

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Good Shepherd Sunday

APRIL 21, 2024

WELCOME, GUESTS

Welcome to all who worship with us today. We are thankful for your presence and invite you to share in “the food which endures to eternal life.”

Please sign the visitor’s book at our Welcome Center in the narthex. If you’d like to know more about us or are considering becoming a member, please complete the form found in each pew, return it to an usher or simply put it in the collection plate. There is a cry room down the stairs off the narthex where the service can still be heard. Busy-bags, children’s bulletins and magazines and are also provided in the Narthex.

We’d like for you to learn more about us!

A Reconciling in Christ Congregation: We welcome people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions; and we are committed to work for racial equity.



A Green Congregation: for being stewards of the earth.

In Covenant with Lutheran Campus Ministry (LuMin St. Louis), lcmstl.org

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Today, the Fourth Sunday of Easter, is by Christian tradition called **Misericordia Sunday**, from the ancient Latin introit, *Misericordia Domini plena est terra, alleluia!* —“The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord; by the word of God the heavens were made, Alleluia!” This is the day on which we devote special attention to Christ as the *Good Shepherd*, the true Lamb of God who laid down his life for his sheep, and who continues to shepherd us after his resurrection.

Accordingly, our service music today includes that gentle song of comfort, Psalm 23, and other music that is likewise pastoral in character. Several of today’s organ selections exhibit the lilting, “rustic” rhythm and sustained drone, musical features which, by convention, have come to be associated with shepherds and their bagpipes. *Pastor*, of course, means “shepherd.”

[An historical note: For centuries, Misericordia Sunday fell on the Third Sunday of Easter, but because of the lectionary reforms of the last several decades, the prescribed theme and readings for this day are now observed one week later.]

In support of our goal of being a caring, inclusive, Christ-centered community, we

- ❖ care for God’s creation
- ❖ promote the non-violence of Christ and care for those who suffer
- ❖ participate in the Spirit toward a global religious community

+ The Fourth Sunday of Easter +

Good Shepherd Sunday

Setting Three

April 21, 2024

10 AM

*The responses of the assembly appear in **bold** type.*

“ELW” refers to Evangelical Lutheran Worship, the cranberry-colored book in the pew racks.

Standing and sitting are corporate acts of the assembly.

When the assembly stands, those who are able stand on behalf of those who cannot.

The image of the Good Shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd’s willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

PRELUDE

Siciliano in G major

Music of John Alcock, junr. (1740-1791)

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

ELW page 97

The assembly stands.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

We continue on page 97 near the front of the cranberry book.

... now and forever. **Amen.**

As a reminder of the gift of baptism, the assembly is sprinkled with water during the gathering hymn.

GATHERING HYMN

Lord Jesus, from Your Wounded Side


Antiphon for Sprinkling (1983)

Music of Richard Hillert (1923-2010)

*The assembly sings the antiphon **three times**; the choir concludes with alleluias.*

"Festival Liturgy"
Richard Hillert, 1983

Moderately slow



The musical score is written on five staves of a grand staff (treble clef). The first staff begins with a treble clef, a common time signature (C), and a 'Moderately slow' tempo marking. The melody starts with a quarter rest, followed by quarter notes G4, A4, B4, and C5. A repeat sign follows. The second staff continues the melody with quarter notes D5, E5, F5, and G5. The third staff has a key signature change to one sharp (F#) and continues with quarter notes G5, A5, B5, and C6. The fourth staff continues with quarter notes D6, E6, F6, and G6. The fifth staff concludes with quarter notes G6, F6, E6, and D6, ending with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Lord Je-sus, from your wound - ed
side flowed streams of cleans-ing wa - ter. Al- le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. The world was
wash'd of all its sin, all life made new a - gain. Al-
le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GREETING

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

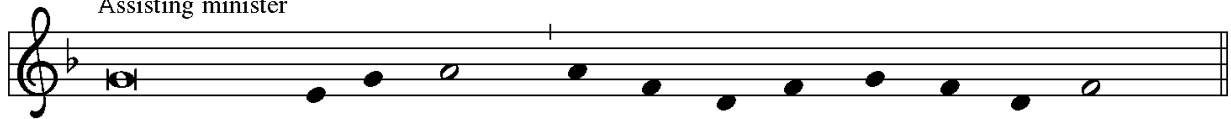
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (GLORIA)

Glory to God in the Highest

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching, and song

FIRST READING

Acts 4:5-12

Salvation in the name of Jesus

Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he can proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The next day 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 Peter and John 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."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need [Paraphrase of Psalm 23]

RESIGNATION

Setting by Virgil Thomson (1896-1989)

SECOND READING

1 John 3:16-24

Love in truth and action

Jesus' death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God's commandments.

