

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

MARCH 31, 2024 | 8:30 AM



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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Alleluia! Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. This morning begins with confusion: the stone has been moved and the tomb is empty. Disciples arrive, then angels, and finally Jesus himself. Out of the confusion, hope emerges, and a weeping woman becomes the first to confess her faith in the risen Lord. But this is why we gather: to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ's death and resurrection. In word and feast, we celebrate God's unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world. Alleluia!

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion

*You are invited to stand

GATHERING

PRELUDE

“O Lamm Gottes, Unschuldig BWV 656”

Gay Lyn Ferry

-J. S. Bach

WELCOME

***EASTER PROCLAMATION** *(repeat three times)*

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

***THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT** *(turn and face the baptismal font)*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

C Amen.

P Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things.

Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN**

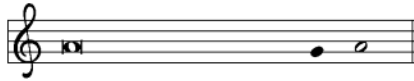
“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

ELW #365

*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.**

*KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



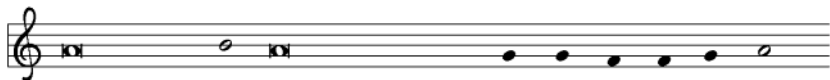
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



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



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



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

Refrain



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

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray. O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING

- L** A reading from Acts

At conclusion of reading

Acts 10:34-43

Pew Bible, Page 1002

- L** The Word of the Lord. **C Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *(Sung Responsively)*

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

- A** Give thanks to the LORD, for
the LORD is good;
God's mercy endures forever.

- C Let Israel now declare,
"God's mercy endures forever."**

- A** The LORD is my strength and my
song,
and has become my salvation.

- C Shouts of rejoicing and salvation
echo in the tents of the righteous:
"The right hand of the LORD acts
valiantly!"**

- A** The right hand of the LORD is exalted!
The right hand of the LORD acts
valiantly!"

- C I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD.**

- A** The LORD indeed punished me
sorely,

but did not hand me over to death.

- C Open for me the gates of
righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks to
the LORD.**

- A** "This is the gate of the LORD;
here the righteous may enter."

- C I give thanks to you, for you
have answered me
and you have become my
salvation.**

- A** The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

- C By the LORD has this been done;
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

- A** This is the day that the LORD has
made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

BELL VOLUNTARY

"Because He Lives"

Bells of Good Shepherd

-Cynthia Dobrinski

SECOND READING

- L** A reading from First Corinthians.

At conclusion of reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Pew Bible, Page 1048

- L** The Word of the Lord. **C Thanks be to God**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

*GOSPEL

P The holy gospel according to John.

John 20:1-18

G **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Pew Bible, Page 988

At conclusion of reading

L The gospel of the Lord. **G** **Praise to you, O Christ**

MEDITATION

Pastor Karen Boda

*HYMN OF DAY

“The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done”

ELW #366

*NICENE CREED

G **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The Assisting Minister will close each petition with the words, "God of grace," worshippers respond with the words, "**hear our prayer**".

*PEACE

P The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **C** **And also with you.**

(Please greet one another with a friendly word or non-contact gesture of God's peace.)

MEAL

OFFERING

The "Who's Who in the Pew" pads are passed as the offering is received.

OFFERING ANTHEM

"O What a Glorious Day!"

Chancel Choir

-By David N. Davenport; Setting by Douglas E Wagner

*OFFERING HYMN

"Be Not Afraid"

ELW #388

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

The first system of musical notation for the hymn "Be Not Afraid" is shown. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

