

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## Good Shepherd Sunday



May 11, 2025

10:30 am

“The sheep are not expected to save themselves. That’s the shepherd’s job.”

— Barbara Brown Taylor

## Opening Acclamation

*The Presider welcomes the people informally, and introduces a moment of reflection*

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Presider May the grace and peace of the Risen Christ be with you.

**All: May Christ fill our hearts with joy.**

## Gathering Hymn - *Come and Journey With a Saviour (CP 482)*

1. Come and journey with a Saviour  
who has called us from our birth,  
who has washed us in the waters,  
and who loved us on the earth.

### ***Refrain:***

Come and journey, come and journey  
with a Saviour who has come.  
We are all God's sons and daughters;  
in the Spirit we are one.

2. Come and journey, journey inward,  
come and seek him deep within,  
where he meets us in our living,  
in our striving and our sin. ***Refrain***
3. Come and journey, journey outward,  
telling others of his name,  
telling others of his glory,  
of his cross and of the shame. ***Refrain***
4. Come and journey, journey outward,  
where that cross calls us to care,  
where in injustice and where hunger  
and the poor call us to share. ***Refrain***

5. Come and journey, journey upward.  
Sing his praises, offer prayer.  
In the storm and in the stillness  
find his presence everywhere. ***Refrain***
6. Come and journey, journey onward;  
all our gifts we now shall bring  
to the building of a city  
that is holy, Christ its King. ***Refrain***

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Presider God be with you.  
**All: And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.  
**All: Risen Christ,  
you know our hearts—our joy, our struggle, our longing.  
By your Spirit, renew our love  
and transform us in the light of your resurrection.  
We pray in your name, now and always. Amen.**

**Collect of the Day** *(the special prayer which 'collects' the theme of the day)*

Presider God of comfort and courage,  
you know your sheep by name and call us into life.  
Gather us in your arms when we are lost,  
hold us fast when we are afraid,  
and send us out to share your love with joy.  
Through Jesus Christ, our Shepherd and our Hope. **Amen.**

## Gathering of Children

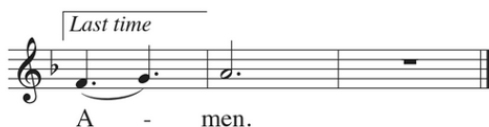
*Children and their leaders are invited to come forward for a prayer before heading to Kids Church. They will rejoin us in time for Communion. If your child prefers to stay in the service, they are welcome here, and activities are available at the table at the rear of the sanctuary during this time.*

Presider Loving God,

**All as we gather together, we pray for open hearts and minds.  
Help us all—children, leaders, and every one of us—  
to grow in faith, love, and understanding.  
May your Spirit guide us, and may your love unite us,  
now and always. Amen.**

## Gloria - Glory to God - Mass of St. Ann

Refrain



1. We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God,  
heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father. *Refrain*
2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us. *Refrain*
3. For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God  
the Father. *Refrain*

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## **Proclamation of the Word**

### **The Readings**

**Presider** Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God as it comes  
to us through the reading of the Holy Scriptures.

**All** **Our hearts and minds are open**

### **First Reading - Acts 9:36-43**

**Reader** Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**All** **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm - Psalm 23 - The Lord's My Shepherd



1. The Lord's my Shep - herd, I'll not want. He makes me lie in pas - tures  
2. He guides my ways in right - eous - ness, and He a - noints my head with  
3. And though I walk the dark - est path, I will not fear the e - vil



green. He leads me by the still, still wa - ters, His good - ness re - stores my  
oil; And my cup, it o - ver - flows with joy, I feast on His pure de -  
one; For You are with me, and Your rod and staff are the com - fort I need to

### CHORUS



soul. And I will I will trust, I will trust in You. I will trust, I will  
lights. \_\_\_\_\_  
know. \_\_\_\_\_



trust in You a - lone, and I will trust in You a -



trust in You. End - less mer - cy fol - lows me, good - ness will lead me home. \_\_\_\_\_



lone; For Your end - less mer - cy fol - lows me, Your good - ness will lead me home. \_\_\_\_\_

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## Second Reading - Revelation 7:9-17

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying

All Thanks be to God

*Please stand as you are able for the Gospel Reading*

## Gospel Acclamation



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Reader Alleluia, alleluia!  
Christ is risen, bringing life and light to the world.