A reading from the First Letter of John.

We know love by this, that Jesus Christ laid down his life for us – and we ought to lay down our lives for the members of the community. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees someone in need and yet refuses help?

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

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

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Silence for preparation precedes the sequence hymn.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

ELW # 369

LLANFAIR

1. All 2. High voices 3. Low voices 4. All

High voices = soprano/alto Low voices = tenor/bass

HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:11–18

Christ the shepherd

In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.

As the gospel is announced, a small cross may be traced with the thumb on the forehead, then on the lips, then on the breast, as a prayer that the gospel may dwell in our minds, on our lips, and in our hearts.

The ☩ holy gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.



[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, and 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.



SERMON

Pastor Scott Benolkin

HYMN OF THE DAY

The Lord's My Shepherd

ELW # 778

BROTHER JAMES' AIR

Setting by Stephen Mager (2017)

1. All 2. High voices 3. Low voices 4. Choir only 5. All

High voices = soprano/alto Low voices = tenor/bass

NICENE CREED

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The assisting minister invites the assembly into prayer.

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

After each petition:

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We pray for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially Yvonne, Angie, Theo, Cindi, Wayne, Will, Mary, Russ, Tom, Lori, Sue, Dyan, David, Richard, Charlene, Richard, Steve, Jack, Rudolph, Brittany, Mary, David, Julie, Nick, Ronald, Meredith, Joe, Michael, Marcie, and Anne-Marie.

The presiding minister concludes the prayers:

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.
Amen.

THE PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

After greeting one another, the assembly is seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see the schedule and written announcements on the last inside pages.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

OFFERING

An offering is gathered, and the table is set.

To make an offering online: bethelstl.org/offering

VOLUNTARY

from *Sinfonia IX*

II. Andante (pastorale)

Music of Giovanni Battista Sammartini (1700-1775)

