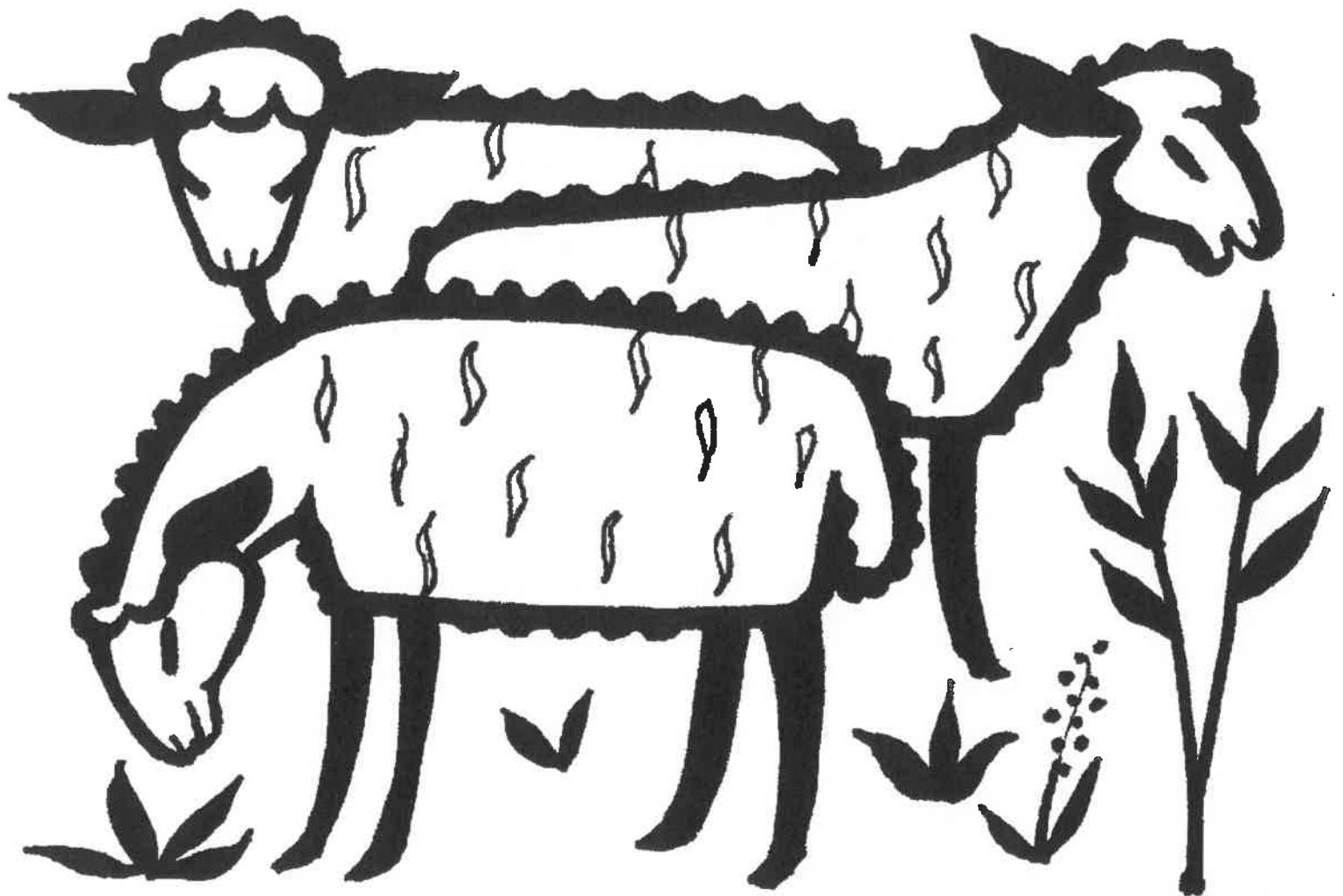


Valley of Peace Lutheran Church

Fourth Sunday in Easter

April 21, 2024





WELCOME to Valley of Peace.
We are glad you are here.

We give thanks to God for all people and want all people to feel comfortable participating in worship. If you need any assistance please let our Ushers know. We are happy to offer hearing assistance devices, move chairs to make worship feel more accessible for you, and offer any other support that would be meaningful for you in this space.

