale, Yet will I
 4 My ta - ble Thou hast fur - nish - ed In pres - ence
 5 Good-ness and mer - cy all my life Shall sure - ly



down to lie In pas - tures green; He
 walk doth make With - in the paths of
 fear no ill; For Thou art with me,
 of my foes; My head Thou dost with
 fol - low me; And in God’s house for -



lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.
 righ - teous - ness, E’en for His own name’s sake.
 and Thy rod And staff me com - fort still.
 oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.
 ev - er - more My dwell - ing place shall be.

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Sermon

Pastor Jeffrey Sippy

Sermon Theme “Jesus, the Good Shepherd, Loves in Word and Deed”

Sermon Text

John 10:11; 1 John 3:16

Stand

Offering

In quiet devotion and responding in personal stewardship of God’s abundant provision to you, please use the offering plate in the back as you enter or exit. (This is just as it says: An offering to God through His church. As a reassurance to those in worship today, especially our guests - this is not an obligation - the good news of Jesus is free to all!)

Offertory

LSB 192



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Prayer of the Church

LSB 193

P Let us pray for all believers in Christ Jesus, the very bride of Christ, and for all people according to their needs:

P Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd. You leave the 99 sheep in the open country for the sake of the 1 sheep who is lost. Search for each of us, and all those who are lost. Guard and defend us from all sources of evil and doubt, from the devil's assaults and schemes, and from ourselves; Good Shepherd, call us by name.

C *We know Your voice and we follow You.*

P Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd. You call and send shepherds into our midst to proclaim You and Your grace, and to lead us in ways we should follow. Grant faithful shepherds to Your Church, anoint them with Your Holy Spirit; and bless them with truth and integrity. We pray for Pastor Sippy. Grant to him the ministry of Your Holy Spirit, guide him by Your Word, and fill him with joy in his service. Bless us by Your Word and Spirit, too, to embrace Your Word, to partner in ministry, and to join him in reaching others with the good news of Your Gospel and grace; Lord Jesus, call us by name.

C *We know Your voice and we follow You.*

P Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd and You call us Your brothers and sisters. Open our hearts and our eyes to our neighbors in need throughout the Bolivar and Buffalo communities, so that we, like You, will lay down our life for others; Lord Jesus, call us by name.

C *We know Your voice and we follow You.*

P Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd. You are the Paschal Lamb who reconciles lost sheep to our Father in heaven by Your death and resurrection. There is no authority on earth except that which is established by You (*Romans 13:1*). Grant to us peace and maturity to honor authority established by You, and to live our lives in quiet and honorable ways to the glory of Your name; Lord Jesus, call us by name.

C *We know Your voice and we follow You.*

P Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd. You lay down Your life for Your sheep. You lead Your sheep to green pasture and still water. Hear our prayers for those for whom our prayers are requested, the sick and the hurting, those undergoing medical treatments, the depressed, the mentally ill, the addicted, those struggling in circumstances in life, those who are anxious and overwhelmed, those who struggle with anger, and those who are lonely, or neglected or rejected. We pray especially for _____, and those we name in our hearts. Grant Your grace that is sufficient for all things, and Your peace that passes understanding, and Your divine will and deliverance. Strengthen our faith to remain steadfast in life's trials. Lord Jesus, call us by name.

C *We know Your voice and we follow You.*

P Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd. You give to us Your very body and blood to eat and to drink in the earthen vessels of bread and wine. Prepare us rightly to receive Your Sacrament in true faith, trusting in Your words "Given and shed for you." Bless the eating and drinking so that by it we would grow in true faith and in fervent love for each other. Lead us by Your Spirit in a true repentance. Lord Jesus, call us by name.

C *We know Your voice and we follow You.*

P Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd. Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your infinite mercy, for You live and reign with the Father, and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

LSB 194

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up unto the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

P 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. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9; LSB 195



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13, LSB 196

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.**

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

P 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.”

P 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.”