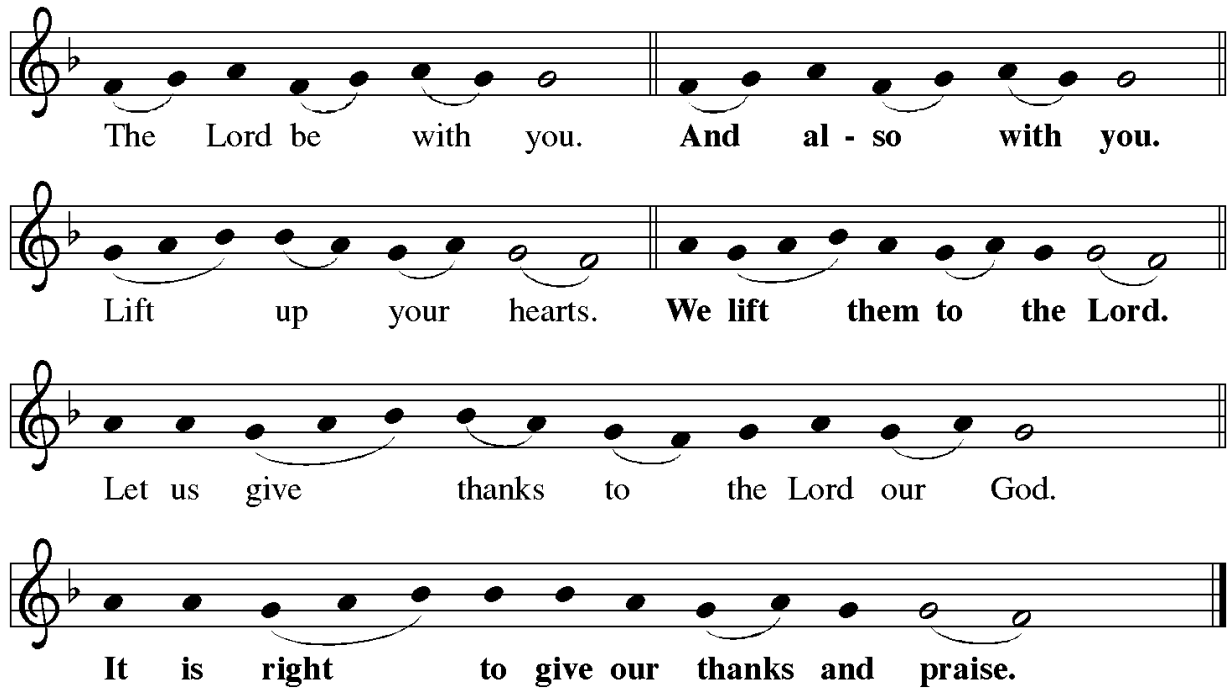
OFFERING PRAYER

The assisting minister leads the offering prayer.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Believing in the real presence of Christ in the holy meal, this church practices Eucharistic hospitality.
All are welcome at God's table.*

The assembly stands. The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

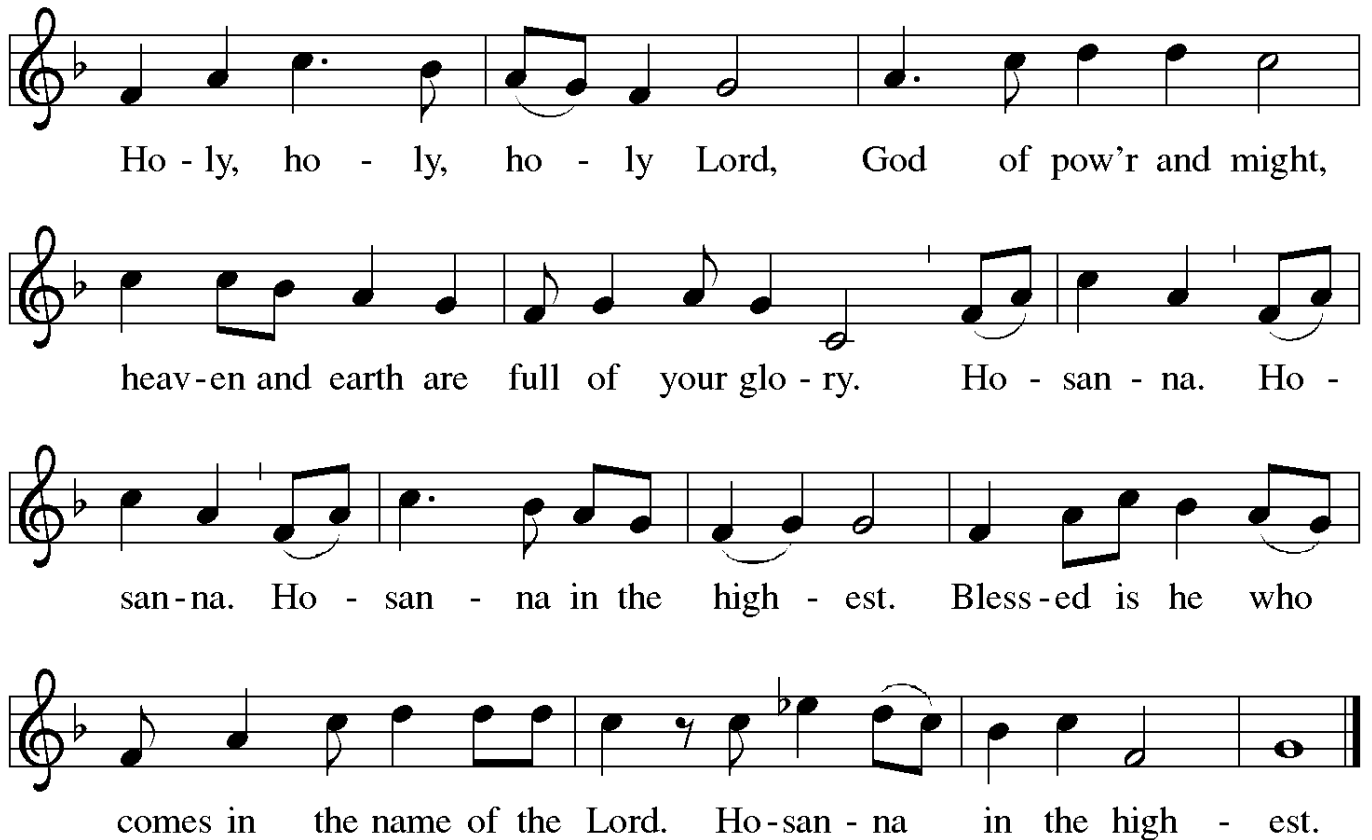
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (SANCTUS)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

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

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: 'Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

The Great Thanksgiving concludes with the Lord's Prayer.