All ages are welcome to worship at Valley of Peace and we give thanks for the voices of our littlest ones. If you feel that your little one is wiggly, you are welcome to go with them to stretch their legs in the narthex where there is a small area with books and toys and you can hear the worship service. There are also bags available for you to put toys and books in and bring them into the sanctuary space.

And again, welcome to worship this day. This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Interested in becoming a Member? Let Pastor Ashley know by April 24, 2024.

Our next New Member Class is: Sunday, May 5, 2024 after worship

SENSORY ACTIVITIES AND SPACES AT VOP

Sensory integration is the process by which individuals receive information through our senses, (Vision, Hearing, Smell, Taste, Touch, Vestibular/Movement, and Proprioception/Body Position), organize this information, and use it to participate in activities.

Each person reacts to sensory information differently. People of all ages can have sensory issues that make it more difficult to participate depending on the environment. Sensory issues are very complex because a person's sensory system could be a mixture of over reactive, under reactive, or actively engaged.

After assessing need, Emilie Moravec has been working with a few community members to make our space more welcoming for those with sensory needs. The following items are now available at the Welcome Center for individuals with sensory needs:

- Ear defender headphones
- Earplugs
- Sunglasses
- Weighted lap pads
- Battery powered fans
- Fidget blanket

Please speak with a usher or volunteer at the Welcome Center to find these items. Additional fidget supplies are available near the "busy bag" tree in the narthex outside of the sanctuary. These sensory tools are intended to promote regulation, improve focus, increase participation, and make our space more accessible and welcoming to children, teens, and adults with sensory processing needs.

If you are in need of change of environment while at Valley of Peace, the following areas are available:

- Narthex- provides space for movement right outside of the sanctuary. The worship service can still be seen and heard.
- Fireside Room - Near the top of the staircase, on the same level as the sanctuary. This space provides comfortable seating where the worship service can still be heard.
- Youth Room - The Youth room is located on the lowest level of the church and will contain a "quiet corner" with soft lighting and no worship sounds.

Sources: Mailloux Z & Smith Roley S. Sensory Integration Development and Early Signs of Difficulties. July 2013

Valley of Peace Lutheran Church
April 21, 2024
10:15 am

GATHERING MUSIC

Trumpet Voluntary

Thomas Sanders Dupuis

WORDS OF WELCOME

+ Please
stand in
body or
spirit.

We invite you
to
participate in
worship by
reading the
BOLD print

TEMPLE TALK

*Joy McElroy, Cherish All Children National Director, will share a little bit about this ministry,
and the fundraising concert with Caritas at 3:00 pm today!*

PRELUDE

Andante Mosso

J.G. Vierling

+CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

We gather today to shout Alleluia!
Christ is risen; he is risen indeed.

We shall live, witness, and recount the deeds of the God whose love endures forever.
Out of the doom of death and despair, victory comes and glory appears.

We gather today to shout Alleluia!
Christ is risen; he is risen indeed.

+OPENING HYMN

#369 *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!* vs. 1 & 4

+THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed by the holy Trinity, † one God,
The wellspring of grace,
Our Easter and our joy.
Amen.

Look, here is water!
Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism,
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning
your voice thundered over the deep
and water became the essence of life.
Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.
The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.
Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea
into freedom's land.
In a desert pool the Ethiopian official
entered your boundless baptismal life.
Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,
freeing us to live as Easter people.
We rejoice with glad hearts,
giving all honor and praise to you,
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

Look, here is water!
Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

+GREETING

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.

+KYRIE pg. 175

+CANTICLE OF PRAISE pg. 176

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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.**

FAITH MOMENT

ANTHEM

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

arr. Jay Althouse

FIRST READING.....Acts 4:5-12

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING.....John 10:11-18

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

(following the reading)

This is the good News.

Praise to you, O Christ.

