

ST. GREGORY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

radiates God's grace, equipping all people to change the world.





The Fourth Sunday of Easter April 21, 2024 | 9:30am

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Welcome to St. Gregory's

We are truly thankful for your presence.

We're Here to Help

If you need anything, please ask the Greeter who handed you this bulletin.

Children & Parents

We are glad you are here.

On the left-hand side of the Altar is our **Children's Pray-ground**, a space made especially for kids, stocked with toys, books, and art supplies.

We expect kids will make noise. Don't sweat it. However, if your child — or you — need a break in a more quiet space, we have a **Cry Room** downstairs with a changing table.

Praying with Us

We encourage you to participate fully in our service, as you are comfortable. We invite you to read aloud the **bold text**. Wherever you see (+), you are invited to cross yourself. Other actions are indicated during the service, but none of them is required.

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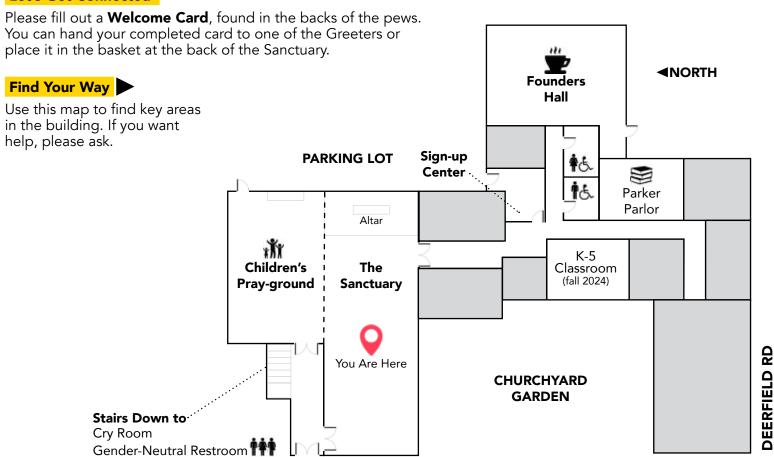
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Let's Get Connected



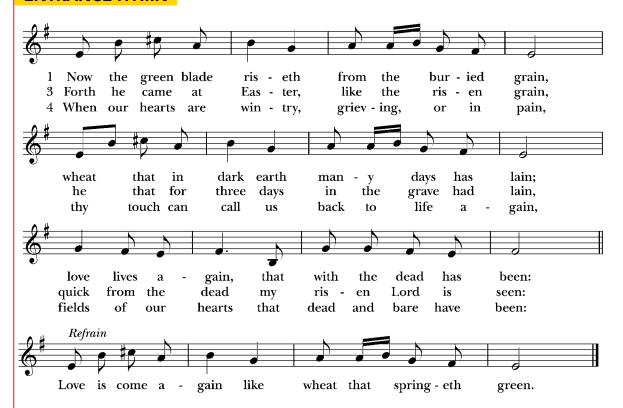


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THE WORD OF GOD

The people stand, as they are able.

ENTRANCE HYMN



PROCLAMATION OF EASTER

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

SONG OF PRAISE



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During the Easter season, the collects remind us of the joy of resurrection, and our continual salvation through God's amazing love.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The people sit.

We follow a three-year cycle of readings called a Lectionary. These are lessons being heard in congregations from many denominations throughout the world on this day. The first reading is from the Hebrew Scriptures, which tell us the story of God's love and faithfulness to God's people from the beginning of time to just before Christ. FIRST READING **ACTS 4:5-12**

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

`the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone."

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm is a hymn or poem. The psalms cover the whole range of the relationship between God and God's people. The Book of Psalms, while a "book" of the Bible, consists of 150 hymns intended to be sung.

PSALM 23

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.
- 2 You make me lie down in green pastures and lead me beside still waters.
- 3 You revive my soul and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

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The second reading is usually from one of the New Testament Epistles (or letters), though occasionally from the Acts of the Apostles or the Book of Revelation. They teach us about the formation of the church and instruct us on how to live into our role as followers of Christ.