THE 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.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.**

Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The presiding minister invites the assembly to Christ's table, where all are welcome.

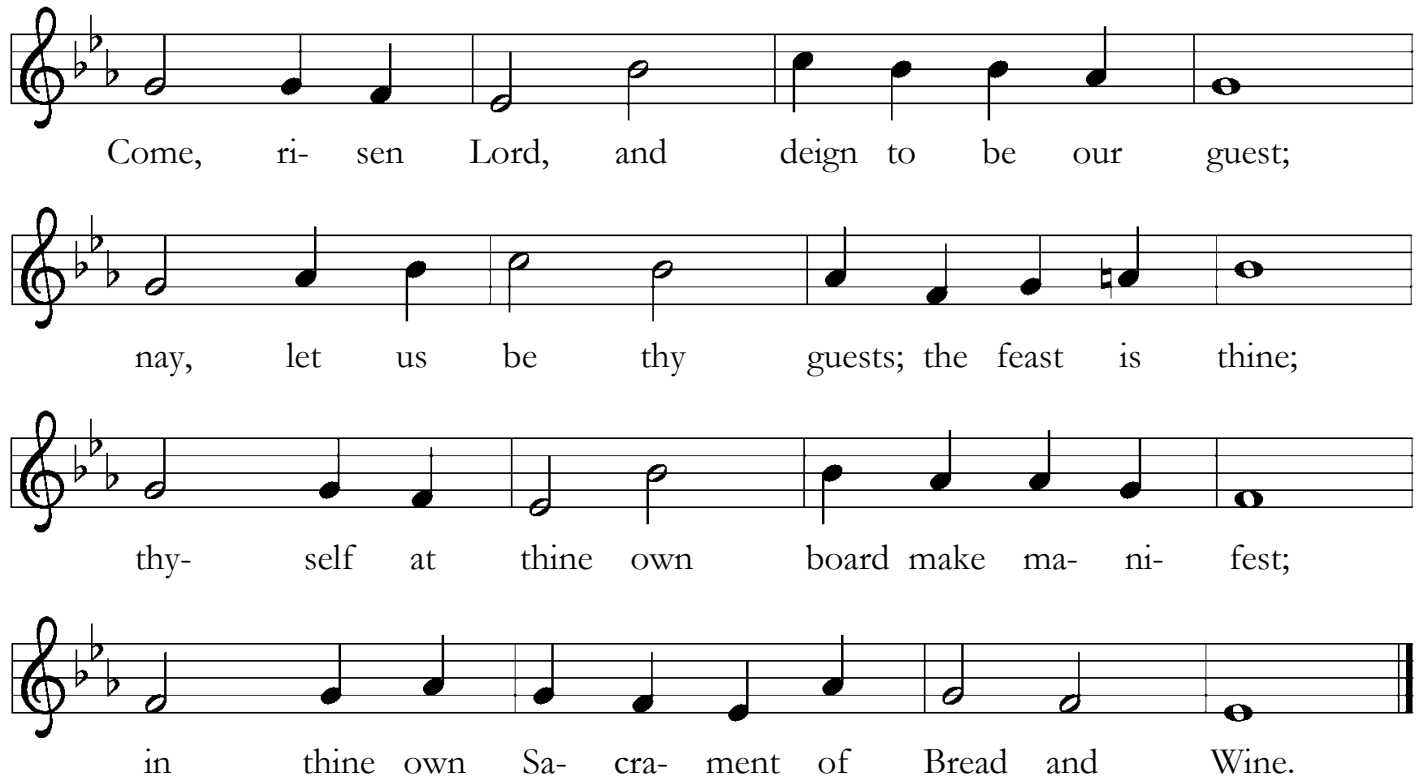
The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.

The assembly is seated.

We invite all persons to share in Holy Communion. Those who do not commune are invited to come forward for a blessing. The silver chalices contain wine. In the individual cups, wine is clear; grape juice is a rose color. For sanitary reasons, we do not practice self-intinction: please do not dip the bread into the chalice. Gluten-free wafers are available. If any need to commune under one element (only the bread or only the wine/juice), know that the fullness of the sacrament is present in the one element.

