

Welcome

We are glad that you have joined
us for worship.

April 26, 2026

**Jesus Lives to
be My Good
Shepherd**

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Jesus Lives

OPENING HYMN: #858

God Is Here! As We Your People (vs.1-4)

V1. God is here! As we your people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.

V2. Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace.
Here are table, font and pulpit;
here the cross has central place.
Here, in honesty of preaching,
here, in silence as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.

V3. Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here, as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.

V4. Lord of all, of Church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the gospel;
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive;
we who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe!

Please stand

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: We gather in the name of the Father and
of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

RESPONSIVE SENTENCES:

(Psalm 100 and Psalm 23)

P: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

C: Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

P: Know that the LORD is God.

**C: It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his
pasture.**

P: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and
his courts with praise;

C: Give thanks to him and praise his name.

P: For the LORD is good and his love
endures forever;

**C: His faithfulness continues through all
generations.**

P: The LORD is my shepherd,

C: I shall not be in want.

P: He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul.

C: He guides 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,

C: For you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

P: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

C: You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

P: Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,

C: And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

CONFESSION OF SINS AND **ANNOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

P: Brothers and sisters, like God's people of old we must confess:

C: "We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way."

(Is. 53:6)

Silence for personal reflection

P: We have been stubborn and rebellious. We have turned from God's commands and sought our own ways. We have run after the cares and pleasures of this world, imagining these could satisfy our souls.

P: But in his great mercy our Good Shepherd, Jesus, has never stopped loving us or running after us! He willingly laid down his life for us!

(John 10:11)

P: Because he was pierced for our transgressions and crushed for our iniquities, we have peace with God; we are healed; we are restored to God's grace.

(Is. 53:3-5)

P: Therefore as your called shepherd under Christ, I announce God's forgiveness to you: Your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God, your Son is the Good Shepherd of your people. Grant that we may hear his call, listen to his voice, and gladly follow where he leads; for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated



The Word

FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need.

Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.



The Word

SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 2:19-25

For it is commendable if a man bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because he is conscious of God. But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God.

To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



















SERMON HYMN: #552

The King of Love My Shepherd Is (vs.1-6)

V1. The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness fails me never;
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine forever.

V2.

Where streams of living water flow,
my Savior gently leads me,
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feeds me.

V3.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me
and on his shoulder gently laid
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

V4.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with you, dear Lord, beside me,
your rod and staff my comfort still,
your cross before to guide me.

V5.

You spread a table in my sight,
a banquet here bestowing;
your oil of welcome, my delight;
my cup is overflowing!

V6.

And so through all the length of days
your goodness fails me never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise
within your house forever!



The Word

SERMON READING:

John 10:1-10

(HCSB)

“I assure you: Anyone who doesn’t enter the sheep pen by the door but climbs in some other way, is a thief and a robber. The one who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. The doorkeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

