

DIVINE SERVICE

Setting Two

Standing in the Shadow of the Cross

Fourth Sunday of Easter
Sunday April 26, 2026



Processional Hymn: AAHH # 175 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

1. Come, thou fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of thy redeeming love.

2. Here I raise my Ebenezer; Here by thy great help I've come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.

3. O to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, Bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for thy courts above.

Greeting and Announcements:

Confession and Absolution

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

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, imploring 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 to the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Kneel/Stand, Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

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.

Hymn of Praise: TFBF # 95 “He Is Lord”

He is Lord, He is Lord, He is risen from the dead and He is Lord!

Ev'ry knee shall bow and ev'ry tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!

The Sunday school students are released to their teachers.

Service of the Word

Introit

Ps. 95:1-3, 6-7a; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b

P I am the good shepherd

C **I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.**

P Oh come, let us sing to the Lord,

C **Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

P Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

C **let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

P For the Lord is a great God,

C **and a great king above all gods.**

P O come let us worship and bow down;

C **let us kneel before the Lord our Maker!**

P For he is our God,

C **and we are the people of his pasture, the sheep of his hand.**

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

C **I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.**

This is the Feast

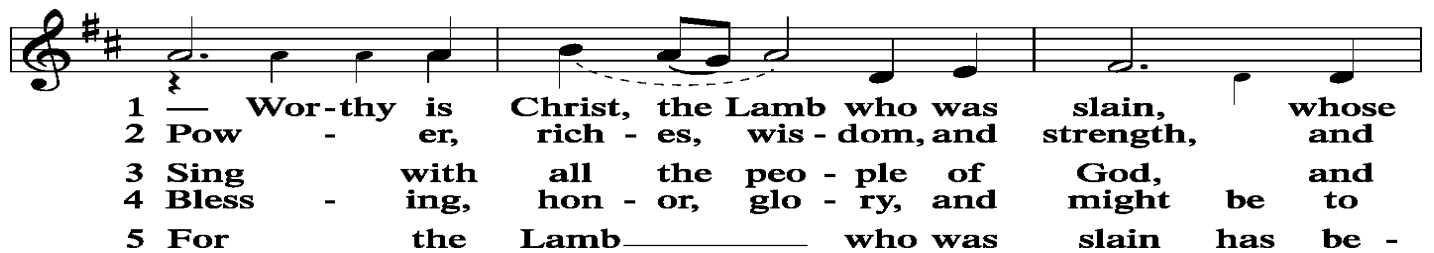
Refrain



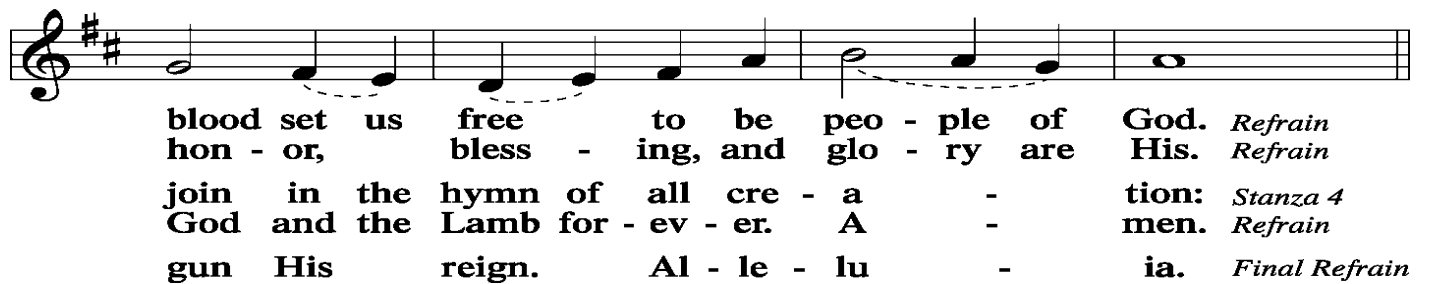
C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor-ty is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

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.

Please be seated

First Reading

Acts 2:42–47

⁴² And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵ And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Matt.28:7; Heb.2:7; Ps.8:6

C **Christ has risen from the dead. [God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor, He has given him dominion over the works of his hands; he has put all things under his feet.**

Epistle

1 Peter 2:19–25

¹⁹ For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²² He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³ When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were straying like sheep but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music - Men Choir “Standing in The Need Of Prayer”
“I Need Thee Every Hour”

Please Stand

Hymn: # 98 TFBF “Open My Eyes, Lord”

Open our eyes, Lord We Want to see Jesus, To reach out and touch Him And say that we love Him. Open our ears, Lord And help us to listen, Open our eyes, Lord, We want to see Jesus

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

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

“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ² But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵ A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶ This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷ So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Please be seated

Sermon Hymn: TFBF # 156 “Come to Jesus”

1 Come to Je - sus, come to Je - sus, come to Je - sus just now;
 2 He will save you, he will save you, he will save you just now;
 3 He is a - ble, he is a - ble, he is a - ble just now;
 4 He is will - ing, he is will - ing, he is will - ing just now;

just now, come to Je - sus, come to Je - sus just now.
 just now, he will save you, he will save you just now.
 just now, he is a - ble, he is a - ble just now.
 just now, he is will - ing, he is will - ing just now.

Sermon: “Thieves Steal; The Shepherd Saves”

Sermon Text: John 10:1-10

Please stand

Nicene Creed

**☩ 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.**

Please be seated.

Offering

Offertory

LSB 192

**☩ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

☩ Feel free to remain standing, be seated, or come to the altar to pray
(The congregation sings the following before and after the prayers:)

Hymn: TFBF # 247 “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

C Lord, listen to Your children praying; Lord, send Your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to Your children praying; send us love, send us power, send us grace.

P You may return to your seats, the Lord has heard your prayers