THE EPISTLE 1 JOHN 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The people stand, as they are able. Children are invited to join the procession in the aisle for the reading of the Gospel.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Verse 1 sung before the gospel reading, verse 2 after.





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During the Holy Eucharist, there is always a reading from a Gospel. We stand to indicate the importance we place on Jesus' words and actions. The deacon or priest proclaims the Gospel in the midst of the people to represent the Good News that Jesus has come among us, and we all turn toward it.

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 10:11-18

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

(+++) Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The 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. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I 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. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people sit.

The sermon is meant to help us make the Word of God a living and transforming reality of our lives today.

SERMON

Kathryn Kinjo Duncan, Music & Engagement Minister

For the Preacher Talkback session after church, fill in this matrix during the sermon. We will also provide time when the sermon is ended to add more responses.

I liked these phrases, images, and ideas:	I disagree with OR I am confused by these ideas:	I am left wondering about these questions:



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In the Nicene Creed, we respond to the proclamation of God's Word by affirming the historic faith of the Church. We "believe" (from the Latin credere, literally "to put one's heart into") because we offer our trust in the story of God's creating, redeeming, and remaining with the world. "We" believe because the church as a whole, the Body of Christ, carries and strengthens the faith of each individual. Also note that when it is not capitalized, the word "catholic" is defined as universal or inclusive.

NICENE CREED

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The people stand, as they are able.

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.

The Prayers of the People are always responsive, because everyone gives voice to the supplications. We include prayers for others throughout the world, in our diocese, and those connected to our congregation. This is the part of the liturgy where it is most evident that we would be noticeably less without the contributions of each person present. We voice prayers from our parish prayer list, as well as requests from the onsite and online

worshippers.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

O God, on the first day of the week you began your labor to create this beautiful world. Enliven us to carry on your creative acts, piecing together what is fractured, and bringing blessing to all people and creatures. We offer prayers of joy and gratitude.

Alleluia! We pray to you, O God. Hear our prayers. Alleluia!

O God, you are not a stranger to suffering but have borne our pain in Jesus Christ. Enliven us to bear the agonies of one another, piecing us back together through compassion and service. We offer prayers of intercession.

Alleluia! We pray to you, O God. Hear our prayers. Alleluia!

O God, not even death can separate us from your love. Enliven us to act with boldness for the sake of your good news, confident in the hope of resurrection and the restoration of all creation from brokenness to wholeness. We offer prayers for the dead.

Alleluia! We pray to you, O God. Hear our prayers. Alleluia!

The Presider offers the concluding collect.

O God who creates all things for your own delight, who redeems your people from slavery and injustice, who sustains us constantly with wisdom and courage: raise us to new life this day and every day, that we may radiate with your grace and transform the world in your Name; for you live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

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The Peace has been exchanged at the Eucharist since the time of the first Christians. It is a profound act to offer the miraculous peace of God to one another before we join in communion with God and each other.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The congregation greets each other in the peace of Christ.

The people sit.

PRAYERS FOR BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND TRAVELS

The Offertory is when we bring our gifts of bread, wine, money, and our very selves to present to the Lord as our initial act of thanksgiving. This collection is a visible reminder that our whole lives are God's, and a part of what God has given us we give back in thanksgiving for all that we have and all that we are. You can use this QR code to give to StGs online.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"This is Me" from the 2017 musical The Greatest Showman words and music by B. Pasek and J. Paul

I am not a stranger to the dark.

Hide away, they say, 'cause we don't want your broken parts.

I've learned to be ashamed of all my scars.

Run away, they say, no one'll love you as you are.

But: I won't let them break me down to dust.

I know that there's a place for us, for we are glorious.

When the sharpest words wanna cut me down,

I'm gonna send a flood, gonna drown 'em out.

I am brave. I am bruised. I am who I'm meant to be: this is me.

Look out, 'cause here I come.

And I'm marching on to the beat I drum.

I'm not scared to be seen, I make no apologies: this is me.

Another round of bullets hit my skin.

Well, fire away, 'cause today I won't let the shame sink in.

We are bursting through the barricades and reaching for the sun.

We are warriors and that's what we've become.

