



**April 26, 2015**  
**Fourth Sunday in Easter**  
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### The People of God Gather

[\* = "Please stand if able and comfortable"]

#### **Welcoming Guests**

*Please sign one of the blue tablets in the pews.*

#### **Sharing Joys and Concerns as a Community in Christ:**

#### **Preparing Our Hearts & Minds for Worship:**

*A time of silence to prepare our hearts and minds to encounter God.*

**Prelude:** "Softly and Tenderly" Nancy Blank

\*Doxology: #592 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

\*Call to Worship: Psalm 23

\*Opening Hymn: #387/187 "Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us"

#### **Ritual of Confession and Assurance of God's Grace:**

**Prayer of Confession:**

**Silent Confession:**

**Words of Assurance of God's Grace: (Response: "Thanks be to God.")**

\*The Passing of Christ's Peace & Joy:

\*Gloria Patri: #579

**Children:** Nancy Bohlander

### The Word Is Proclaimed

**Prayer for Illumination:**

**Epistle Lesson:** 1 John 3:16-24

*As we continue reading from this Epistle, the letter in which the writer proclaims, "God is love," we learn that more is meant by "love" than mere "feeling."*

**Gospel Lesson:** John 10:11-18

*Jesus uses language that immediately calls to mind Psalm 23, calling himself, “The Good Shepherd”; but is he calling us to be sheep, or to be shepherds – not hired hand shepherds, but shepherds with “ownership,” or “a stake” in the well-being of the other sheep?*

**Sermon:** ***“Nothing Sheepish About It”***

**The People of God Respond to the Word**

**\*Hymn: #171/802** ***“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”***

**Pastoral Prayer & The Prayers of the People:**

**Lord’s Prayer:**

**Offering:**

**Offertory:** ***“ We Are Forgiven”*** vocal by Bart Macomber, Piano by Nancy Blank

**\*Doxology:**

**\*Prayer of Dedication:**

**The People Take the Word into the World**

**\*Blessing and Benediction:**

**\*Parting Hymn:**

**Postlude:**

Nancy Blank

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We have a family in need of furniture, including a baby crib. If you or someone you know is discarding usable furniture, please contact the church office.

The next “Bible for Dummies” will begin in November 2015, Tuesdays at 9:30.

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HELP!!\*\*Wayne Jackson is determined, despite John’s protests, on occasion to venture away from the desert and miss some Sunday services. John would appreciate two people to volunteer to help with the Sunday audio and video start-up (and possible help when John is away). It actually is not that difficult, so please, if you are able to use your smart phone, volunteer.

**APRIL SCHEDULE**

The church has a new email address...please note the following [FlorencePresby1@icloud.com](mailto:FlorencePresby1@icloud.com)

[Our new church website is now operating at www.florenceazchurch.co](http://www.florenceazchurch.co) (not “com” but “co”)

All Newsletter information should be sent to: Larry & Denise Kollert at [225butte@gmail.com](mailto:225butte@gmail.com)

There will be no further Ladies Bible Study until after the summer

Monthly Ladies Luncheon May 8<sup>th</sup> (where is to be announced.)

Men’s Breakfast 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. at 9 am at Old Pueblo May 6<sup>th</sup> .