FRACTION ANTHEM

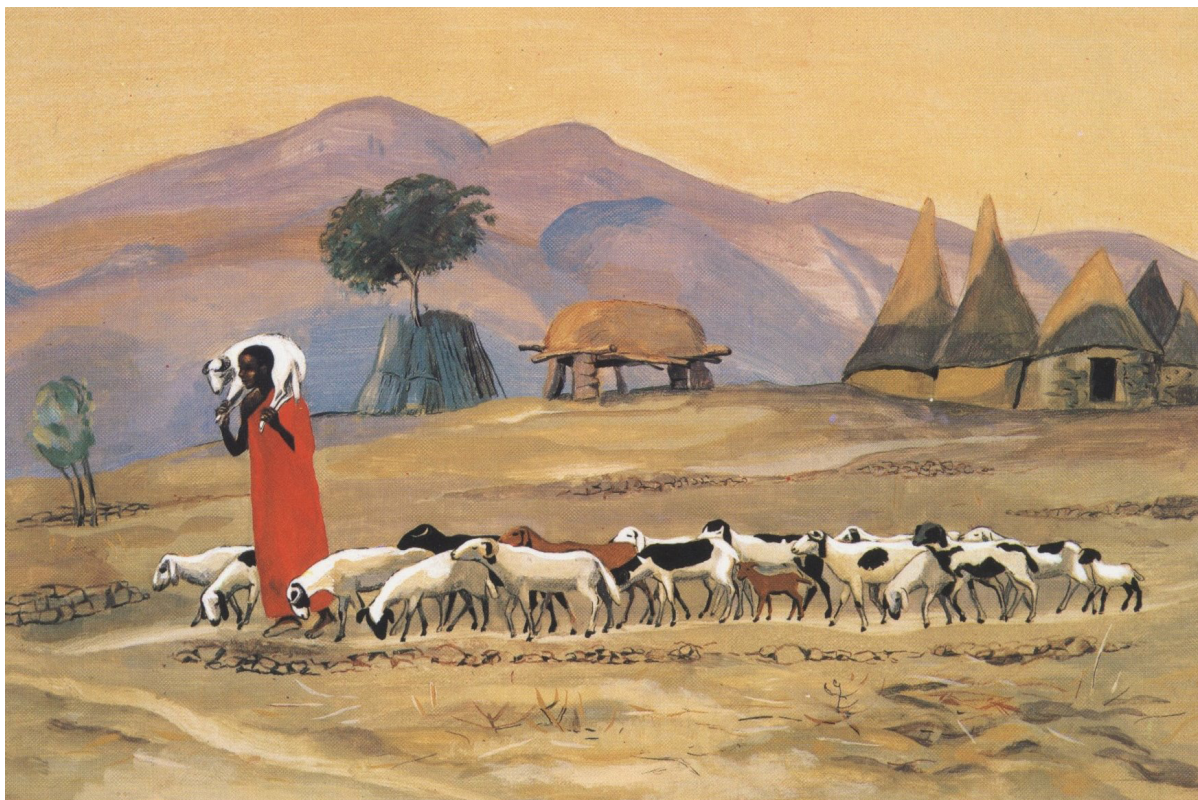
Come, Risen Lord, and Deign to Be Our Guest
EVENTIDE



Come, ri- sen Lord, and deign to be our guest;
nay, let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;
thy- self at thine own board make ma- ni- fest;
in thine own Sa- cra- ment of Bread and Wine.

COMMUNION MEDITATION

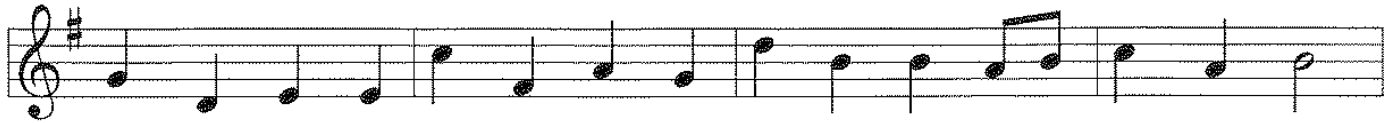
Pastorale in B flat
Music of Philip Hayes (1738-1797)