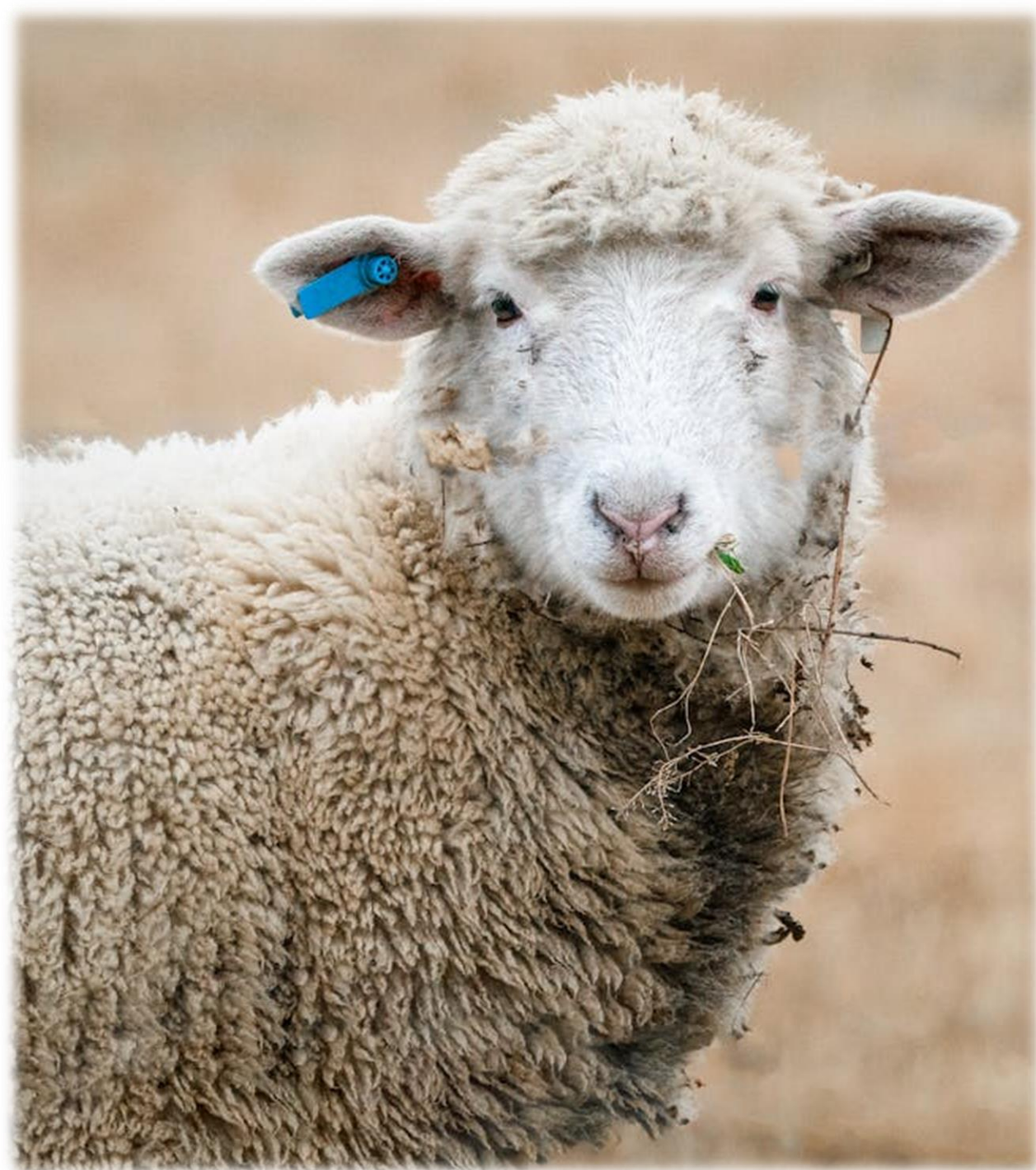
“When he has brought all his own outside, he goes ahead of them. The sheep follow him because they recognize his voice. They will never follow a stranger; instead they will run away from him, because they don’t recognize the voice of strangers.”

Jesus gave them this illustration, but they did not understand what He was telling them.

So Jesus said again, "I assure you: I am the door of the sheep. All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep didn't listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and to kill and to destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it in abundance."