**All Alleluia, alleluia!**

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

**All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Gospel – *John 10:22-30*

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

**All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily Rev. Philip Cochrane

## Affirming Our Faith

Presider You are invited to join in an affirmation of faith.

**All        We believe in God, the Source of Life,  
by whom every being in heaven and earth  
is created, named, and sustained.**

**We believe in God, the Living Word,  
who restores us to relationship  
and speaks to us through faith.**

**We believe in God, the Holy Spirit,  
who comforts, guides, and strengthens us  
to share the good news of grace.**

**We believe in God,  
one, holy, undivided Trinity:  
Source of Life, Living Word, Comforter:  
Mystery. Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

### Confession & Absolution

Presider In this season of new life,  
we are invited to bring our whole selves before God—  
not to dwell in shame,  
but to be set free.  
So let us lay down what weighs us down,  
and open our hearts to the grace that raises us up.  
Let us confess our sins, trusting in God's mercy.



Presider God of all mercy,

**All we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have  
done, and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our  
Saviour Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins  
through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all  
goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in  
eternal life. **Amen.**<sup>1</sup>

## Sharing of the Peace

Presider The peace of God be always with you.

**All And also with you.**

*The Peace is shared in the community, respecting personal boundaries*

## Offertory

*In gratitude for all we've received, we offer of ourselves back to God.  
Bread, wine, and money symbolize the fruits of our labour. If you give  
through Pre-Authorized Donations or e-transfer ([office@saintlaurence.ca](mailto:office@saintlaurence.ca)),  
you're welcome to use a blue card to represent your offering to the glory of  
God.*

# Offertory Hymn - *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* (BB 470)



1. The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose
2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow With
3. Per - verse and fool - ish I have strayed, But
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill With
5. You spread a ta - ble in my sight, Your
6. And so through all the length of days Your



1. good - ness fails me nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
2. gen - tle care he leads me, And where the ver - dant
3. yet in love he sought me, And on his shoul - der
4. you, dear Lord, be - side me; Your rod and staff my
5. sav - ing grace be - stow - ing; And O what joy and
6. good - ness fails me nev - er: Good Shep - herd, may I



1. I am his, And he is mine for - ev - er.
2. pas - tures grow, With heav'n - ly food he feeds me.
3. gen - tly laid, And home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
4. com - fort still, Your cross be - fore to guide me.
5. true de - light From your pure chal - ice flow - ing!
6. sing your praise With - in your house for - ev - er.

1: to Vs 2  
2-5: to Refrain



How can my heart turn a - way? Je - sus, I love



you. Je - sus, I love you. You are my song



and my strength. Je - sus, I love you.

to Verses

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## Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Loving Shepherd,

**All you provide all that we need.**

**Receive these gifts—bread and wine, time and treasure,  
and make them signs of your abundant life  
for all who hunger and thirst.**

**In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

## Celebration of our Sacred Meal

### The Great Thanksgiving

Presider God is with you.

**All And also with you.**

Presider Open your hearts.

**All We open them to God.**

Presider Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

**All We give our thanks and praise.**

Presider Cosmic Artist, you made our world ---  
beautiful, wholesome, and good.  
You made us to live in right relationship  
with you and all creation.

You sent Jesus to live among us  
and show us what you are like.  
We bring our grateful, worshipping hearts to you,  
our awesome God.

You formed the earth and all that dwells here,  
the seas below and the skies above.  
You crafted all creatures and inspired them,  
animating all with your Spirit of love.

Therefore, you alone are worthy of glory, honour and praise.  
And so, we join with the heavenly beings  
and all of creation as we sing:

## Sanctus - Holy - Mass of St. Ann

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-

san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na, ho-

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

san-na in the high-est.

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Presider Indeed, all glory and honour are yours,  
our true and loving God.  
Of your grace you sent Jesus to live among us,  
to share our humanity and daily life,  
to proclaim the coming of justice and peace,  
and to give himself for us.  
Through Jesus Christ we are reconciled to you  
and restored to the goodness you intended for us.

On the night before he died, Jesus ate supper with his friends.

He took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to them, saying,

*“Take and eat. This is my very self, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”*

Then he took the cup of wine.

