

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 7, 2024

8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion

*You are invited to stand

GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Crown Him With Many Crowns”

Gay Lyn Ferry

-Mark Hayes

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**

“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”

ELW #384

*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

front of ELW pg.147

- ☞ In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
☞ **Lord, have mercy.**
☞ For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
☞ **Lord, have mercy.**
☞ 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 mercy.**
☞ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
☞ **Lord, have mercy.**
☞ Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
☞ **Amen.**

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

front of ELW pg. 149

- ☞ This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.
☞ **Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.**
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.
Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ☞ Let us pray. Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ☞ **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING

- ☞ A reading from Acts

At conclusion of reading

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

Acts 4:32-35

Pew Bible, Page 995

- A** How good and how pleasant it is,
when kindred live together in unity!
- C** It is like fine oil upon the head,
flowing down upon the beard,
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing
down upon the collar of his robe.
- A** It is like the dew of Hermon flowing
down upon the hills of Zion.
For there the LORD has commanded
the blessing: life forevermore.

SECOND READING

- L** A reading from First John.
At conclusion of reading

1 John 1:1--2:2
Pew Bible, Page 1110

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (*Sung*)

front of ELW pg. 151

- C** Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, Alleluia.

***GOSPEL**

- P** The holy gospel according to John.

John 20:19-31

- C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Pew Bible, Page 989

At conclusion of reading

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

MEDITATION

Pastor Tom Kenny

***HYMN OF DAY**

"We Walk by Faith"

ELW #635

***NICENE CREED**

- C** 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.)



OFFERING

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

OFFERING ANTHEM

"Alleluia! Christ Is Arisen"

Chancel Choir

-Words and Music by Luis Bojos

***OFFERING HYMN**

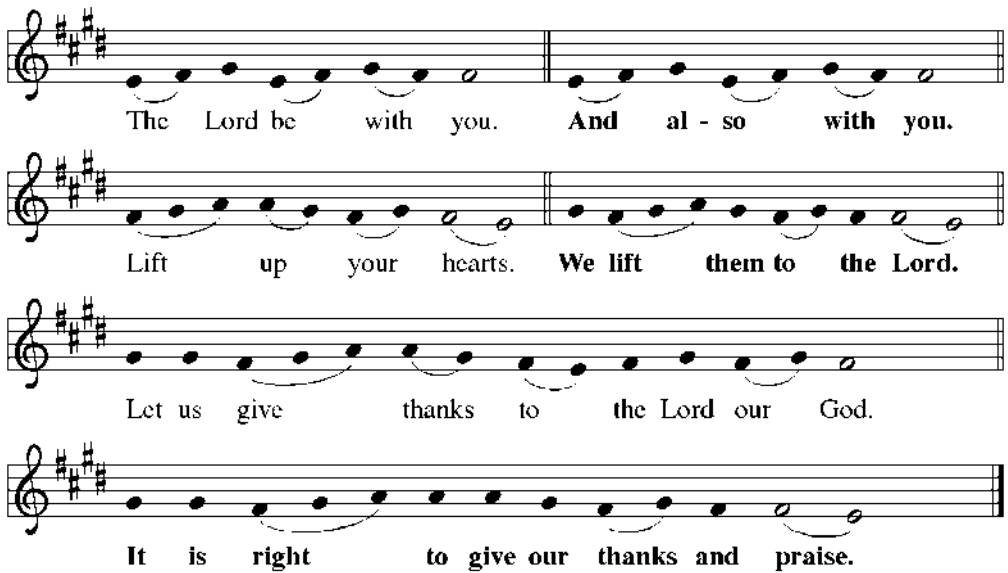
"Be Not Afraid"