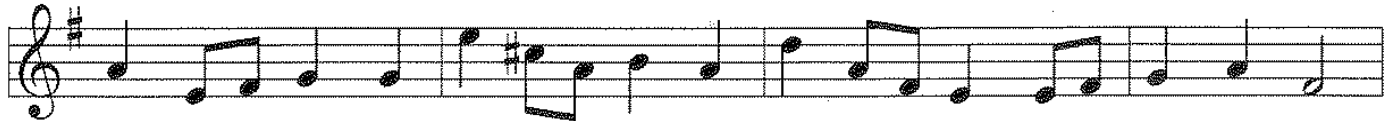
COMMUNION HYMN

Savior, Like a Shepherd, Lead Us

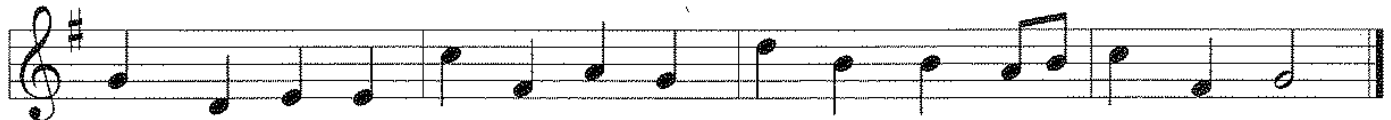
HER VIL TIES



- 1 Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
- 2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard - ian of our way;
- 3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
- 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use your fold pre - pare.
keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Sicut cervus

Music of Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1524-1594)

[sung in Latin]

The flowing, graceful character of this motet suggests both the bounding deer and the flowing streams of Baptismal water.

*Sicut cervus desiderat
ad fontes aquarum,
ita desiderat anima mea
ad te, Deus.*

As the deer longs
for running waters,
so too, desires my soul
for you, O God.

[Psalm 42:1]

The assembly stands for the postcommunion canticle.

POSTCOMMUNION CANTICLE *This Joyful Eastertide*
VRUECHTEN

ELW # 391

Stanza 1 only.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

Have No Fear, Little Flock
LITTLE FLOCK

ELW # 764

DISMISSAL

The assisting minister sends the assembly into mission.

Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. Alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE

from *Organ Concerto*, Opus 4, # 5 in F
IV. Presto
George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

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Today's service music, from Setting Three, is well known to us. This music, as well as our opening *Canticle* for the Remembrance of Baptism, is by the noted American liturgical composer and teacher, **Richard Hillert** (1923-2010). Dr. Hillert taught for many decades at Concordia Teachers College (now Concordia University) in Chicago. He is also the composer of our Easter canticle, *Worthy Is Christ (This is the Feast)*, which we sang last (Jubilate) Sunday.

IN OUR PRAYER CONTINUALLY

We pray for **Yvonne Fisher** (sister of Jane Orling), who started chemotherapy.

We pray for **Angie Brlas** (cousin of Sylvia Titgemeyer), who has started chemo.

We pray for **Theo Heuer** (cousin of Sylvia Titgemeyer) as he recovers from surgery and radiation.

We pray for **Wayne Grupe** (brother of Mike Grupe), who is diagnosed with both Alzheimer's and Lewy Body Dementia.

We pray for God's guidance and peace for the **Grenda family** during a difficult time for their son **Will**. Heidi and Dave Grenda are dear friends and former members of Bethel.

We pray for peace and comfort for **Mary Ditton** (aunt of Cindy Gross), who is dealing with serious health conditions.

We pray for the health and wellbeing for **Russ Ficker**, who is recovering from a recent illness and hospitalization. Russ is a cousin of Dr. Mager.

We pray for continued healing for **Tom Dewey** at the completion of his medical treatments.

We pray for **Lori Cornell**, who has been diagnosed with cancer.

We pray for **Sue Boettcher** as she recovers from a recent hospitalization.

We pray for **Dyan Glaenzer** (daughter-in-law of Richard and Jeanette Glaenzer). She is currently undergoing treatment for cancer.

We pray for **David Harms** (brother of Dan Harms), who is recovering after a stroke.

We pray for **Richard Glaenzer**, who is at home in long-term hospice care. We ask God's comfort and peace for Rich and Jeanette, and their family.

We pray for **Charlene Reimann** in her time of need.

We pray for **Richard Jones**, help in seeking renewed living arrangements and employment.