Again, he gave thanks and gave it to them, saying,

*“Drink it, all of you.  
This cup is a new covenant poured out for you and all people. Do this for the remembrance of me.”*

And so, we remember:

the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension,  
and, longing for Christ’s coming again in glory,  
we present these gifts to you.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts,  
so that we who share this bread and wine  
may live in your hope, seek your peace,  
further your joy and share your love.

Draw us together in Christ,  
and, in the fullness of time, gather us with all your people  
into the joy of your eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
we worship you, our God and Creator,  
and give you our unending praise. **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

Our Fa-ther, who art in heav-en, hal-low-ed be  
thy name; thy king-dom come; thy will be done on  
earth as it is in heav-en. Give us this day our  
dai - ly bread; and for-give us as we for-give  
oth - ers; and lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion,  
but de - liv - er us from e - vil.  
For the king - dom and the pow - er and the  
glo - ry are yours for - ev - er. A - men.

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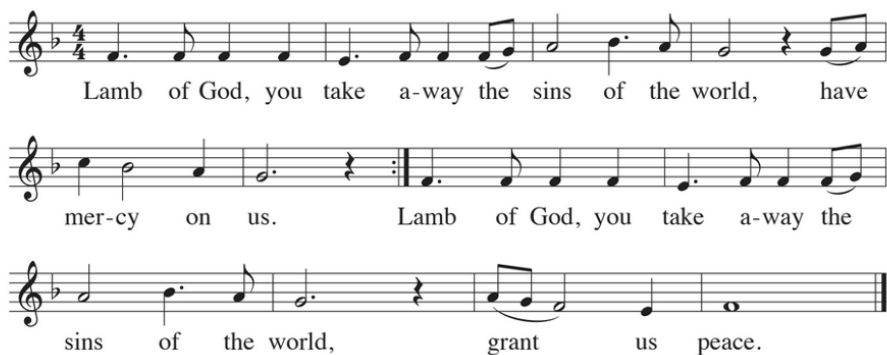
## The Breaking of the Bread

*The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.*

Presider Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

## Lamb of God



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## The Invitation

Presider This is the table of the Risen Christ—  
the Shepherd who seeks, knows, and feeds his flock.  
Come, not because you are perfect,  
but because you are loved.  
Come and be nourished by the one who walks with us  
through green pastures and shadowed valleys alike.  
Alleluia.

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## The Distribution

*At St. Laurence, everyone is invited to the table. You may receive only the bread or both bread and wine. Non-fermented grape juice is available in the ceramic chalice, and gluten-free wafers are offered—just ask at the distribution. If you prefer a blessing, simply cross your arms across your chest.*

# Communion Hymn - *Speak O Lord*

## VERSE

1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to re - ceive the food of Your ho - ly word.  
 2. Teach us Lord full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty.  
 3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.

Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and fash - ion us in Your  
 Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes in the ra - di - ance of Your  
 Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, that will e - cho down through e -

like - ness, that the light of Christ might be seen to - day in our  
 pu - ri - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your ma -  
 ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on Your prom - is - es; And by

acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us all Your  
 jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail; Let their  
 faith we'll walk as You walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the

pur - pos - es, for Your glo - ry.  
 truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.  
 earth is filled with Your glo - ry.

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## Communion Hymn - *I Am the Bread of Life* (OCP 263)

Refrain 1

I am the Bread of Life, I am the hope in

night, I am the door wide o-pen, I am the shep-herd's

might, I am the truth and light, I am the way and life, I

Am Who Am and I am for you: Come and fol-low me.

Refrain 2

I am bread for the world, hope for the hope-less.

Come to me, and know that I'll al-ways be there

with my arms o-pen wide. I

Am Who Am and I am for you: Come and fol-low me.

### Bridge

I give my heart to those in sorrow,  
 I come to those who are in need;  
 hope for today and for tomorrow,  
 light for all who want to see.

