



# SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Morning Worship

April 27, 2025

9:00 a.m.

**The Second Sunday of Easter**

## **Prelude**

(please rise in body or spirit)

### **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

In the name of ☩ the One  
who was, who is, and who is to come.

**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,  
and called to live the baptized life,  
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God,  
we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that make a people your own,  
that restore to wholeness,  
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.  
Baptized into you, O Living One,  
**make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that strengthen believers  
and give new life to beloved servants of your church;  
waters that extend your boundless love  
and cross barriers of our own making.  
Baptized into you, O Living One,  
**make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that open the hearts of believers  
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;  
waters that set your people on a new path,  
rejoicing in the Spirit's power.  
Baptized into you, O Living One,  
**make us one as you are one.**

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,  
that our every day is shaped by these waters  
that give us our very lives in you.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen  
One.  
**Amen.**

He is Risen!

**He is Risen indeed! Alleluia**

## **Opening Hymn**

*That Easter Day with Joy was Bright*

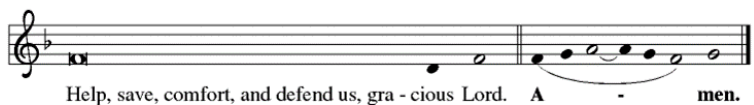
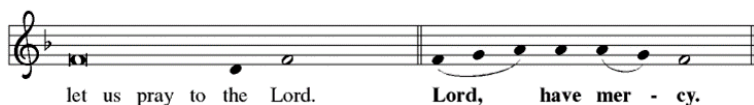
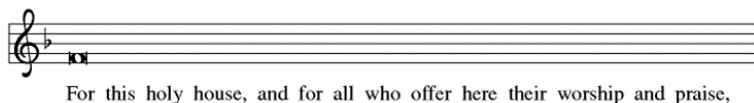
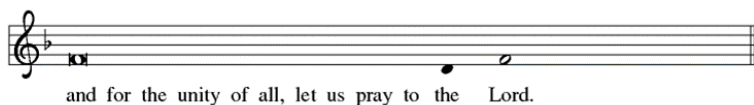
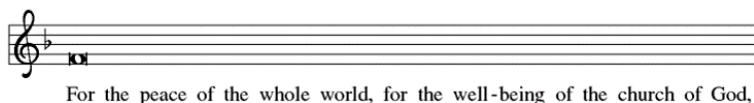
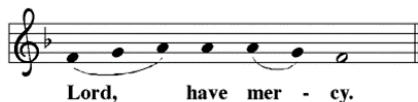
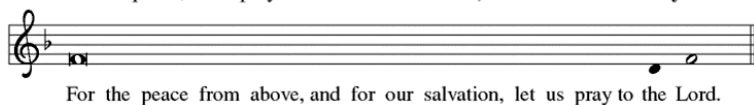
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## **Greeting**

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.**

# Kyrie



## Hymn Of Praise

*The Day of Resurrection*

*ELW 361*

## Prayer Of The Day

O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Community Moment

(you may be seated)

## Reading

*Reader:* The Reading today is from Acts 5:27-32

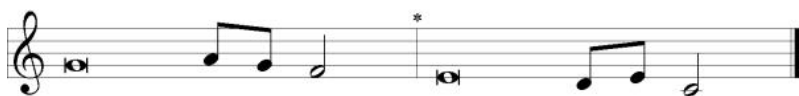
When [the temple police] had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

*Reader:* Word of God, word of life.

*Congregation:* **Thanks be to God!**

## Psalm

The Psalm today is Psalm 150



Hallelujah! Praise God in the | holy temple;  
praise God in the | mighty firmament.

**Praise God for | mighty acts;  
praise God for ex- | ceeding greatness.**

Praise God with | trumpet sound;  
praise God with | lyre and harp.

**Praise God with tambou- | rine and dance;  
praise God with | strings and pipe.**

Praise God with re- | sounding cymbals;  
praise God with loud | clanging cymbals.

**Let everything | that has breath  
praise the Lord. | Hallelujah!**

Reader: Word of God, word of life.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

(please rise in body or spirit)

## Gospel Acclamation

*The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done*      *ELW 366*  
v. 1 only

## Gospel: John 20:19-31

*Preacher:* The Gospel according to  
John the 20th chapter.

*Congregation:* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the [Jewish leaders], Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw

the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Preacher: The Gospel of the Lord.

*Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.*

(you may be seated)

## **The Message**

Pastor Ryan Mackey

(please rise in body or spirit)

## **Hymn Of The Day**

*We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight*

WOV 675

## The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and 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, and 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; 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.

## The Prayers

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

Inspire the church with the breath of your Holy Spirit, that we sing the good news of the resurrection. Inspire deacons and pastors, lay leaders and bishops to boldly proclaim your love for all people. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Preserve the earth as a safe home for all creatures. Restore habitats contaminated by pollution or overuse, strengthen efforts to shape more sustainable communities, and make us mindful of the impacts of our daily lives on the well-being of creation. Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

Kindle in the nations a spirit of cooperation and mutual care. Raise up creative and courageous leaders committed to shaping just solutions to complex challenges in our local and global communities. Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

Embrace all who carry wounds, that they might know your compassion. Draw near to those with chronic pain or anxiety, and all for whom death is near. Comfort individuals and communities suffering in any way especially those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts (pase...). Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

Transform our fear into curiosity and love, especially across differences in race, religion, sexuality, gender identity, and economic situation. Unravel stereotypes that lead to discrimination, and destroy oppressive systems that marginalize vulnerable communities. Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

