

Traditional Worship Service

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.



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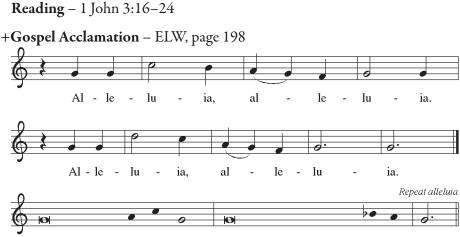
#### Greeting

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



### WORD



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,"



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.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–1877 Music: St. Columba, Irish tune + 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"

¢ 0 1 The Lord's my shep-herd; I'11 not want. He makes me down to lie a - gain, and soul he doth re store to walk doth make 2 My me death's dark vale, yet rich - ly spread in 3 Yea, though I walk in will I fear ill: no ta - ble thou hast pres-ence of 4 Mv mv foes: Good-ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly fol - low me, Θ 0 lead - eth in pas-tures green; he me the qui - et wa - ters by. paths of with in the righ-teous-ness, e'en for his own name's sake; and thy rod and oil a - noint, and thou with me, staff me com - fort for art still; head thou dost with my my cup o ver flows. in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell-ing-place shall and be; O 0 1 0 lead - eth lead - eth He me. he me the qui - et wa - ters by. paths of for his own name's sake. with righ-teous-ness, e'en the in and thy rod and oil a - noint, and thou staff me com - fort for art with me. still. head thou dost with my cup o - ver flows. My in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell-ing-place shall and be.

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.

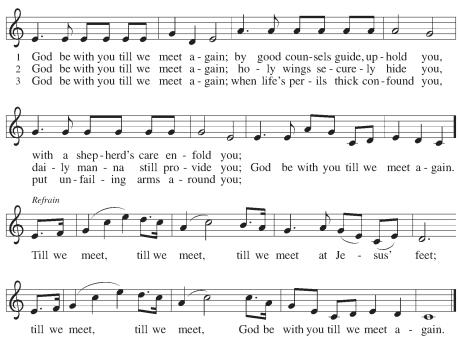
In the hope of the empty tomb

and possessed by grace,

we pray for courage and faith.

SENDING

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



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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