



SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Morning Worship

May 11, 2025

9:00 a.m.

The Fourth 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


Holy God, We Praise Your Name ELW 414

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



The Kyrie section consists of three staves of musical notation. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody starts on a whole note, followed by a half note, and then a quarter note. The lyrics "In peace, let us pray to the Lord." are written below the first staff. The second staff continues the melody with a half note, a quarter note, and a half note. The lyrics "Lord, have mer - cy." are written below the second staff. The third staff continues the melody with a half note, a quarter note, and a half note. The lyrics "Lord, have mer - cy." are written below the third staff.

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

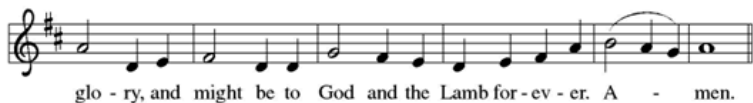
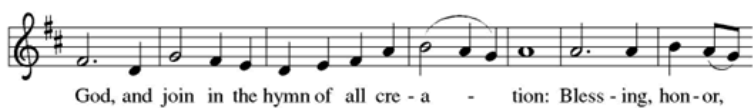
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

Hymn Of Praise

(Setting 3 ELW p.140-141)

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. I Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



Prayer Of The Day

O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through 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 Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” I said to him, “Sir, you are the one who knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter
them.

They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their
shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water
of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their
eyes.”

Reader: Word of God, word of life.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm

The Psalm today is Psalm 23

Shepherd Me Oh God

ELW 780

Choir Sings Refrain

(please rise in body or spirit)

Gospel: John 10:22-30

Preacher: The Gospel according to

John the 10th chapter.

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

At that time the Festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.”

Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me, but you do not believe because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, in regard to what he has given me, is greater

than all, and no one can snatch them out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

Preacher: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

(you may be seated)

The Message

Pastor Mark Boster

(please rise in body or spirit)

Hymn Of The Day

Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us

ELW 789

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 of the Church

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.

You guide your people to the waters of life. Make your church a nourishing place for all who are thirsty for hope and healing. Renew us in the waters of baptism, and send us forth as signs of your love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You tend to the earth, sustaining life in all places. Revive fragile ecosystems and restore species in danger of extinction. Teach us new ways of living in balance and harmony with our non-human neighbors.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You lead all peoples along right pathways. Grant wisdom and compassion to judges, lawyers, mediators, and legal advocates. Dismantle systems of mass incarceration, empower processes of restorative justice, and encourage all who strive for healing in our communities. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You wipe the tears from every eye. Tend to all who struggle with anxiety or depression, loneliness, or despair. Enfold all who are in any need in your shepherding care especially those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts (*pause...*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

This Mother's Day, bless mothers, grandmothers, and all who offer mothering care. Come close to those whose relationships with their families are difficult, and console all who grieve the loss of mother figures or the loss of children. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You are the source of everlasting life. In deep gratitude for all your saints, we rejoice in the joy and hope of the resurrection made known to us in Jesus, your beloved child. 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.

New Member Welcome

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 The King of Lord My Shepherd Is

arr. Mack Wilbert

Adult Choir with Flutes Jan Spees and Ann Kiviko

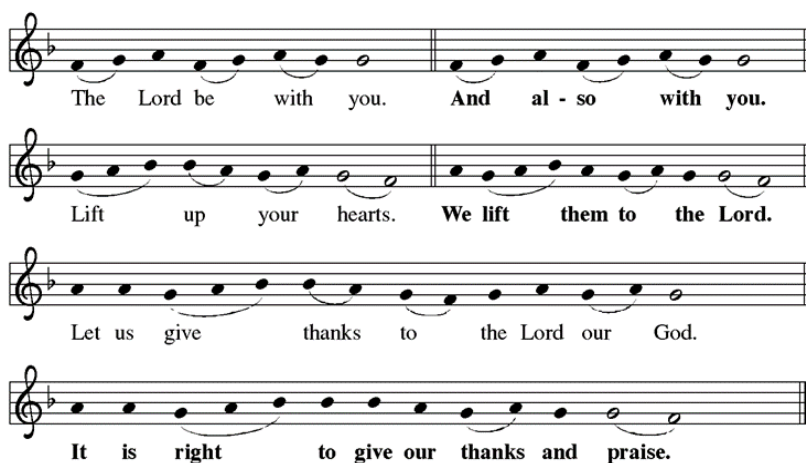
(please rise in body or spirit)

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)

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.

My Shepherd, You Supply My Need
The Lord's My Shepherd

ELW 782
ELW 778

(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

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

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