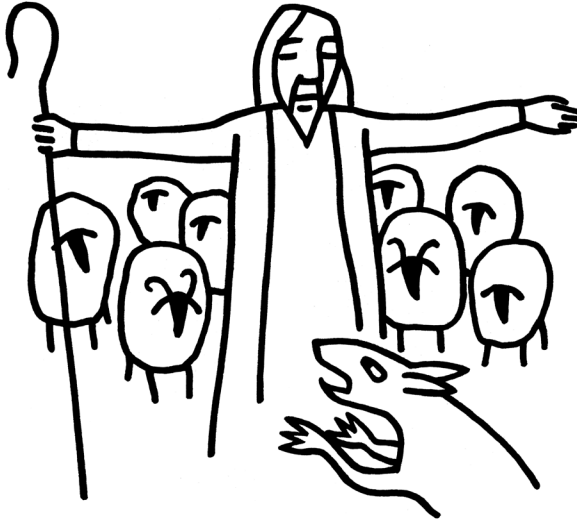


# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 21, 2024  
8:00 & 10:30 AM



Gathering Hymn.....Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded  
Hymn of the Day.....The King of Love My Shepherd Is (502)  
Communion.....Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us (789)  
My Life Flows on in Endless Song (763)  
Sending Hymn.....Earth is Full of Wit and Wisdom

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**Prelude**

**“Gaelic Aire”**

## Announcements

### Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come...

To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### Gathering Hymn      Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded



1 Day of de - light and beau-ty un - bound-ed, tell the news, the gos - pel  
2 Day of de - light and beau-ty un - bound-ed, tell the news, the gos - pel



spread! Day of all won - der, day of all splen - dor, praise Christ  
spread! Day of all won - der, day of all splen - dor, praise Christ



ris - en from the dead! Sing of the sun from dark - ness ap -  
ris - en from the dead! Sing now of mourn - ing turned in - to



pear - ing; sing of the seed from bar - ren earth green - ing;  
danc - ing; sing now the mys - t'ry, hope of our glo - ry;



sing of cre - a - tion, al - le - lu - ia! Sing of the  
sing with thanks - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia! Sing now of



stream from Je - sus' side flow - ing; sing of the saints in  
fast - ing turned in - to feast - ing; sing the Lord's fa - vor



wa - ter made ho - ly; sing of sal - va - tion, al - le - lu - ia!  
last - ing for - ev - er; sing, all things liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: IN DIR IST FREUDE, Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi, 1556-1622

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## Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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.**

## Hymn of Praise



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.  
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

### 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.**

### Special Music "The Lord's My Shepherd"

**Choir**

by Carl F. Mueller ©1951 Carl Fischer

### Reading:

**1 John 3:16-24**

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever

we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

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

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 23**

*The LORD is my shepherd;*

*I shall not be in want.*

**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

*You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right  
pathways for your name's sake.*

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I  
shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.**

*You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.*

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my  
life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

**+ Gospel Acclamation**



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

*Repeat alleluia*



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life.

**Gospel Reading:**

**John 10:11-18**

*The Holy Gospel according to John.*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

“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, but 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.*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children's Sermon**

**Sermon**

**Pastor Daniel Smith**

**+ Hymn of the Day    The King of Love My Shepherd Is (502)**

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877

Music: Irish Tune

**Easter Creed (from 1 Corinthians 15)**

**This is the good news which we received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved: that Christ died for our sins according**

to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day and that he appeared to Peter, then to the twelve and to many faithful witnesses. We believe he is the Christ, the Son of the living God. He is the first and the last, the beginning and the end, he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

### **Prayers**

*Rooted in the abundant life and love of Christ Jesus, we pray for the life of the church, the lives of those in need, and the life of all creation.*

*(a brief silence)*

### **After each petition:**

*Lord in your mercy,  
hear our prayer.*

*Those remembered in prayer this week ...*

*Melvin & Hellen Allen, Mary & Richard Bennett, Mary Ann Bond, Allen Brooks, Brad Buhler, Michael Foret, Eileen Hedstrom, Stewart Hellem, Don Knight, Pam Landry, Trust Nkomo, Kathy Parkhouse, Cerne Rieves, Rick Rogers, Andy Saunders, Fran Schumacher, Jeff Sebben, Cassie Shaffer, Ken Shodeen, Cathy Stanley, Ilene Steinkruger, Bruce Thompson, Carol Thompson, Anthony Calderon and all our men and women serving overseas, and all others we lift up to you at this time.*

### **Sharing of the Peace**

*The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

**And also with you.**

### **Offering**

### **“Aria”**

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### **Offering Song**

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the  
 brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
 seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
 Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
 prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
 and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980  
 Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950  
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## Offering Prayer

*Our Lord Jesus Christ,*

**in the breaking of the bread, be known to us as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

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.