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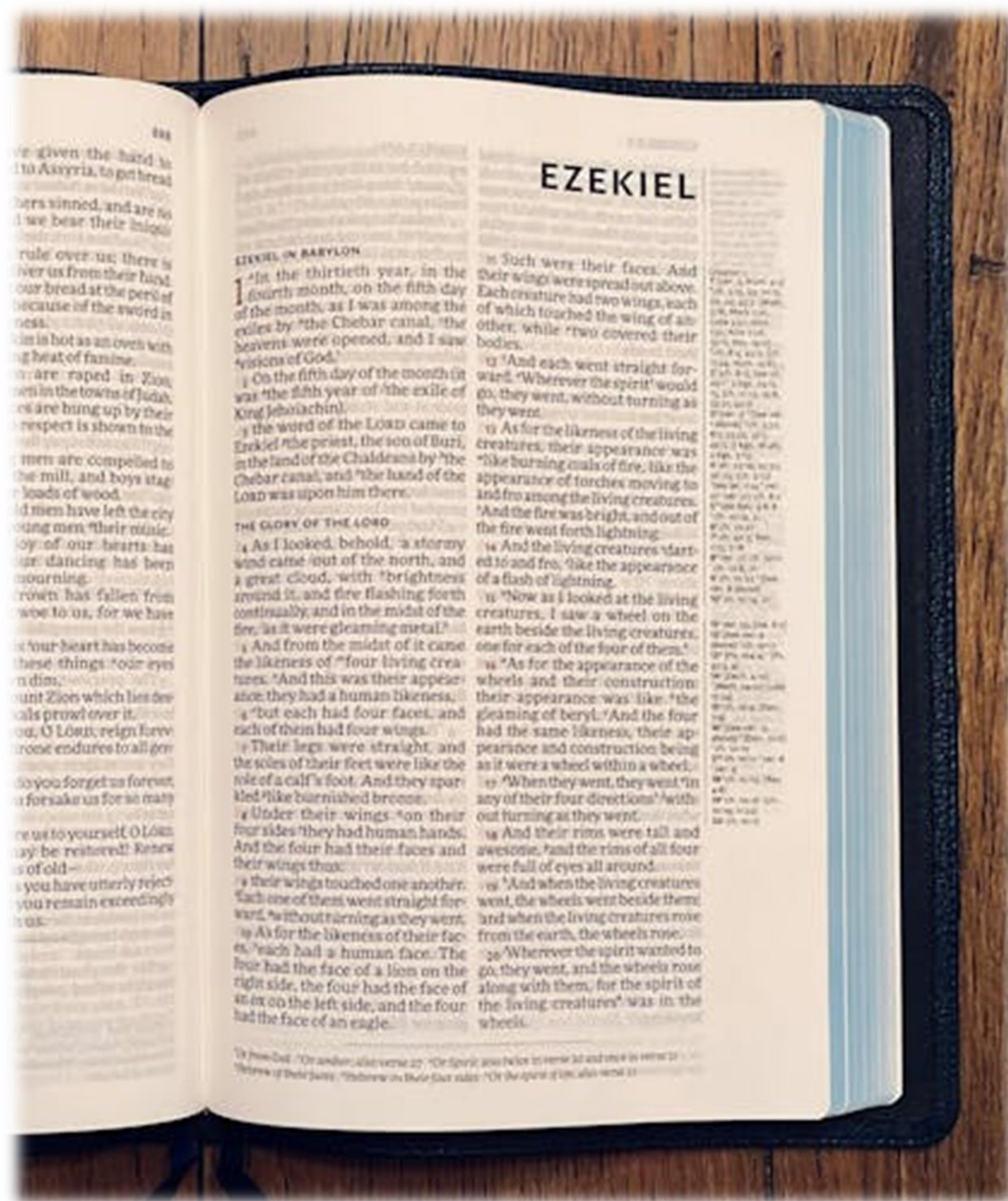


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“The sheep follow [the shepherd] because they recognize his voice. They will never follow a stranger; instead they will run away from him, because they don’t recognize the voice of strangers.”



EZEKIEL

EZEKIEL IN BABYLON

In the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, on the fifth day of the month, as I was among the exiles by the Chebar canal, the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God.

On the fifth day of the month (it was the fifth year of the exile of King Jehoiachin), the word of the Lord came to Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the Chebar canal, and the hand of the Lord was upon him there.

THE GLORY OF THE LORD

As I looked, behold, a stormy wind came out of the north, and a great cloud, with brightness around it, and fire flashing forth continually, and in the midst of the fire, as it were gleaming metal.

And from the midst of it came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance: they had a human likeness, but each had four faces, and each of them had four wings.

Their legs were straight, and the sides of their feet were like the sole of a calf's foot. And they sparkled like burnished bronze.

Under their wings on their four sides they had human hands. And the four had their faces and their wings thus:

Their wings touched one another. Each one of them went straight forward, without turning as they went.

As for the likeness of their faces, each had a human face. The four had the face of a lion on the right side, the four had the face of an ox on the left side, and the four had the face of an eagle.

Such were their faces. And their wings were spread out above. Each creature had two wings, each of which touched the wing of another, while two covered their bodies.

And each went straight forward. Wherever the spirit would go, they went, without turning as they went.

As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like burning coals of fire, like the appearance of torches moving to and fro among the living creatures. And the fire was bright, and out of the fire went forth lightning.

And the living creatures started to and fro, like the appearance of a flash of lightning.

Now as I looked at the living creatures, I saw a wheel on the earth beside the living creatures, one for each of the four of them.

As for the appearance of the wheels and their construction, their appearance was like the gleaming of beryl. And the four had the same likeness, their appearance and construction being as it were a wheel within a wheel.

When they went, they went in any of their four directions without turning as they went.

And their rims were tall and awesome, and the rims of all four were full of eyes all around.

