



Welcome to Worship at Adoration!

*If you're visiting with us or
new to our congregation,
please sign the welcome
book at the entrance to the
church.*

*Please introduce yourself to
someone!*

*We'd love to share more
about our faith community
with you.*

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Introduction

*Today is sometimes called
"Good Shepherd Sunday."
Jesus is called the "gate" of
the sheep in today's gospel.
The risen Christ opens the
way to abundant life. He
anoints our heads with oil
and guides us beside the still
waters of our baptism. Each
Sunday he spreads a feast
before us amid the world's
violence and war. We go
forth to be signs of the
resurrection and extend
God's tender care to all
creation.*

The Season of Resurrection

The 4th Sunday of Easter

Worship with Holy Communion

Our worship service uses *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, the cranberry hymnal in your pew.

Prelude

Barbara Regent

Welcome and Announcements

Ringling of the Chimes

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

You are invited to stand in body or spirit.

Easter Invocation

Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating an earth of splendor and for making us into a people of your own. With all the saints who have received your Word we worship you, holy God. **We worship you, holy God.**

We praise you for your eternal Word, for conquering the force of death, and for raising us up through the resurrection of our Lord. For your Word alive among us, we praise you, living God.

We praise you, living God.

Breathe the Spirit of the risen Christ on us, that led by your Word we may honor your earth and its many peoples and serve all who are in need. For your Word animating our Easter life, we bless you, loving God. **We bless you, loving God.**

All worship, praise, and blessing be to you, Source of life, Ruler of life, and Power of life, today and forever. **Amen**

Gathering Hymn: *That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright* ELW #384

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.

Amen



Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

To you, O God:

All hearts are open, to you all desires are known.

We come to you, confessing our sins.

Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love.

Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of † Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. May the God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life.

Amen

Hymn of Praise: “Now the Feast and Celebration”

ELW #167

Apostolic 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.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. **Nurturing God, you care for us in ways both subtle and profound. You are not afraid of suffering or death and you invite us to imagine ourselves in these places as well. You ask us to face our enemies, even if they may be deep within ourselves. You invite us into a practice of abundance so all may flourish. Help us trust your sustaining presence within the every day. Help us remember you are with us in all things, through all things. Unclench our fists, open our wallets and move our hearts to spur forward your way of abundant life. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen**



Please be seated.

Children are invited forward for an age-specific message focused on the day's reading and the lesson they will study in Sunday School. The children will be dismissed for their own Sunday School learning time after their time in front and return with their leaders in time for Communion.



Children's Time

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Lesson: Ezekiel 34:7-15

A reading from the Book of Ezekiel

⁷Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord:

⁸As I live, says the Lord God, because my sheep have become a prey, and my sheep have become food for all the wild animals, since there was no shepherd; and because my shepherds have not searched for my sheep, but the shepherds have fed themselves, and have not fed my sheep; ⁹therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord: ¹⁰Thus says the Lord God, I am against the shepherds; and I will demand my sheep at their hand, and put a stop to their feeding the sheep; no longer shall the shepherds feed themselves. I will rescue my sheep from their mouths, so that they may not be food for them.

¹¹For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23 (from the Spark Children's Story Bible)

David sang this song to his sheep, thankful for all the ways God loved and cared for him.

God is my shepherd—giving me all I need. God gives me wonderful places to rest and sleep. Letting me splash and play in cool, clear waters, God helps me do what is right.

Doing the right things does not guarantee that one will not experience difficulties, hardships, rejection, or even suffering. Here Christ is presented as the model for our path of endurance and loyalty to God, particularly amid adversity.



I am not afraid—even in the darkest nights because you are with me, God, and your protection comforts me. When danger comes, you give me strength. My life is filled with your love, and all I want is to be with you my whole life long. Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Lesson: Acts 2:42-47

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

⁴²[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: Be Not Afraid ELW #388

Sing twice through

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

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Text: Matthew 28:5; Taizé Community

Music: BE NOT AFRAID, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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Jesus uses an image familiar to the people of his day to make a point about spiritual leadership. Those who listen to Jesus are led to abundant life.



The Gospel: John 10:1-10

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10th Chapter
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*
ELW #502

You are invited to stand in body or spirit.

Nicene Creed

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 whom 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.