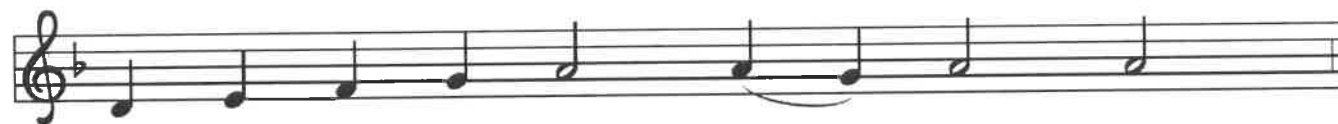
SERMON



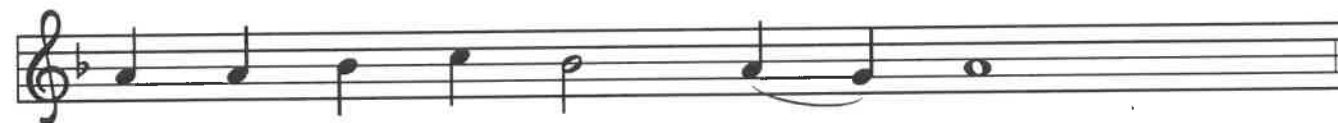
1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd.
 2 Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain,
 3 You, who walk each day be - side us,
 4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus!



You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
 stripped of might up - on the cross,
 sit in pow - er at God's side.
 Wor - thy is our cos - mic Christ!



You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er
 shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,
 You, who preach a way that's nar - row,
 Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - t'ry;



of the way you took and gave.
 beg - gared by a sol - dier's toss,
 have a love that reach - es wide.
 wor - thy still your peace and strife.



You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
 you, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;



you, whom we both scorn and crave.
 you, who are both gift and cost.
 you, who are our pil - grim and guide.
 you, who are our death and life.

+THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Response - A: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

+SHARING OF THE PEACE

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



Electronic Giving

OFFERTORY

Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us

arr. Phillip Keveren

+OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

+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 our thanks and praise.

+THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.
Amen.

+LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*All are welcome to receive communion at Valley of Peace. We serve communion every Sunday by intinction.
After the pastor speaks the words of distribution to online worshippers, the ushers will then invite worshippers physically
present to receive communion.*

*If you are receiving communion by intinction, there will be bread and gluten-free wafers available. As you come
forward to receive communion, a communion server will serve you your preference. Please take the bread or wafer and dip it
into our preference of either wine or juice. The first chalice will contain wine and the second chalice will contain grape juice.*

*If you prefer to not receive communion by intinction there are pre-packaged communion kits with a gluten-free wafer and
grape juice. You may pick this up on your way to communion.*

*If you prefer not to receive communion at all, please come forward with your hands across your chest and you will
receive a blessing. If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know and communion will be brought to you.*

COMMUNION HYMNS

pg. 182 *Lamb of God*
#481 *Come to the Table*
#502 *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* vs. 1, 2, 5 & 6

COMMUNION BLESSING

+PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer the shadows, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

+BLESSING

+SENDING HYMN

#536 *God Be With You Till We Meet Again*

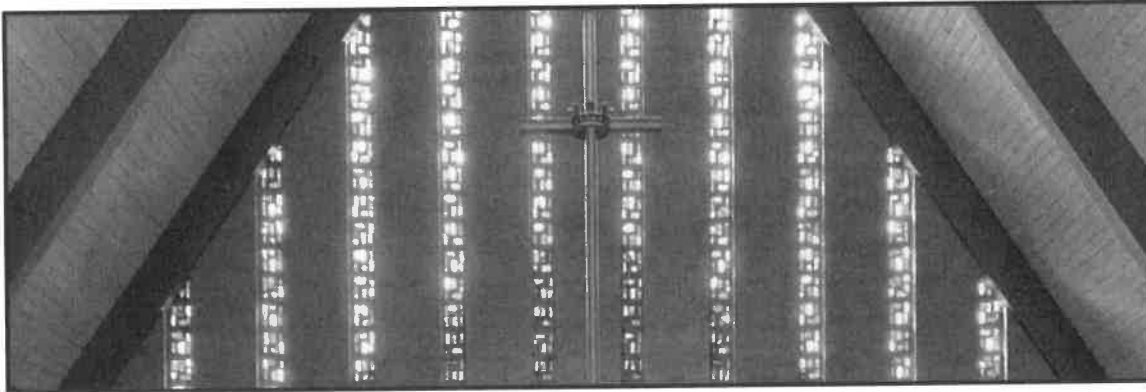
DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Jesus is Alive