And when the living creatures went, the wheels went beside them; and when the living creatures rose from the earth, the wheels rose.

Wherever the spirit wanted to go, they went, and the wheels rose along with them, for the spirit of the living creatures was in the wheels.

[The Bereans] received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.

(Acts 17:11)

“If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. ...I have come so that they may have life and have it in abundance.”



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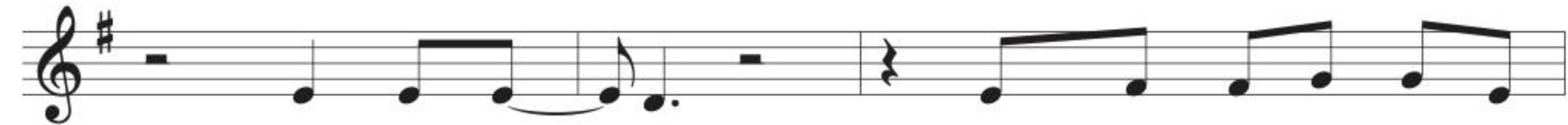
SERMON THEME

**We are safe and
saved in the
Good Shepherd's
sheepfold**

SUNG CREED: *This I Believe*



Our Fath-er ev-er-last-ing the all-cre-a - ting One



God Al-might - y Through Your Ho-ly Spir-it,



con-ceiv-ing Christ the Son, Je-sus Our Sav - ior.



I be-lieve in God our Fa-ther, I be-lieve in Christ the Son.



I be-lieve in the Ho-ly Spir-it. Our God is three in one.



I be-lieve in the re - sur - rec - tion that we will rise a-gain.



For I be-lieve in - the name of Je - sus.



I be-lieve in You_ I be-lieve You rose a-gain_



I be-lieve that Je - sus Christ is Lord_



I be-lieve in God our Fa-ther, I be-lieve in Christ the Son.



I be-lieve in the Ho-ly Spir-it. Our God is three in one.



I be-lieve in the re - sur - rec - tion, that we will rise a-gain.



For I be-lieve in the name of Je - sus



For I be-lieve in the name of Je - sus



For I be-lieve in the name of Je - sus



I be-lieve in life e-ter-nal I be-lieve in the vir-gin birth.



I be-lieve in the saints com-mun-ion and in Your ho-ly Church.



I be-lieve in the re - sur - rec-tion when Je-sus comes a-gain.



For I be-lieve in the name of Je - sus



I be-lieve in God our Fa-ther, I be-lieve in Christ the Son.



I be-lieve in the Ho-ly Spir-it. Our God is three in one.



I be-lieve in the re - sur - rec - tion, that we will rise a-gain.



For I be-lieve in - the name of Je - sus.



For I be-lieve in - the name of Je - sus.

Please be seated

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[2 Corinthians 9:7](#) *Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give... for God loves a cheerful giver.*

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Thanks for your generosity!



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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- † Stacy Siewert received her stem cell transplant on Tuesday, awaiting results in several weeks

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

CLOSING HYMN:

#842 Jesus, Still Lead On (vs.1-4)

V1.

Jesus, still lead on till our rest is won;
and although the way be cheerless,
we will follow, calm and fearless.

Guide us by your hand to our fatherland.

V2.

If the way be drear, if the foe be near,
let not faithless fears o'er-take us;
let not faith and hope forsake us,
for through many a woe
to our home we go.

V3.

When we seek relief from a long-felt grief,
when temptations come alluring,
make us patient and enduring.

Show us that bright shore
where we weep no more.

V4.

Jesus, still lead on till our rest is won.

Heav'nly leader, still direct us,
still support, console, protect us
till we safely stand in our fatherland.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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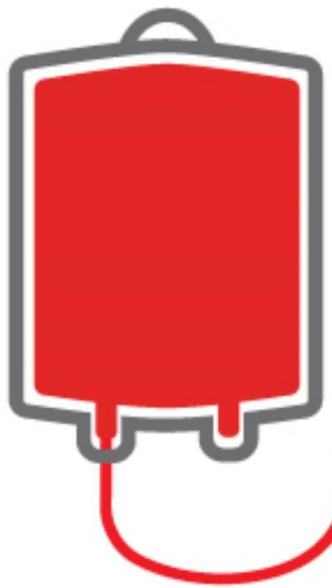