We pray for those in need:

Those grieving the death of Larry Markiewicz, especially Kathy Imp, Sue Clark, and Mary Anne Markiewicz; Joani Bettin, grieving the death of her grandson, Danny; John Imp; Ivy Rose Eigner, granddaughter of Sandy & Charlie; Donna Babilius; Tom Nowakowski, Rodney, nephew of JoAnn Voegeli, recovering from brain surgery; Zelka Marincak, cousin of Barb and Rich Regent, who is recovering from brain surgery; Dennis, Jayne Bednar's friend, who is entering hospice after a battle with cancer; Stephanie, friend of Jayne Bednar's daughter, who is battling cancer; Jackie, Deanna Posig's relative, recovering from back surgery; Cecilia, friend of Jill Lindberg, who is battling aggressive breast cancer; Merlin, JoAnn Voegeli's brother, recovering after a fall; Eric and family, grieving the loss of spouse from cancer (Kathy Imp); Nick, with advanced cancer (Carol Fehr); Mary, Sandy Young's sister; Jerry, Bruce Crueger's brother; Karen, Sandy Ringwall's sister; Doug Hamilton (spouse of Lori Hamilton); Bob (friend of Bob & Connie Yersin); Joy Braun (friend of Sue Clark); Amy & Family (friends of Kathy Wakefield)

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 the People

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

You are the shepherd who gathers us in your mighty and loving arms. Help your church to listen for your voice, especially when the voices of sin, idolatry, and oppression threaten to overpower us. Receive our prayers, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

The green pastures, still waters, and dark valleys of this earth all belong to you, O Lord. Sustain your creation with a love that is both mighty and just. Where there is destruction, bring healing. Where there is desolation, bring abundance.

Receive our prayers, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You proclaim shepherding love, comfort, and protection for all people and all of creation. Direct leaders in our own time to learn from your example and instruction. Give them hearts that generously seek the good of all. Receive our prayers, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We continue to pray for strength for:

Joani Bettin;
Betty Wing;
Kathy Imp;
Marylee Dye;
Ruth & Bob Bauer;
Pat Koch;
Wally Stasiewski;
Mary Anne Markiewicz;
Eric (Crystal's brother)

We keep in our prayers:

Lindsay, deployed to Qatar (granddaughter of Sandy Ringwall);
The Lindahl/Lazaris Family;
JoAnn Voegeli
Dawn (friend of Sandy and Bob Young);
Pat (cousin of Donna Babilus);
Scott and Debbie (family of Margaret Duris);
Keith (Sandy Eigner's brother-in-law);
Susan (Darlene Witkowiak's daughter);
Jeremy (Tom Nowakowski's nephew);
Caroline (Jill Lindberg's daughter);
Shelby and the family of Taylor Daniels (friends of Crystal Januchowski)



You journey with us wherever our paths may lead. We pray for those feeling overwhelmed by anxiety or depression or suffering in any way. We name them before you now aloud and in the silence of our hearts.

Receive our prayers, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You are the sheepgate that gives safety to your beloved flocks. Provide protection for refugees, victims of domestic violence, those who are imprisoned, victims of reckless driving, and all people who are vulnerable to violence and mistreatment.

Receive our prayers, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You call your sheep by name and lead them through the valley of death. We give you thanks for those who have died and now dwell in your house forever, especially Danny Lahmayer and Larry Markiewicz. Be with those who mourn, and give them hope in the promise of resurrection.

Receive our prayers, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen**

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Please share signs of peace with those in your vicinity.

Today we give our tithes and offerings by bringing them forth as we come to receive Communion.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

You are invited to stand in body or spirit.

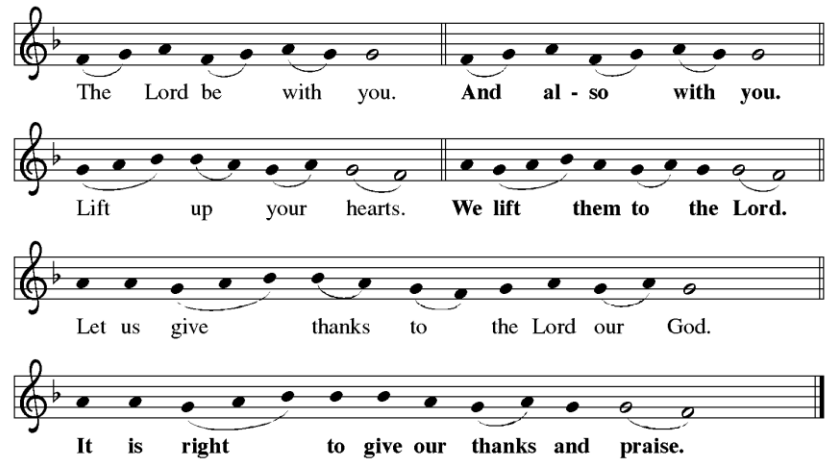
The Communion Elements are brought forward by the ushers.