arr. Bill Wolaver



In Worship Today

Presider.....	Pastor Wes Syverson
Preacher.....	Sara Blood
Pianist/Organist.....	Beth Brandt
Director of Music.....	Hsu-hui Wang
Opener/Closer.....	Paul Mikelson
Greeter.....	Shennon Jay
Welcome Center.....	Julia Madison
Ushers.....	Pam Syverson, Skip Humphrey, Laurie Eaton & Jim Jasper
Worship Assistant.....	Sara Hoge
Reader.....	Sally Daniels Herron
Communion Servers.....	Melissa Dellwo, Anna Campbell, Barb Mikelson & Paul Mikelson
Faith Moment.....	Pastor Wes Syverson
Musicians.....	Chancel Choir
Tech.....	Andy Dybvig
Altar Care.....	Claudia Arohson
Coffee Cart.....	Abby Stetler & Matt Stetler

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Reconciling In Christ Statement

We recognize that each person is a unique creation of God and, by grace, is called a child of God, without exception and regardless of gender, race, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, age, station in life, or political affiliation.



369 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!

Holy Communion

Setting Seven



SETTING SEVEN

Gathering

Confession and forgiveness (p. 94) or thanksgiving for baptism (p. 97) may begin the service.

Gathering Song

One or more of the following may be sung: hymns, psalms; a Kyrie; a canticle of praise.

During this time, 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.

A Kyrie may be sung by all.

S 175

Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -
Lord, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Lord, have . . .

so - tros. Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie -
mer - cy. Lord, . . have mer - cy on

dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
us; O . . . Lord, have . . mer - cy.

Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -
Christ, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Christ, have . .



so - tros.
mer - cy.

Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie -
Christ, . . have mer - cy on



dad;
us; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
 O . . . Christ, have . . mer - cy.



Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -
Lord, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Lord, have . . .



so - tros.
mer - cy.

Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie -
Lord, . . have mer - cy on



dad;
us; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
 O . . . Lord, have . . mer - cy.

One of the following or another canticle of praise may be sung by all.



S 176

¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!
Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!
Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



Y en la tie - rra paz pa - ra a - que - llos que a - ma el Se - ñor.
And on earth . . . peace to God's peo - ple. Glo - ry to God.

The presiding minister continues, using an appropriate form.

The thanksgiving may include this acclamation:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

and may conclude: **Amen.**

The great thanksgiving concludes:

**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.**

OR

**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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Communion

The assembly may be seated. Music may accompany the communion and may begin with:

S 182

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

ten pie-dad de no - so-tros, ten pie-dad de no - so-tros.
have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

ten pie-dad de no - so - tros, *ten pie-dad de no - so - tros.*
have . . mer-cy up - on us, *have . . mer-cy up - on us.*

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

da - nos tu paz, *da - nos tu paz.*
grant us your peace, *grant us your peace.*

After all have returned to their places, the assembly stands. "Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace" or another suitable song may be sung.

Prayer after Communion

Response after the prayer: Amen.

Sending

Blessing

Response after the blessing: Amen.

Sending Song

If "Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace" was not sung at the end of communion, it may be sung here, or another sending song may be sung.

Dismissal

Response: Thanks be to God.

Come to the Table

481

Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.

All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.

Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.

Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

502

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 thine unction grace bestoweth;
 and, oh, what transport of delight
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
 thy goodness faileth never.
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house forever.

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

536

1 God be with you till we meet a-gain; by good coun-sels guide, up-hold you,
 2 God be with you till we meet a-gain; ho-ly wings se-cure-ly hide you,
 3 God be with you till we meet a-gain; when life's per-ils thick con-found you,

with a shep-herd's care en-fold you;
 dai-ly man-na still pro-vide you; God be with you till we meet a-gain.
 put un-fail-ing arms a-round you;

Refrain

Till we meet, till we meet, till we
 till we meet, till we meet a-gain,

meet at Je-sus' feet; till we meet, till we
 till we meet, till we meet, till we

meet, God be with you till we meet a-gain.
 meet a-gain,