We pray for **Steve Bristol** (father of Christian, Heather and Zachary), who has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's. We pray for comfort, strength and support for him and his family.

We pray for **Jack Williamson** (father of Jennifer Williamson), who has dementia. May he and his family find support in learning to find joy in the new.

We pray for God's comfort and peace for **Rudolph Mueller**, who is now under hospice care.

We pray for **Brittany** (niece of Ann and Bob Mottl) for her continued healing as she begins radiation treatments that will be followed by five months of chemotherapy.

We pray for God's comfort and strength to be with **Mary Baker Findley** (sister of Vicki Baker Lottes) with stage 4 cancer and her husband **David Findley** whose Alzheimer's is progressing rapidly.

We pray for **Julie Murthy** (cousin of Emily Pelcak) as she starts her battle with cancer.

We pray for strength and wisdom for **Nick Peppes** (colleague of Gail Heyne Hafer), who is facing personal challenges.

We give thanks for the recovery of **Ronald Thompson** (stepbrother of Kristin Soifer) from the injury he sustained in a fall, and pray for him as he continues to face chronic illness.

We pray for **Meredith Sallee** (sister of Katy Koontz) during her treatment for cancer.

We pray for **Joe Whelan** (stepson to Tim Gutknecht), who is dealing with a genetic condition.

We pray for **Michael Moentmann**, who lives with chronic illness.

We continue our prayers for **Marcie Dowell** as she lives with a heart condition. May God's peace comfort her during this time.

We pray for **Anne-Marie Bogdan** (sister of Nathan Schroeder) as she lives with long-standing health conditions. May God's comfort and strength be with her and her family.

Announcements

Concert invitation – Masterworks Concerts:

The Masterworks Children’s Chorus will present *Voices of Spring: A Viennese Kaffeeklatsch*. **Sunday, April 21, 3:00 PM** at **Saint Paul United Church of Christ**, 115 West “B” Street, in Belleville, Illinois. Music of Viennese classics for voices and piano, by Schubert, Mozart, Beethoven, and Johann Strauss; plus selections from *The Sound of Music*. The children will perform in traditional Alpine costume. Beverages and desserts will be served.

The **Masterworks Chorale** of Metro-East will present *Handel’s Messiah, parts II-III* on **Sunday, May 5, 2:00 PM** (early time) at **Saint Peter’s Cathedral**, 200 W. Harrison, Belleville, Illinois. Music from the Easter portion of Handel’s celebrated oratorio, performed by the Masterworks Chorale, Orchestra and guest soloists, under the direction of Dr. Stephen Mager. Some Bethel members will participate.

For both of these events, see Dr. Mager about tickets and directions. Or visit singmasterworks.org.

Adopt-a-Plant

Bethel’s Green Team is leading us in creating a garden hospitable to God’s creation: native, beautiful, and pollinator-friendly. Please join us by adopting plants for us to sow in the right-of-way space in front of the parking lot by Bethel and the LuMin house! You can contact Deborah Bohlmann or Cindy Gross to pledge or fill out a pledge form at church. If you are ready to give now, you can drop off cash or check with the Green Team after church or go to the Bethel giving site and select Green Team in the drop-down menu of accounts. Our overall fundraising goal is \$1076.00. Also, you are invited to help us plant our 240 quart-size natives on Sunday, April 28th, after church. Bring your gloves and your trowel and let’s dig in the dirt together!

Sunday’s Cool and Youth

Sunday’s Cool, Confirmation and Bethel Youth sessions begin at 8:45 am in the Youth Lounge. Bethel Youth: Sherman has some great LEGO-type kits for us to assemble as we talk.

Lumin – Give STL Day

May 9, 2024, is Ascension Day in our church year. This year, it is also Give STL Day, powered by the St. Louis Community Foundation. LuMin St. Louis is one of the non-profit ministries that will benefit from your online donation to further our work in welcoming, empowering, supporting, and sending our young adults into the world with a deeper understanding of their faith journey.

Early giving begins April 24. And we’ll update you when your dollar can go a little further with power hours. We are also challenging our alumni groups (by decade) to see which group donates the most to campus ministry. Please take some time to rise up to our challenge of \$5,000.