Preparation Prayer

Let us pray. **Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One.**

In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen

Communion Dialogue



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.

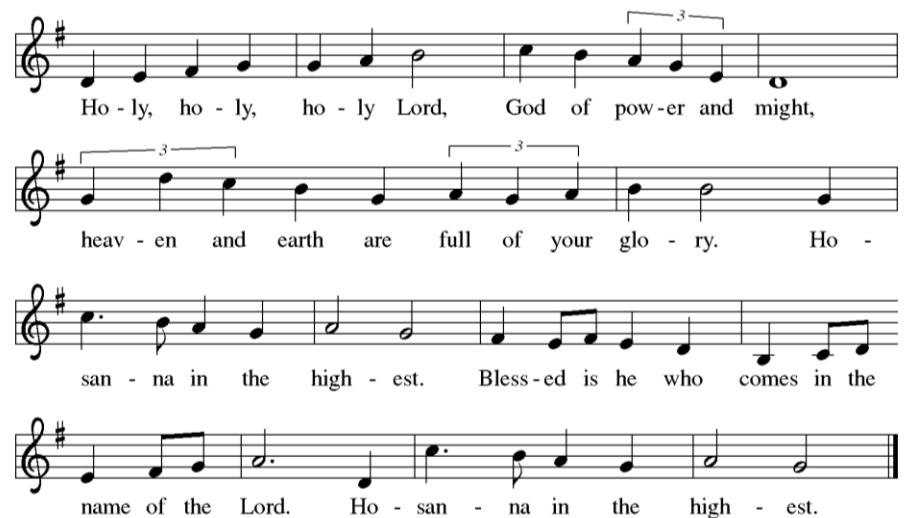
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ: The true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus: *Holy, Holy, Holy* ELW #189



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,

heav - en 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.

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Eucharistic Prayer

Holy, living, and loving God:

Praise to you, O God, for your Word of life:

Creating a wondrous universe, *Ps. 92:5*

Proclaiming freedom from captivity, *Exod. 5:1*

Becoming the song of your people. *Ps. 118:4*

We praise you, O God, for your Creative Word.

Your Word is made flesh among us:

with Mary in the garden, you call us by name. *John 20:16*

With Thomas beholding your wounds,
you call us to believe. *John 20:17*

With sheep of others folds,
we are gathered by your voice. *John 10:16*

Your Word names our death and our life: *John 5:24*

a seed that falls into the earth and dies, *John 12:24*

rain and snow that come down from heaven
to water the earth, *Isa. 55:10*

a vine in which we abide. *John 15:5*

Through your Word, you appoint us to bear fruit,
fruit that will last. *John 15:16*

We bless you, O God, for your Redeeming Word, Jesus.

Who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with
a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

Words of Institution

Remembering and Invocation

Together, awaiting your promised life for all this dying world, we
proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

By your living Word,
we are witnesses of these things. *Luke 24:48*

Breathe into us your Holy Spirit. *John 20:22*

Open our minds to understand the scriptures. *Luke 24:45*

We come forward to share in Holy Communion today. You may choose to receive a wafer and a poured cup of wine or juice or a pre-sealed packet containing both a wafer and juice.

Gluten-free wafers available by indicating your need to the server.

Consecrated Goldfish crackers are available for children.

All are welcome to come forth and receive a blessing.

Please place used cups in the baskets on the end of the front pews.



Lamb of God (ELW #195)

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.

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Communion

Distribution Hymn: *Beautiful Savior* ELW #838

Post-Communion Blessing

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray. **Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. Amen**

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Thanksgiving for The Word

Let us pray. Risen Christ, Living Word, you are the bread of life that nourishes and sustains us. By the power of your Word, dwell in our hearts and reveal to us again that we are the body of Christ: in our vulnerable flesh, though our baptism into your death and resurrection, and in service to the world you love. Be for us manna in the wilderness. **Open us to recognize you in every meal and in all who hunger for bread, for human touch, and for healing and hope. We pray in your name, our healer and companion. Amen**

Today's Lay Leaders

Lector: Jeanette
Nowakowski

Ushers: George & Gloria
Becker

Communion Assistant:
Sandy Ringwall

Altar Guild: Deanna Posig

**Music & Worship
Coordinator:**
Barb Regent

**Benediction**

The God of all, who raised † Jesus from the dead,
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new
creation. **Amen**

Sending Hymn: *Give to Our God Immortal Praise!*
ELW #848

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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