I won't let them break me down to dust.

I know that there's a place for us, for we are glorious.

When the sharpest words wanna cut me down,

I'm gonna send a flood, gonna drown 'em out.

I am brave. I am bruised. I am who I'm meant to be: this is me.

Look out, 'cause here I come.

And I'm marching on to the beat I drum.

I'm not scared to be seen, I make no apologies: this is me.

When the sharpest words wanna cut me down,

Gonna send a flood, gonna drown 'em out.

This is brave. This is bruised. This is who I'm meant to be: this is me.

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The Eucharist, or Communion, is the act of offering, breaking bread, and sharing in Christ's life, death, and resurrection. It also reminds us that we are Christ's body in our world today. As Episcopalians, the Eucharist is the principal act of worship, in which we always have a full proclamation of the heart of the Gospel. Celebrating Eucharist is something we do together, so we all take part in the prayers.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The people stand, as they are able.

OFFERTORY HYMN



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

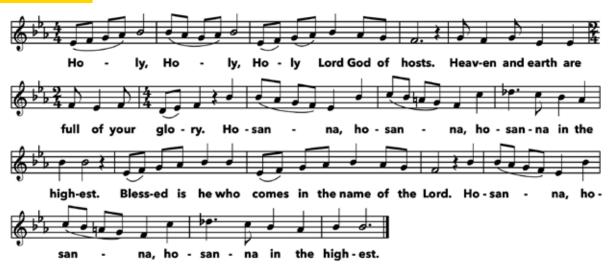
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being. Yet chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

The Sanctus (holy, holy, holy) recalls the words of the prophet Isaiah, overwhelmed by the presence of God in the sanctuary, and these words were sung by the people as Jesus entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. The Sanctus reminds us that this is an offering of the whole creation, which joins in singing these praises.

SANCTUS



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Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you:

This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and (+) make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.



And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Great Amen is the only word in our Book of Common Prayer that is in all capital letters. It emphasizes that we all join together in asking Jesus to be present in the bread and wine, in boldly affirming our desire to receive God. It is appropriate to sing this with enthusiasm!

The Lord's Prayer is the prayer that Jesus gave to his followers when they asked him to teach them to pray. It links our daily bread to the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist.

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The Fraction recalls Jesus breaking the bread at the Last Supper to share with the disciples, and reminds us that Jesus' body was broken on the cross for us to be shared with the world. Therefore we keep a moment of silence for prayers of awe and gratitude.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.



RECEIVING COMMUNION

General: Please join the line to receive Communion. When you get to the front, hold out your hands to receive bread. Then step to either side to receive wine or juice in an individual cup.

Gluten-free option: Please ask for a gluten-free wafer from the priest when you come forward.

Non-alcoholic option: Please ask for juice from the minister holding the tray of cups. You also have the option to take only the bread to receive Communion.

Not receiving: If you will not be receiving Communion, you are invited to come forward for a blessing. Please join the line and cross your arms over your chest when you get to the front.

For those worshipping remotely, you may read the Prayer for Spiritual Communion: In union, gracious God, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, O Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

The Prayer for Spiritual Communion articulates a hunger for unity with Jesus Christ when you cannot physically receive the Body and Blood of Christ. This prayer connects the one(s) praying with the reception of Holy Communion. Those worshipping online are

invited to say this prayer

as those onsite receive

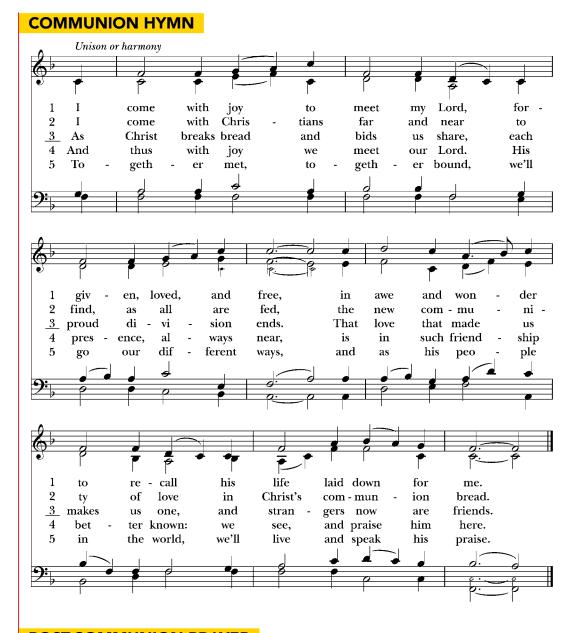
Communion.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is" arr. John Ness Beck

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never. I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever. Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth. And where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth. In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me. Thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me. And so through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never. Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever. Amen.