## The Preface to the Sanctus

*It is indeed right ... and join their unending hymn:*

## The Sanctus

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

God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is the one 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.

## **The Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution**

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 leading your people safely through the sea and 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.

**Praise to you, O God. Amen.**

In the night in which he was betrayed ...

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

**Amen.**

## **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**

*For those worshiping in the sanctuary, come forward to the altar to receive the bread and wine. Gluten free bread and white grape juice are available.*

*God's love and this meal are for all, including children. If your*

child is not ready to receive, they may receive a simple blessing such as "May the Lord bless you and keep you."

For those worshipping at home, when invited by the pastor we encourage you to eat and drink trusting that this is God's free gift of grace for you.

### Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

### Communion Hymns

#### Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us (789)

Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779-1847

Music: William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

#### My Life Flows on in Endless Song (763)

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

Music: Rober Lowry, alt.

### +The Communion Blessing

Amen.

### Prayer after Communion

*Living God,*

**you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord. Amen**

**Sending Hymn Earth is Full of Wit and Wisdom**



1 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, sound - ing God's de - light - ed laugh,  
2 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, wo - ven in - to har - mo - ny.  
3 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom: pen - guin, pla - ty - pus, and snail,



from the ti - ny ro - ly - po - ly to the tree - top - tall gi - raffe.  
Ev - 'ry crea - ture has a pur - pose, ev - 'ry flow'r and bum - ble - bee.  
cac - tus, sea slug, oak, and al - gae, from the mi - crobe to the whale.



All cre - a - tion sings in won - der; e - ven rocks and trees re - jice  
Spi - der, hu - man, red - wood, geck - o, mon - key, chick - en, mouse, and snake  
In this great and strange cre - a - tion, with a breath God gives us birth:



as they join the ring - ing cho - rus: ech - oes of our Mak - er's voice.  
live with - in a sin - gle fab - ric: cloth that on - ly God could make.  
born of soil to live as stew - ards, called to love and serve the earth.

Text: Adam M. L. Tice, b. 1979

Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825; arr. hymnal version

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**Benediction  
Amen.**

**Sending**

*Go in peace, serve the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude “Prelude and Fugue in C”**

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*Thank you to Nancy Shatto for this week’s altar flowers in memory of her parents.*

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**THOSE SERVING ASCENSION’S WORSHIP TODAY**

**Ushers: 8:00** – Craig Kelly, Brad Chewakin, Cheryl Fritsch

**10:30** – Seth Baun, Eddie Calderon, Keith Rinne

**Worship Deacon: 8:00-** Russ Johnson **10:30-**John Hayes

**Lectors: 8:00** – Wini Klein **10:30** – Sherry Seever

**Cantor:** Megan Miller

**Communion Assistants: 8:00** – Kirsten Johnson

**10:30** – Sherry Seever

**Communion Prep:** Cindy Gaona

**Communion Clean Up:** Judy Leiseth

**Communion Bread:** Julie Burton

**CHURCH STAFF**

**Pastor Dan Holt Pastor Daniel Smith Deacon Mary Stoneback**

Office Administrator.....Ruth Albrent-Runnells

Director of Children’s Learning Center.....Teresa Adams

**MUSIC MINISTRY**

Director of Music .....Scott Christiansen

Choir Director.....Megan Miller

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**Calendar: April 21-28**

**SUNDAY 4/21**

8:00 AM Sunday Worship  
9:15 AM Truth and Healing  
9:15 AM Discover Ascension Classes  
9:15 AM Sunday School  
9:00 AM Youth Guitar Lessons  
9:45 AM Adult Guitar Lessons  
10:30 AM Sunday Worship/Streaming