More information, as well as a donation page, is found online at givestlday.org/organization/lumin

SCHEDULE

bethelstl.org/events

- SUN 4/21 **The Fourth Sunday of Easter** *Good Shepherd Sunday*
8:45 AM Faith Formation hour
10 AM Holy Communion
- SUN 4/28 **The Fifth Sunday of Easter** *Cantate Sunday*
8:45 AM Faith Formation hour
10 AM Holy Communion
- SUN 5/5 **The Sixth Sunday of Easter** *Rogate Sunday*
10 AM Holy Communion at Bethel
12 noon Holy Communion at the Windegger Shelter in Tilles Park,
9551 Litzsinger Rd, Ladue, MO 63124
- WED 5/8 **The Eve of Ascension**
7 PM Holy Communion *Incense will be used at this service*
- SUN 5/12 **The Seventh Sunday of Easter** *Exaudi Sunday*
8:45 AM Faith Formation hour
10 AM Holy Communion
- SUN 5/19 **The Day of Pentecost** *All are invited to wear red*
8:45 AM Faith Formation hour
10 AM Holy Communion
All are invited to gather in the chancel after the postlude for a photo
- SUN 5/26 **The Holy Trinity**
10 AM Holy Communion

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Have a prayer request? Email it to prayers@bethelstl.org anytime.

Note that the information you send to this address will get shared with a number of people who will be praying for you as well as the Sunday Holy Communion bulletin.

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Chris-tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: attr. Wipo of Burgundy, d. c. 1050; tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1807–1882, alt.
Music: LLANFAIR, Robert Williams, 1781–1821

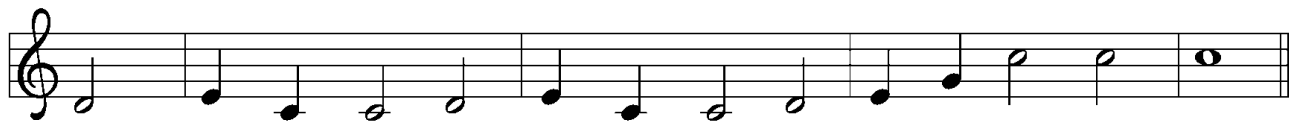
The Lord's My Shepherd



1 The Lord's my shep-herd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie
2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain, and me to walk doth make
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;
4 My ta - ble thou hast rich - ly spread in pres - ence of my foes;
5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly fol - low me,



in pas - tures green; he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
with - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake;
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still;
my head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell - ing - place shall be;



He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
with - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake.
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.
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Text: *The Psalms of David in Meeter*, Edinburgh, 1650
Music: BROTHER JAMES' AIR, James L. Macbeth Bain

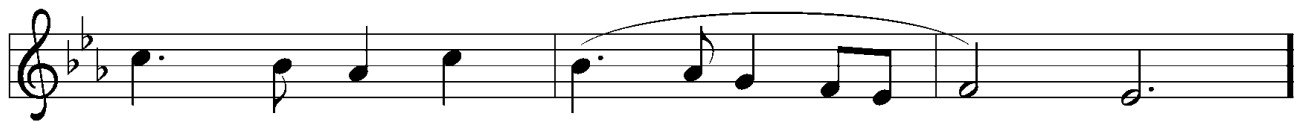
This Joyful Eastertide



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
2 My flesh in hope shall rest and for a sea - son
3 Death's flood has lost its chill since Je - sus crossed the



sor - - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has
slum - - ber till trump from east to west shall
riv - - er. Lov - er of souls, from ill my



sprung to life this mor - - row.
wake the dead in num - - ber.
pass - ing soul de - liv - - er.

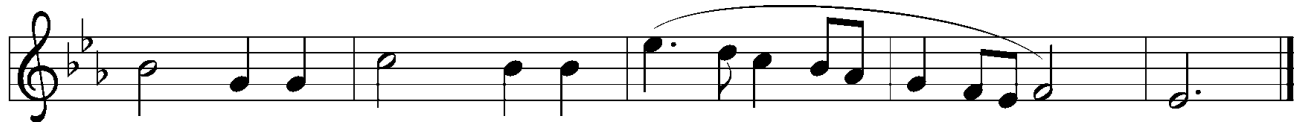
Refrain



Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our



faith had been in vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -



ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en.

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848–1934

Music: VRUECHTEN, Dutch folk tune, 17th cent.

Have No Fear, Little Flock



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!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jillson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4
Music: LITTLE FLOCK, Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930
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