Pax Domini

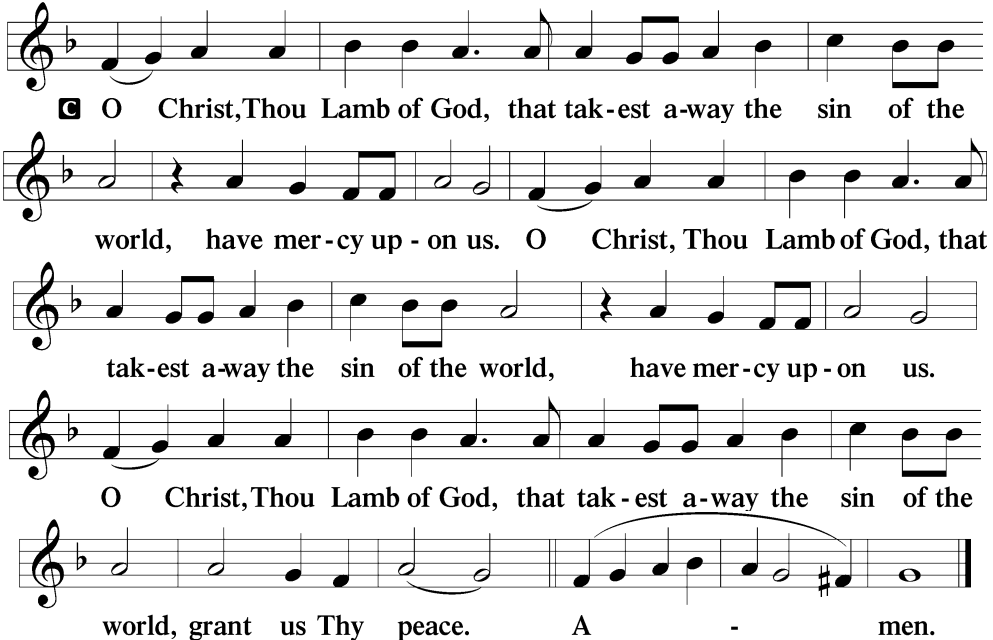
John 20:19, LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29, LSB 198



C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

Distribution Hymn

“I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”

LSB 740 sts. 1-3



1 I am Je - sus’ lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at
2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my
3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the



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



Knows my need and well pro-vides me, Loves me ev-'ry
 In-to pleas-ant pas-tures leads me; When I thirst, He
 By His an-gel host at-tend-ed, He shall fold me



day the same, E-ven calls me by my name.
 bids me go Where the qui-et wa-ters flow.
 to His breast, There with-in His arms to rest.

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Distribution Hymn "Have No Fear Little Flock" LSB 735 sts. 1-4



1 Have no fear, lit-tle flock; Have no fear, lit-tle
 2 Have good cheer, lit-tle flock; Have good cheer, lit-tle
 3 Praise the Lord high a-bove; Praise the Lord high a-
 4 Thank-ful hearts raise to God; Thank-ful hearts raise to



flock, For the Fa-ther has cho-sen To
 flock, For the Fa-ther will keep you In
 bove, For He stoops down to heal you, Up-
 God, For He stays close be-side you, In



give you the King-dom; Have no fear, lit-tle flock!
 His love for-ev-er; Have good cheer, lit-tle flock!
 lift and re-store you; Praise the Lord high a-bove!
 all things works with you; Thank-ful hearts raise to God!

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Stand

Thanksgiving

Psalm 107:1, LSB 200

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endureth forever.

P Let us pray. Almighty God and Father, in your great love for us and all people, you sent forth your Son, Jesus, to be the Good Shepherd, to lead us to green pasture and still water, to fill our cups to overflowing, and to give to us His very body and blood to eat and to drink in the Sacrament. Grant, that by this eating and drinking we would be strengthened in our faith to you, and fervent in our love for all people, and that by your Holy Spirit we would constantly serve you. Bless us here, at Zion and Our Savior, to be your ambassadors of grace, kindness, and mercy; through Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Salutation and Benedicamus

LSB 201

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26, LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen, amen, amen.

Sit

Closing Hymn *“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”* *LSB 711 sts. 1-4*



1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; Much we
 2 We are Yours; in love be - friend us, Be the
 3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and
 4 Ear - ly let us seek Your fa - vor, Ear - ly



need Your ten - der care. In Your pleas - ant pas - tures
 guard - ian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin de -
 sin - ful though we be; You have mer - cy to re -
 let us do Your will; Bless - ed Lord and on - ly



feed us, For our use Your fold pre - pare.
 fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.
 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, You have
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have



bought us; we are Yours. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 chil - dren when we pray. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 let us turn to You. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 loved us, love us still. 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.
 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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Announcements

Join us today in our community outreach to

Citizens Memorial Healthcare facility, 2:00 p.m.;
Parkview Healthcare Facility, 2:45 p.m.; and
Butterfield Residential Care facility, 3:30 p.m.

Greet and connect with residents, assist with song sheets and singing; and bring the love and hope of Jesus! Everyone of all ages is invited!

Postlude