**MONDAY**

10:00 AM

Movement Ministry

**TUESDAY**

10:30 AM

Scripture Roundtable

**WEDNESDAY**

9:00 AM

Staff Meeting

9:00 AM

Quilters

**THURSDAY**

6:00 PM

Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:00 PM

Choir Rehearsal

**SUNDAY 4/28**

8:00 AM

Sunday Worship

9:15 AM

Truth and Healing

9:15 AM

Discover Ascension Classes

9:15 AM

Sunday School

9:00 AM

Youth Guitar Lessons

9:45 AM

Adult Guitar Lessons

10:30 AM

Sunday Worship/Streaming

*Office hours are Monday-Thursday 9:00am-1:00pm  
Friday 9:00 am-12pm*

*Any other questions call 719-634-1694*

**Discover Ascension** Interested in learning more about or becoming a member of Ascension? Or just want to learn more about us? Consider yourself invited to our class series “Discover Ascension.” We will learn about ALC’s role in our community, our history and a little about what we believe, and get to know some wonderful people. This series is comprised of 3 classes which will run:

- Sunday April 21 (Class 1)
- Sunday April 28 (Class 2)
- Sunday May 5 (Class 3)

We will meet in the conference room from 9:15 to 10:15 (Sunday School time) just to the left of the office door (Room 203). We'd love to have you join us! Any questions, please call the church office (634-1694) or Andy Saunders (505-4557) or [andy.saunders@rustco.com](mailto:andy.saunders@rustco.com)

**IHN/Family Promise Hosting, ongoing this week. Please help!**

It is time for Ascension to host local homeless families. April 14-27 is when we need all of your help! We provide breakfast, supper, supper servers and overnight hosts. Ascension has supported this great outreach for decades and lets keep that going. You can sign up at church on Sundays or online at <https://tinyurl.com/ihnapr2024>

**Truth and Healing Series**

This Sunday in Truth and Healing, join Ingrid Daniel as she discusses the realities of Indian Boarding School and Generation Trauma. Come and hear her enlightening presentation during the 9:15 – 10:15 adult education hour. Next Sunday there will be a panel discussion on Truth and Healing with our three presenters. All presentations will be live streamed on Zoom.

**Quarterly Contribution Statements**

Your 2024 1<sup>st</sup> quarter contribution statements are printed and are in your mailboxes at church. We only mail the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter statement, but if you would like yours mailed please contact the office.

**Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly.** Rostered Leaders and delegate will gather for the annual synod assembly this week in Loveland, Colorado to worship, learn, attend to synod business, and elect a new bishop. Please keep our delegates (Alis & Joe DesJardin and Stephanie Shannon) as well as bishop candidates in your prayers this week.

**Community Art Night at Audubon**—Wednesday, April 24, 5:30pm–7pm

Audubon's Community Nights, launched in 2023, foster community bonds among students, families, and faculty. Christina Wagener, Community Liaison, is spearheading school-wide initiatives. Join the Ascension community in supporting April's Community Art Night. To learn more and volunteer, including leading an art station, fill out the following form, sign-up at the table in the fellowship hall or at <https://forms.gle/5cwKsieawvLhO3XD7>

**Book Club!** Ascension's book/podcast club, *Faith Seeking Understanding*, will be taking March off. In April we'll be discussing Ai-Jen Poo's "The Age of Dignity." The book explores care for aging people in America - it's impact on those who age, their families, and the nation as a whole. We'll meet on Monday, April 22 with a potluck at 5:30. You can also join via zoom. Questions? Ask Pastor Daniel.

**Ascension Build Day at Habitat for Humanity.** Come help build housing with a neighbor in need (no construction experience required). Habitat for Humanity partners with local First Time Homebuyers (generally families) whose living conditions are substandard, and helps them to build and pay for housing. Here's how it works: the selected family agrees to contribute at least 200 hours alongside volunteers like you to help build the home, and they will pay a mortgage based on income to contribute to the cost. These are people willing to work hard but need some help. 90% of the labor is done by volunteers just like you. Please join us for a good time and a good deed!  
**When:** Saturday, May 4th. Shifts are from 8:30 to 12pm or 12:45 pm to 4:30pm or both.

**Where:** 5303 Beauport Dr. Colorado Springs, CO 80915

**Sign-up:** Liability waivers are required so please sign up online at [https://www.cervistech.com/acts/console.php?console\\_id=0364&console\\_type=event\\_list&event\\_id=8&ht=1&res\\_code=AscensionLutheran](https://www.cervistech.com/acts/console.php?console_id=0364&console_type=event_list&event_id=8&ht=1&res_code=AscensionLutheran)

**Contact** Troy Morash for additional questions or to email the sign-up link. [tomorash84@gmail.com](mailto:tomorash84@gmail.com) or 785-259-0041

**Thank you** all who joined the youth for the Sunrise Service and enjoyed the Youth Pancake Breakfast. Your support for the youth is a blessing for all. Thank you!