ELW #388

***OFFERING PRAYER**

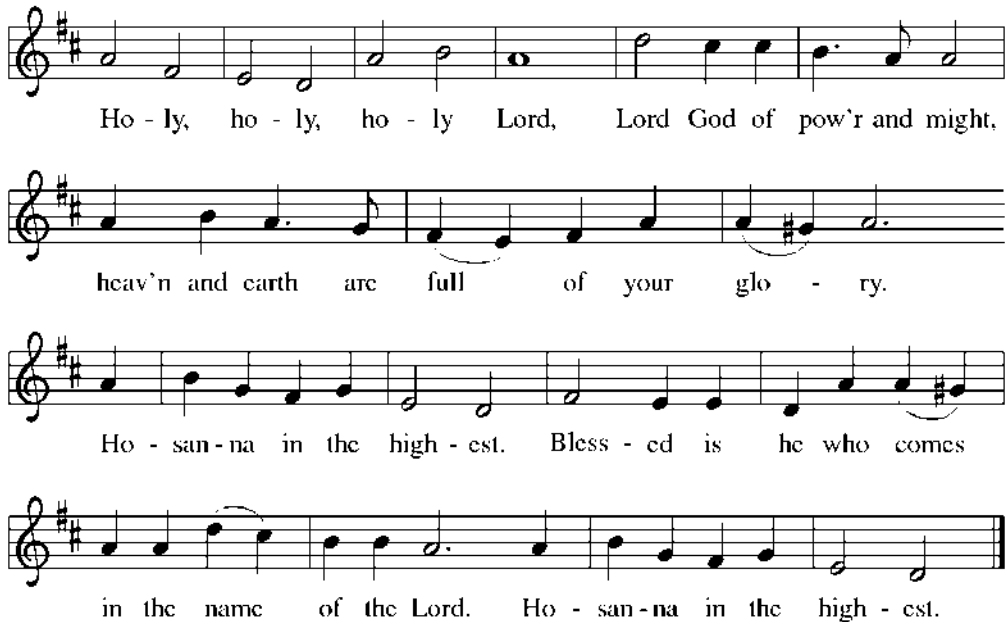
A Let us pray. Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **C** Amen.

*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.

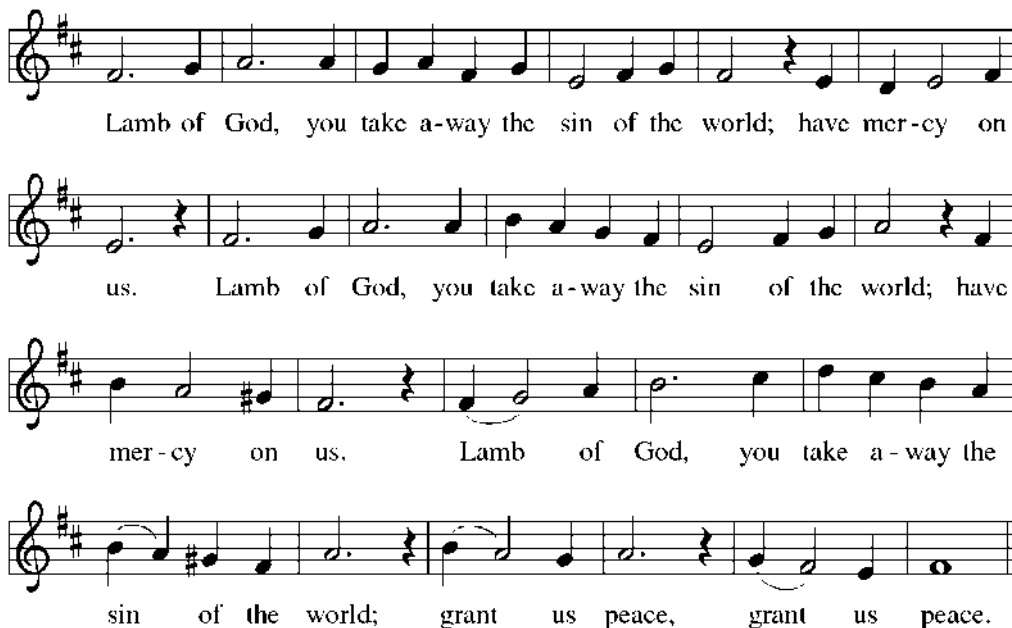
*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*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 HYMNS

“Now the Green Blade Rises”

ELW #379

“Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”

ELW #363

*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. Shepherding 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. **G Amen.**

∞ SENDING ∞

***BLESSING**

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
G 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. **G Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN**

“Thine Is the Glory!”

ELW #376

***DISMISSAL**

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

POSTLUDE

**“ When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
with There Is A Redeemer ”**

Gay Lyn Ferry

— arr. Anna Laura Page

“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.*

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