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After Communion, we give thanks for being part of the communion of God's life and for being fed so that we may go out to feed and serve others in our world.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

The people stand, as they are able.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another;

and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,

that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The people sit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The people stand, as they are able.



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One of the roles of the priest is to declare the eternal truth of God's ever-present blessing to God's people.

BLESSING

Live with courage: Your Creator has made you holy,
has always walked with you, and loves you back to life.
Go in boldness to proclaim the resurrection,

and the (+) love, mercy, and blessing of God go before you always. Amen.

EXIT HYMN



Having heard the Gospel and having been fed at communion, the final act of our common worship is the Dismissal. It is not an afterthought, but an integral part of the service. Jesus' final action on earth was to send his followers into the world to make disciples, baptizing and teaching them to obey all he had commanded. And so we are sent out into the world to proclaim the Good News and be Christ's hands and feet on earth.



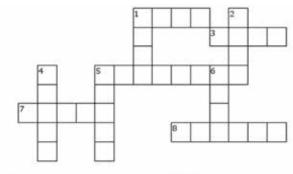
The Priest or Deacon dismisses the people, and the people respond,

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!



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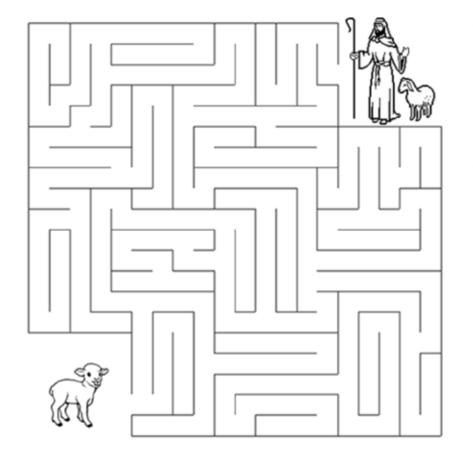
- 1. The period from birth to death
- A wild animal that look like a dog and hunts in a pack
- One who takes care of the sheep
- 7. What we use to speak
- To hear or pay attention to something

DOWN

- 1. A strong feeling of affection
- 2. The opposite of bad
- A group of sheep herded together
- Wooly animals which are similar to goats
- 6. Goes faster than walking

SHEPHERD	GOOD	LIFE	SHEEP	WOLF
FLOCK	RUNS	VOICE	LISTEN	LOVE

LISTEN	SHEEP	LOVES	WOLF	FLOCK
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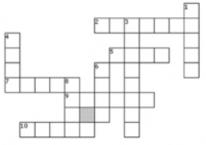
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The Lord Is My Shepherd

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. Psalm 23:1



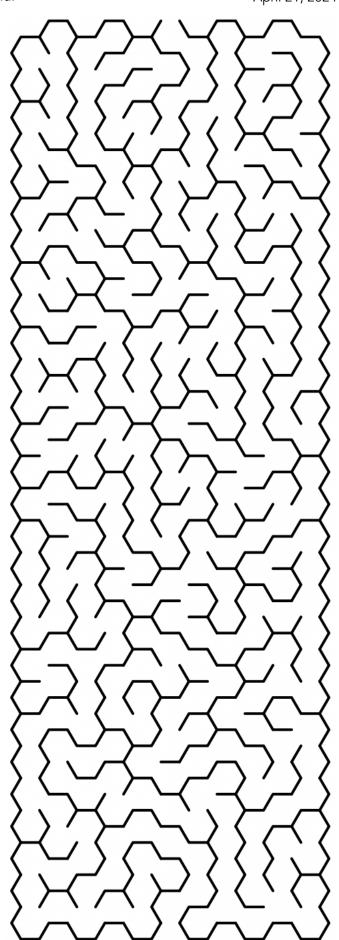
ACROSS

- An area with grass or other vegetation for sheep or cattle to graze on
- To be frightened of something
- A building or dwelling place for a family
- An area of low land between mountains or hills
- An article of furniture upon which we eat our meals