## Moment of Silence

*Take a moment to be still and know God. Let the world's noise fade as you listen for the deep stillness beneath it all. The silence begins and ends with the ringing of a bell.*

## Prayer after Communion

Presider    Gracious God,  
**All        you have fed us beside still waters  
              and nourished us in the valley of shadows.  
              Strengthen us now to follow your voice,  
              that we may bring comfort, hope, and joy to others  
              in the name of the Risen Christ,  
              our Shepherd and Guide. Amen.**

Presider    Glory to God,  
**All        whose power, working in us,  
              can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.  
              Glory to God from generation to generation,  
              in the Church and in Christ Jesus  
              for ever and ever. Amen.**

## Announcements

## Blessing

Presider    May the Creator who calls you beloved,  
              the Christ who calls you to follow,  
              and the Spirit who sends you into the world  
              go with you, guide you, and strengthen you,  
              this day and always.

**All        Alleluia! Amen.**

## Closing Hymn - *Draw the Circle Wide* (MV 145)

### ***Refrain***

Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still  
Let this be our song, no one stands alone  
standing side by side  
draw the circle wide.

1. God the stillpoint of the circle,  
round whom all creation turns  
nothing lost, but held forever  
in God's gracious arms ***Refrain***
2. Let our hearts touch far horizons  
so encompass great and small  
let our loving know no borders  
faithful to God's call ***Refrain***
3. Let the dreams we dream be larger  
than we've ever dreamed before  
let the dream of Christ be in us  
open every door ***Refrain***

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Minister Go in peace to follow the Shepherd and share his love.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

**All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

The flowers on the altar today are given by  
Lorraine in memory of Duncan.  
Never more than a heartbeat away,  
loved and remembered every day.



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## NEWS & NOTES

### Wednesday Morning Service - 9:00 am

This service is a Bible Study and Communion all rolled into one. A great way to begin your day!

### Senior Men's Lunch

**Next date: Thursday, May 15, 2025**

**11:30 - 1:00 pm**

The senior men meet once a month at

**Ricky's Country Restaurant,  
100 Schoolhouse Street**

for good food and conversation.

In order for the restaurant to know how many to expect for the lunch, please contact Bruce Middleton, or the church office @ 604-936-5423 or [office@saintlaurence.ca](mailto:office@saintlaurence.ca) if you are planning on attending.



### Phoenix Friends Tuesday, May 20, 2025 1:30 - 3:00 pm

**ALL WOMEN** are welcome.

Come join us for a fun and meaningful time of fellowship and friendship.

### Book Club

The Book Club meets from 2:00-4:00 pm  
**on the third Tuesday of the month**  
at the church.

**Next Meeting - May 20, 2025**

New members are always welcome!.

Book Club selections for 2025 are available on the website





## Meridian Meat Fund Raiser

Once again, we'll be selling on-line gift cards for Meridian Farm Market.

### **This time is a little different:**

You'll follow a link to purchase your own gift cards (they never expire!) and Meridian will send us a cheque for 30% of the value of all cards purchased, which will go towards our capital campaign.

*(link will be available very soon)*

Meridian offers free delivery for orders over \$100.

## **Lawn & Grounds Care**

Come out and help us keep our building and grounds looking welcoming and cared for.

***Mowing, raking, weeding...*** Whatever your interest.

Please contact  
Peter or Terry Newell  
if you would like to  
help out.

*peter.newell@saintlaurence.ca*



## **Men's BBQ at the Barrs' – BarrBQ Meetup**

### **Saturday, May 24 at 5:00 PM**

Join us for a relaxed evening of food and conversation at Rick Barr's home.

Burgers and hot dogs provided  
–bring a drink and a salad, appy, or dessert to share.

**If you consider yourself one of the guys, this is for you.**

RSVP: [office@saintlaurence.ca](mailto:office@saintlaurence.ca)



## **Save the Date**

### **Reno-vision: A Celebration of Renewal**

Join us as we bless our renewed sanctuary and give thanks for all who brought this vision to life.

**Monday, June 16 • 7:00 PM (Time TBC)**

A service of thanksgiving, joy, and release for the Project Team — all are welcome.

# **The Way Is Made by Walking**

*(inspired by John 10 and Revelation 7)*

You do not have to know the path.

You do not have to see the gate ahead.

The Shepherd walks with you.

You know the voice.

Even in the shadows,

Even among tears,

Still it calls you by name.

Not to control —

But to guide,

To lift,

To gather.

This is no hired hand.

This is the one

Who will not run when wolves appear.

Who walks the long road with you —

All the way home.

*— written for Good Shepherd Sunday*