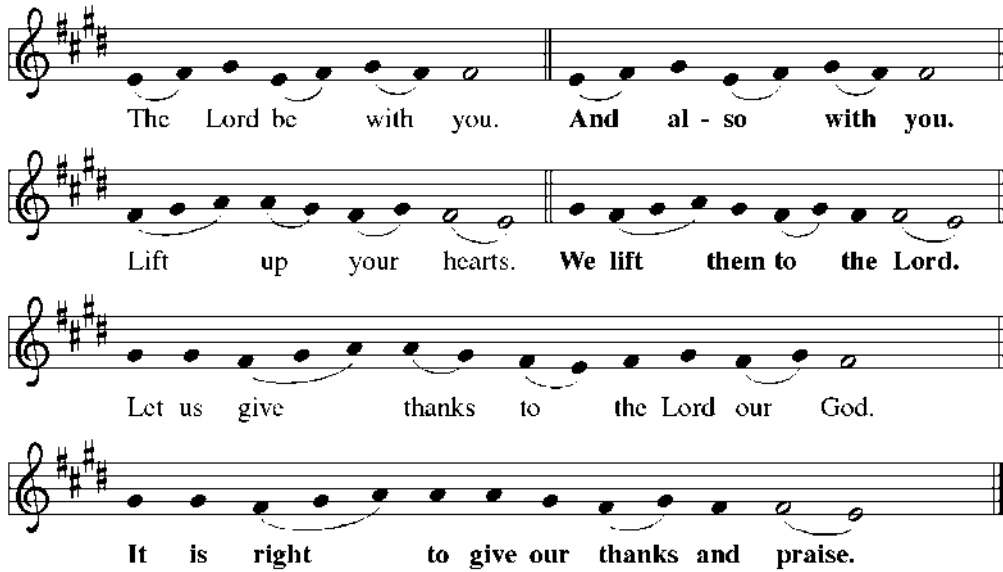
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*OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray. Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **C** **Amen.**

*GREAT THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION



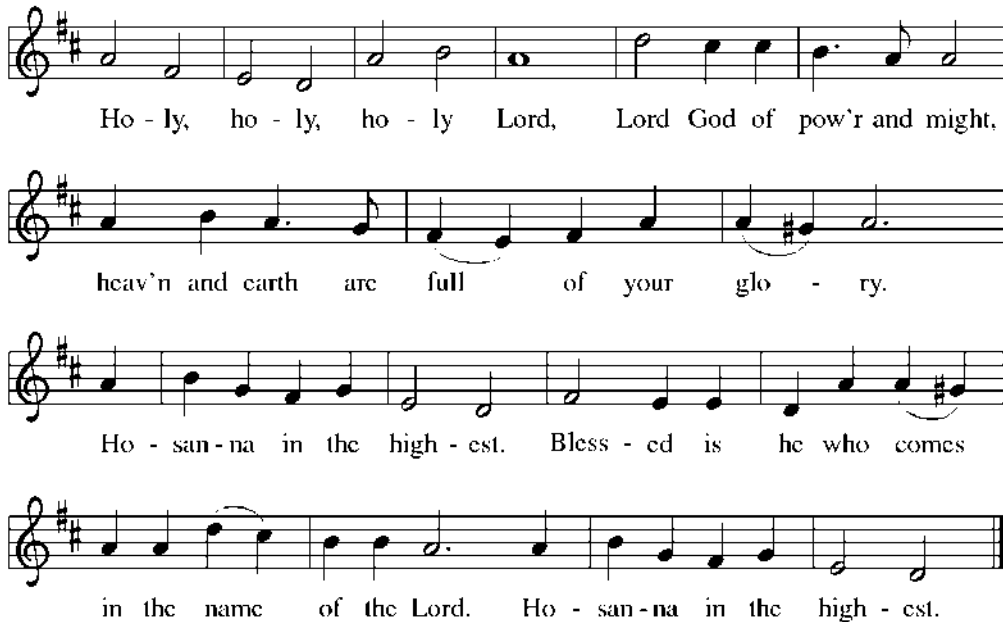
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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.

