

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024 • 11:00 A.M.



GATHERING

Prelude - "The Lost Chord," Arthur Sullivan

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 "For the Beauty of the Earth," John Rutter
- +Prayer of the Day

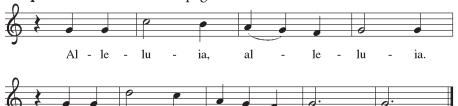
WORD

Faith Milestone – Third Graders' Bible Milestone

Anthem – "All Night, All Day; My Lord, What a Morning," arr. Russell Robinson

Reading - 1 John 3:1-7







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Lord, to whom shall we go?

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You have the words of e-ter-nal life.

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+Gospel – Luke 24:36b–48

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The holy gospel according to St. John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

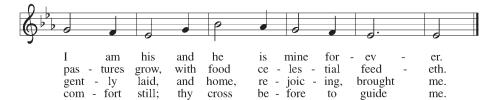
Sermon

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



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





- 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 Song - "Inscription of Hope," Z. Randall Stroope

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,

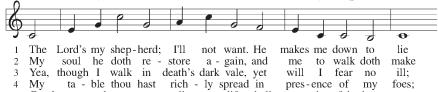
and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

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The Invitation

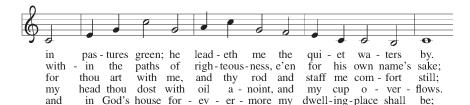
Communion Hymn – ELW, No. 778, "The Lord's My Shepherd"

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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,"

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



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





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 - "Toccata in C," Johann Pachelbel

WORSHIP LEADERS

Presiding Minister: Pastor Paul Svingen Preaching Minister: Pastor Tim Lemme

Organ: Christopher Larson

Choir: Minnehaha Mandskor, directed by John Pollman, accompanied

by Deanna Wehrspann Reader: Jim Green

Media: Dorene Weinstein

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