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TO THE TEAM**



Kay Morrissey
Anne Zeitler





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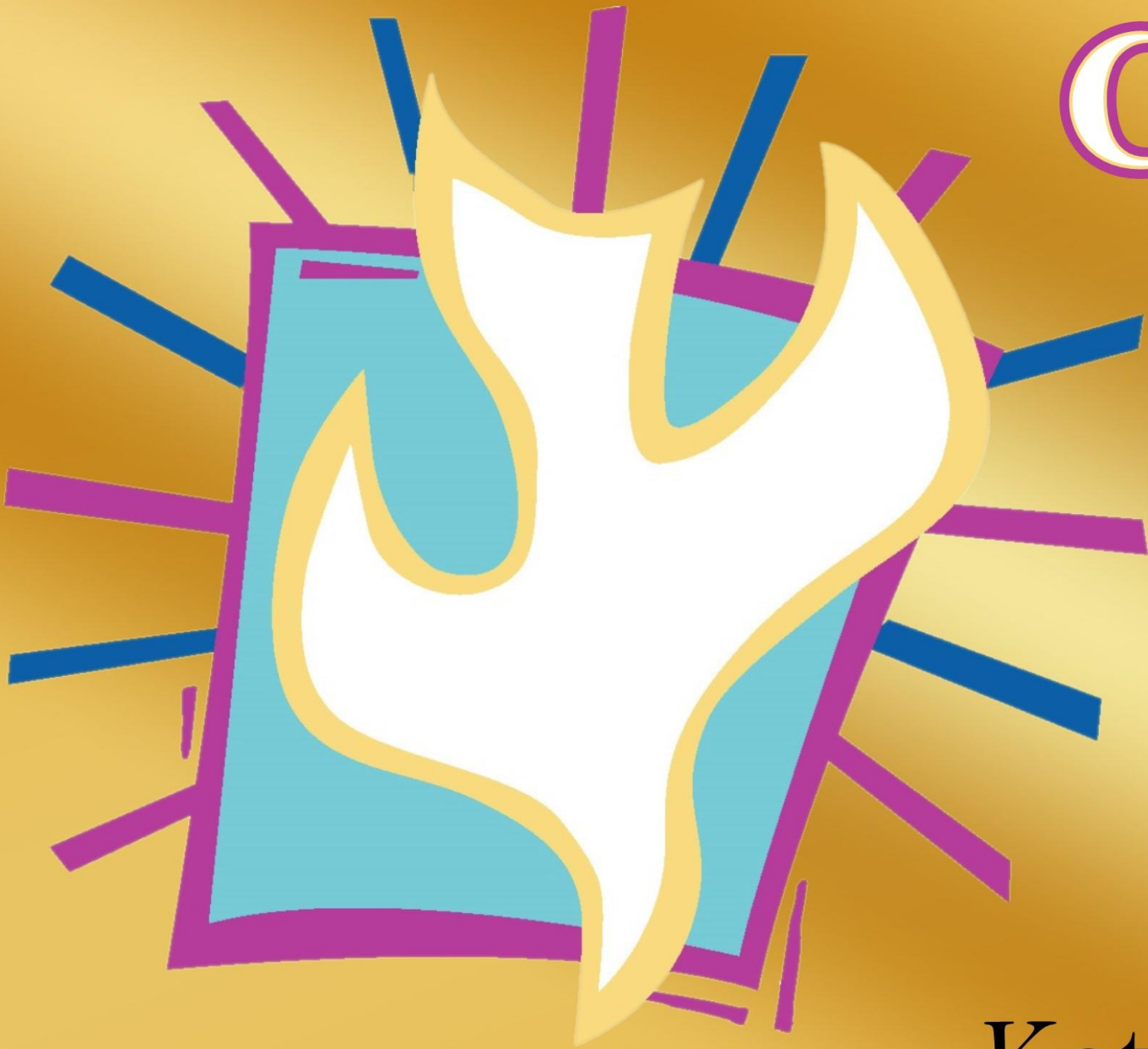
TROPICAL TREK

Jesus Comes to Seek and Save

• Mark
• Your
Calendars

JULY 21-23 | 9AM-12PM





Confirmation Sunday

May 3rd

Recognizing:

Reece Dale

Abby Zeitler

Katherine Washington

THANKS FOR SERVING

† Pianist: Marcia Michalik

† AV Team

† Serving: Flock #1 – Tim Russow