📌 It is indeed right...praise your name and join your unending hymn



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

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

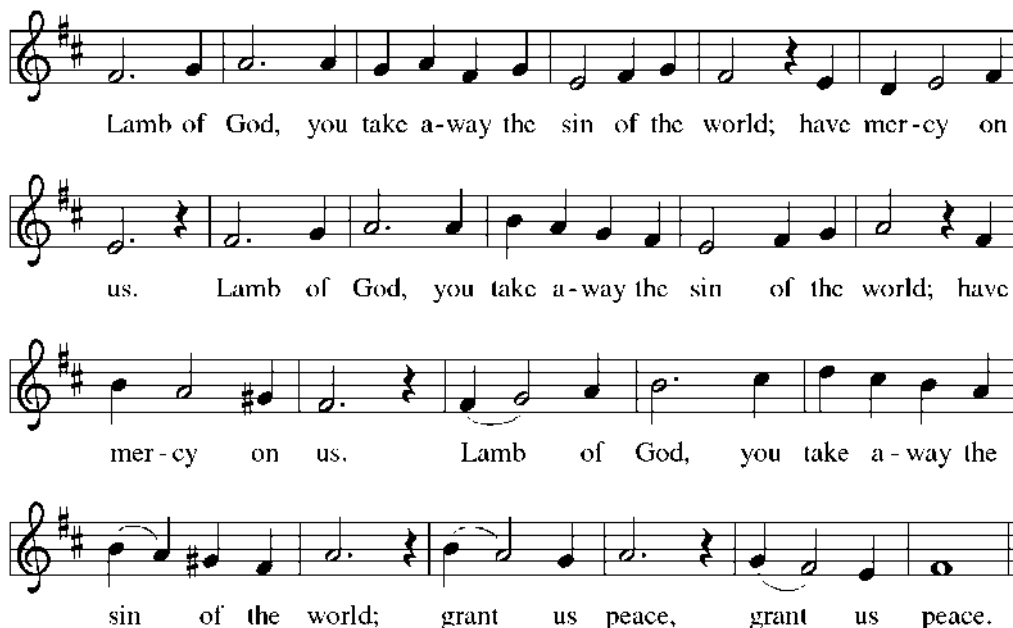
*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*LORD'S PRAYER

☑ Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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 VOLUNTARY

“The Easter Gift”

By Tina English; Arr. John Purifoy

Chancel Choir

COMMUNION HYMN

“The Day of Resurrection!”

ELW #361

*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

☐ May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. ☑ Amen.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A** Let us pray. Shepherd God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **C Amen.**

SENDING

*BLESSING

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
P The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ☩ bless you now and always. **C Amen.**

*SENDING HYMN

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!”

ELW #373
vs. 1-4

*DISMISSAL

- A** Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

“Easter Rondo”
—Arr. Michael Helman

Bells of Good Shepherd

JOIN US FOR EASTER BREAKFAST,
IN FELLOWSHIP HALL,
FOLLOWING THE SERVICE.

“Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you.”

Romans 15:7

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church warmly welcomes people of any age, race, nationality, sexual orientation, life circumstance, and physical or mental capability.

If you ordered an Easter Lily and want to take it home, you may do so following the 10:45 a.m. service. Any lilies not picked up will be given away.



Easter Lilies

*Alan and Pastor Karen Boda in memory of Bill and Elizabeth Miller
and in honor of Dan and Eleanor Boda*

Patricia Bull in memory of Robert Taylor Bull

*Sandy Cerstvik in celebration of our Risen Lord and in memory of loved
ones*

Ruth Clark in memory of Bobby, Kenny and Mom

*The Champion Family in celebration of their beautiful children, Lily
and Paul.*

The Dias Family in memory of Ed Dias

Linda Drage in celebration of Easter and in memory of her parents

*Pete and Sue Dumpis in memory of Lottie and Richard Worley and Bai-
ba and Ilmars Dumpis and in honor of Christ is Risen*

The Frink Family in honor of Pastor Karen and our church staff

Sally and Terry George in memory of their parents

Vic and Deborah Johnson in celebration of Easter

Easter Lilies

*Linda and Mark Martin in memory of Laura and Tony and families
and Don, Clara, Ruth and Harold*

*Jeff and Heidi Nugent in memory of our loved ones who have gone be-
fore us and their children, Nate, Norissa and Elyse*

*Lori and Chris Peters and family in celebration of the Resurrection of
our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and in honor of their children's and
grandchildren's' baptism birthdays.*

*Ted and Carol Rodi in memory of our parents Bill, Ingatill, John and
Armella*

*Vic & Linda Rowell in memory of Lloyd & Clara Rowell, Joseph & Bar-
bara Damico, Tom, Mary, Anita and Ed*

Craig & Bev Stichtenoth in memory of their parents

*Reba Sumner to the Glory of God in thanksgiving and in honor of Pas-
tor Karen*

Jennifer Taylor in memory of her parents, brother and sister

GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF

Rev. Karen Boda.....Interim Pastor
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.....Ministry Coordinator
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AT GOOD SHEPHERD**

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