DOWN

- To show kindness, compassion, and forgiveness
- One who herds, guards, and tends sheep
- The route along which something travels
- 6. To go or travel on foot
- The quality of being morally bad or wrong; wicked







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COMING UP...



Please join us for coffee and tea after the service!

Thank you to Cissy Singleton and Mary Keller for hosting a fantastic coffee brunch last Sunday - our next one will be May 19 (the Day of Pentecost!). Until then, after every Sunday service we offer a simple coffee hour with coffee and tea available in Founders Hall. Check the Sign-Up Center for hosting opportunities in the summer months!

Debbie at debbie.kinjo@gmail.com or Sharon at slgramer@comcast.net



StGs Rector Discernment Committee Application - DUE TOMORROW!

Use the QR code at left to access the application to serve on the discernment committee for StGs Rector, or fill out a physical copy of the application (a pile of them are available on the desk in the main entrance) and leave it in basket with the lid next to the pile. The committee will be comprised of a chairperson, two members from the vestry, and a few parishioners. We anticipate the committee will work from late-April through the end of September, and will meet regularly to progress through its responsibilities. Meeting times will be jointly agreed upon and have a remote/Zoom option.

Applicants should be parishioners in good standing, commit to prayerful discernment, be able to engage in thoughtful, challenging conversation and maintain confidentiality in the process. Applications due TOMORROW - Monday, April 22.

Housewarming Drive for Migrants

During the Easter season, we will be collecting household items for the Deerfield Free Store, which has become a critical resource as communities work together to resettle migrants and refugees in our area. Bring your items to sharehold the baskets under the Sign Lin Control Times to sharehold and drop them in the baskets under the Sign Lin Control Times to sharehold and drop them in the baskets under the Sign Lin Control Times to sharehold and the sharehold the same to sharehold

items to church and drop them in the baskets under the Sign-Up Center! Two specific areas of need:

- Consumables (family-size shampoo, conditioner, body wash, hand soap, dish soap, laundry detergent), and
- **Small Appliances** (new or pre-owned, clean, working, with all parts including power cords includes hair dryers, curling irons, blenders, irons, handmixers, electric kettles, juicers, stainless steel stovetop pressure cookers).



Community Meals: next Sunday, April 28!

We will be preparing and distributing a hot meal to our neighbors in Waukegan next Sunday! Thanks to our volunteer bakers we are all set. We do need volunteers to pack the non-perishable food and prepare and pack the hot food for distribution. Contact Barb Schaper or add your name to the clipboard on the Sign-Up Center at the church! Barb: bschaper7@aol.com or (847)948-8989



Rebuilding for Children & Youth

We are rebuilding and reimagining what children and youth need from the church today. Whether you are a longtime parishioner or are new to St. Gregory's, we ask all parents of children (ages 0 to 18) to complete this brief survey via the QR code at left. Pastor Dan: dan@stgregoryschurch.org

May 4: Confirmation service with Bishop Paula!

On Saturday, May 4 all are invited to Trinity in Highland Park for an 11am Confirmation service with Bishop Paula Clark, with a reception to follow. Come support our confirmands!

May 11: Day of Pentecost

The next big feast day in our church year is the Day of Pentecost! Make sure you attend onsite or online for this extra special service, followed by a delicious coffee brunch! More details to come, but we promise: you won't want to miss it.:)

Piecing it back together...

Resurrection is about what comes next. At this moment in our individual, religious, and civic lives, how do we let go of what is past and start putting together new possibilities for the future? Join us for this spiritual growth experience every Sunday through May 12. Participate in active listening of the sermon during the service, then stay after to go deeper with the preacher and others during coffee hour.