**Faith and Art Camp**—New Needs!

Registrations are coming in and we're excited for this year's Faith and



Art Camp, June 17–21, 1:30pm–5pm. As we count down the weeks to camp, we will highlight current camp needs. If you are able to help, please let Deacon Mary know and she'll follow up with you with next steps!

- **Lead a Habitat for Humanity project:** Chloe Henry with Habitat has sent amazing projects our way for this year's camp service project, including decorating a bench for families, and making stepping stones for landscaping. The volunteer lead for this project will guide the campers in these projects the week of camp.
- **(New) Thrivent Action Team Grant for the Community Picnic:** If you're a Thrivent member, you have two, \$250 action team grants to use each year. We're requesting a Thrivent Action Team Grant for our Community Picnic on Thursday, June 20. This event invites camper's parents, friends, and the ALC community to an art gallery showcasing their week's artwork, along with a program featuring songs and lessons learned.

Email/Call/Text or talk with Deacon Mary if either /both of the above catch your attention! (303)475-4486 [m.stoneback@ascensioncos.org](mailto:m.stoneback@ascensioncos.org)  
Register your children for this year's Faith and Art Camp at:  
<https://www.ascensioncos.org/fac/>

### **Movement Ministry** | Monday & Wednesday

Professional Trainer Laura Rinne is leading Movement Ministry classes at Ascension, open to all. Class happens on Monday and Wednesday from 10-11am. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Coach Laura at [laura.h.rinne@gmail.com](mailto:laura.h.rinne@gmail.com). *No classes during Holy Week.*

**Donuts Need You!** If you enjoy a donut during fellowship hours, please sign up to pick up the donut order at King Sooper on Austin Bluffs and Academy. You don't even have to get out of your car! Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E084AAAAF23A3FE3-fellowship> or contact Marcia Oltrogge (719-640-6577 or [marcia@oltrogges.com](mailto:marcia@oltrogges.com)).

**2024 Altar Flowers** There are many Sundays available on the signup poster in the church office or you can call the office and sign up over the phone.

**Scripture Round Table** On Tuesdays at 10:30 the pastors lead a

discussion on the upcoming Sunday's scripture passage. The hour is half learning, half sharing, and all engaging! Plus, you might get to influence the sermon! All are welcome.

**Media Ministry Team** members stream our worship services for those who are unable to attend in person. What to join the team? Contact Deacon Mary.

**Usher Volunteers Needed** Consider volunteering for this important and easy-to-do service. We're especially looking for ushers to serve once a month at the 10:30 service. Contact Rob Koehler to volunteer or if you have questions. (719) 963-5748 [cmkoehle@gmail.com](mailto:cmkoehle@gmail.com)

**Terrace Gardens Bingo** Ascension supports Terrace Gardens Healthcare Center by offering bingo for the residents. You can help by volunteering the third Wednesdays from 10-11 or donating prizes such as gently used men and women's clothing (size Large and higher), baseball caps, hygiene products, playing cards, small containers of ladies' perfumes, adult coloring books/crayons, and costume jewelry. Donations can be marked "Bingo Prizes" and placed in the Terrace Garden Bingo box behind the Welcome Center. Questions or want to volunteer? Contact John Hayes at 572-1052 or at [blazehayes@aol.com](mailto:blazehayes@aol.com).

**Joining the Quilters** if you are interested in joining the Quilters on Wednesday morning, feel free to stop by or contact Anita at 719-651-3470 or Barb at 719-264-1630.

**Nursery Available** We encourage children to participate in worship on Sundays, including at the communion table. We also realize some families might prefer for their child to spend some of worship in the nursery. Our nursery is located downstairs and is staffed during every worship service. You can bring your child down for some or all of the worship service. An usher can assist you in finding the nursery.

**Ronald McDonald pop tabs collection** we will be collecting pop tabs again for the Ronald McDonald House. You can bring them to church and put them in the labeled box behind the welcome desk. *Canned soup/veggie pop-tops are also accepted.*

**Finally**, to stay connected and up-to-date check out Ascension online:

- Website: [ascensioncos.org](http://ascensioncos.org)

- Facebook: [facebook.com/ascensioncos](https://facebook.com/ascensioncos)
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- YouTube: [tinypurl.com/YouTubeALC](https://tinypurl.com/YouTubeALC)
- Prayer Request Form:  
<https://forms.gle/iQEWie3LkVtz3cmLA>
- Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8673682609>

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“In All Things”

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