We remember the faithful departed from all times and places. Confident that you are the Alpha and Omega, we pray for your wisdom and guidance until our earthly pilgrimage is complete. Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.  
**Amen.**



## Sharing of the Peace

*Presiding Minister:*

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

*Congregation:* **And also with you.**

Greet one another: **"Peace be with you."**

(you may be seated)

## Offering

(please rise in body or spirit)

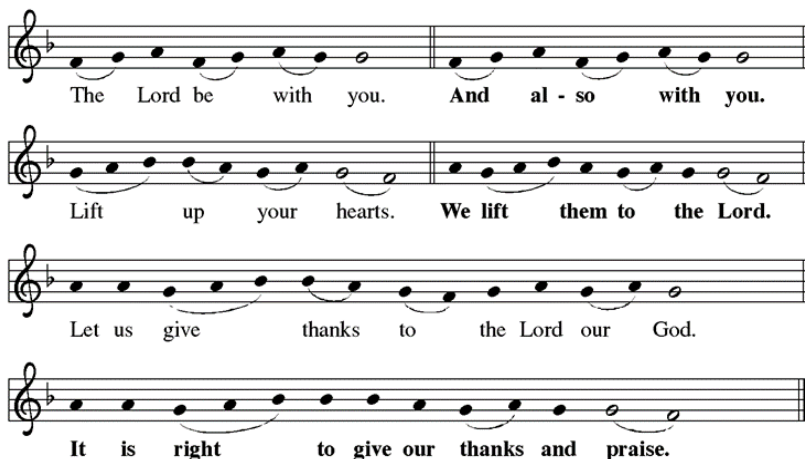
## Offering Prayer

*Assisting Minister:* Risen One,

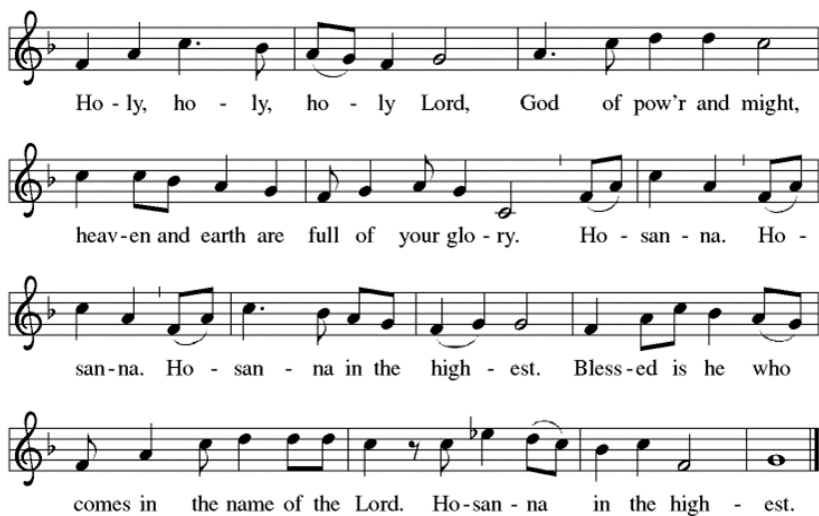
you have gathered us around your table of grace  
along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again,  
breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal,  
that we may live as your risen body in the world.

**Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving



*Presiding Minister:* It is indeed right, our duty  
and our joy, that we should at all times and in  
all places give thanks and praise.....we praise  
your name and join their unending hymn:



## Words Of Institution

### The 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.

(you may be seated)

### Invitation to Communion

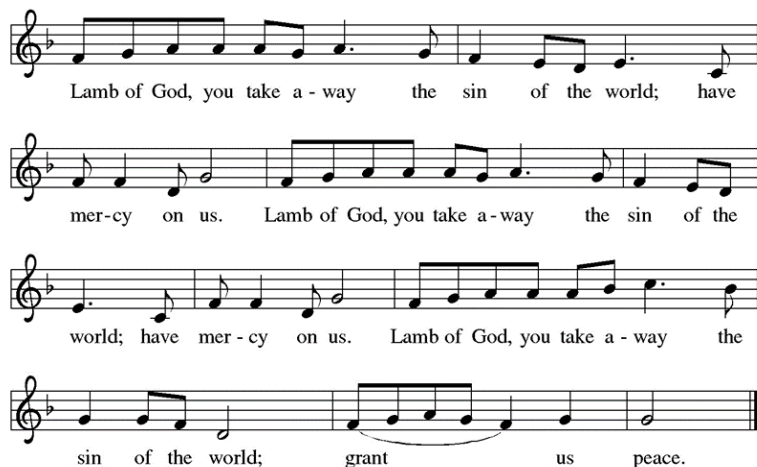
Come to the table of grace.  
Receive the gift of new life.

## Communion Distribution

### Distribution Music

"Lamb of God"

(ELW p. 146)



*Now the Green Blade Rises* ELW 379

*I Come with Joy* ELW 482

(please rise in body or spirit)

### Post-Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ,  
strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

**Amen.**

### Prayer

*Assisting Minister:* Living One,  
in this feast you have made yourself known to us.  
Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your  
glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and  
weary world.

**Amen.**

### Benediction

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The triune God,  
who was, who is, and who is to come,  
Creator, ☩ Savior, and Spirit,  
light your way with resurrection dawn,  
now and always.

**Amen.**

## **Sending Hymn**

*This Joyful Eastertide*

*ELW 391*

## **Dismissal**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace.

In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## **Postlude**