

Festive

Traditional Worship Service



OUR SAVIOR'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH
Connecting Faith to Everyday Life

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024 ♦ 5:00 P.M.



GATHERING

Prelude – Adagio from “Violin Sontata in g minor.” J. S. Bach,
arr. Lani Smith

Welcome and Easter Proclamation

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

+Thanksgiving for Baptism

Beloved in Christ, by Jesus' death
God forever destroyed the power of death
and raised Jesus to new life.

In our baptisms,
we are joined to Christ—

in his dying,
and in his rising again.
Our eternal life begins today.

**We are a dying and rising people, an Easter-forever people, raised up
for the sake of the world.**

It is by these baptismal waters that we live.
In these waters, O God,
you have drowned everything
that separates us from you.

We are an Easter-forever people, raised up for the sake of the world.

You lead us to these waters
for refreshment, again and again,
as a Good Shepherd leads the sheep.

We are an Easter-forever people, raised up for the sake of the world.

At these waters we touch eternity,
life forevermore.
Here, we drink deeply from your healing fountain.

We are an Easter-forever people, raised up for the sake of the world.

Every time we turn to these waters,
we remember:
here, you have destroyed our sin.
Today and every day, we belong to you.

**We are a dying and rising people, an Easter-forever people, raised up
for the sake of the world. Amen.**

Sharing the Peace

The peace of the Lord
be with you always.

And also with you.

+Gathering Hymn – ELW, No. 526, “God Is Here!” *sts. 1, 3, 4*



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907–1991

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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.

+Canticle of Praise – ELW, page 196

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of



all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,



for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.



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

+Prayer of the Day

WORD

Reading – 1 John 3:16–24

+Gospel Acclamation – ELW, page 198



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



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



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

+Gospel – John 10:11–18

The holy gospel according to St. Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day – ELW, No. 502, “The King of Love My Shepherd Is,”

sts. 1–3



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.

+ Apostles' Creed

With the whole church, we confess our faith using the words of 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.**

MEAL

+Prayers of Intercession

Offering

Invitation

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

All of creation resounds with good news:
the tomb is empty;
God's love triumphs over death.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Good news like this is worthy of a response.
Gratitude and praise bloom within us,
but generosity also becomes a hallmark
of Easter-forever people
who know a love greater than death.

May God bless our generosity,
that the ministry of this place
may proclaim Christ crucified and risen
and connect faith to everyday life.

Offering Music – “God Is My Shepherd,” Antonín Dvořák

Offering Prayer

God of life and hope,

**we have brought our gifts today because we are grateful beyond
words for your love, which has washed away our sin and made us
your own.**

Now bless these gifts and use them in this ministry we share so that all may know you and the life-giving power of your love and grace. Amen.

Holy Communion

Setting the Table

Words of Institution

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.**

The Invitation

Communion Hymn – ELW, No. 778, “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;



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Text: *The Psalms of David in Meeter*, Edinburgh, 1650
Music: BROTHER JAMES' AIR, James L. Macbeth Bain

Prayer after the Meal

Dear God,

we see now the truth about you.

Your love for us is without limit.

In the hope of the empty tomb

and possessed by grace,

we pray for courage and faith.

Empower us to be Easter-forever people.
Embrace us with your love. Amen.

SENDING

Sending Hymn – ELW, No. 536, “God Be with You Till We Meet Again,”
sts. 1, 2



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 meet at Je - sus' feet;



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

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828–1904
Music: GOD BE WITH YOU, William G. Tomer, 1833–1896

Announcements

Sending and Blessing

Now may the God of peace,
who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus,
the great shepherd of the sheep,
make you complete in everything good
so that you may do his will,
through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever.

Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

Postlude – “Matrosenlied,” Edvard Grieg

WORSHIP LEADERS

Presiding and Preaching Minister: Pastor Tim Lemme

Piano: Christopher Larson

Cantor: Tony Leggett

Reader: Phil Jacobson

Media: Dorene Weinstein

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