



SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Morning Worship
April 12, 2026
9:00 a.m.

Second Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Thanksgiving for Baptism (PJ)

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

Amen.

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God, you are the one who was,
who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still
waters. We thank you for the waters of creation:
morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us
Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness
who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and
resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and
sorrow. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup
overflows. Break down barriers that divide us.
Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.
Amen.

(please rise in body or spirit)

Opening Hymn *Now the Green Blade Rises* ELW 379

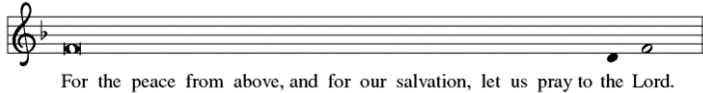
Greeting (PR)

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 (PR) (ELW p. 138)



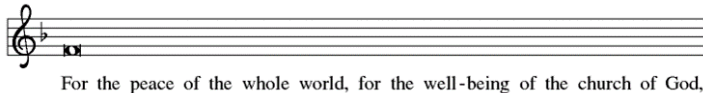
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



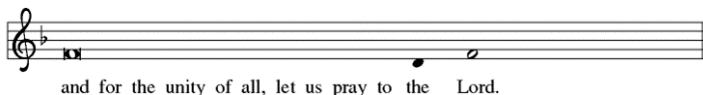
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



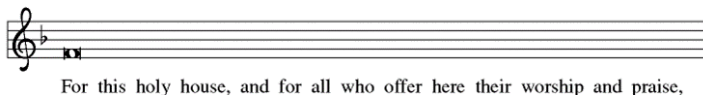
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



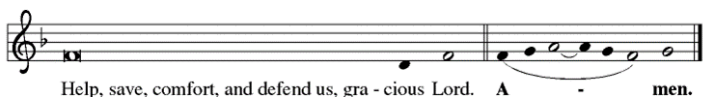
Lord, have mer - cy.



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

(ELW p. 140)

Refrain



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb




who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and



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


Refrain




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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

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

Prayer Of The Day (PR)

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(you may be seated)

Reading

Reader: The Reading today is from 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in

praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Reader: Word of God, word of life.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm

The Psalm today is from Psalm 16



Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the LORD,

“You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

**All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**

But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.

**I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,
never take their names upon my lips.**

O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who hold my lot.

**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night after night.

**I have set the LORD always before me;
because God is at my right hand,
I shall not be shaken.**

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.

**For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the pit.**

You will show me the | path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your
right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

(please rise in body or spirit)

Gospel Acclamation

(ELW p. 142)

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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 were locked where the disciples were, for fear of Jewish authorities, 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 that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue 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 Mark Boster

(please rise in body or spirit)

Hymn of the Day

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight WOV 675

The Nicene Creed (PR)

Prayers of the Church (PA)

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

Almighty God, you give life to the dead and call into existence things that do not exist. Breathe your Spirit upon us, that our faith may be renewed day by day. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Maker of heaven and earth, your mercies are new every morning. Open us to the wonders of creation, from the beauty of flowers to the complexity of subatomic particles. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God of peace, in every place where conflict rages, sow seeds of calm and openness to reconciliation. Strengthen the resolve of leaders and citizens to work for peace in their nations. Merciful God,
receive our prayer

Healing God, come alongside all who are doubting, fearful, or suffering in any way especially those we name aloud or in the quietness of our hearts (*pause...*). Reveal to them your presence and assure them of the inheritance you have prepared for them. Merciful God,
receive our prayer

Giver of joy, let this assembly be a place of genuine love and mutual affection. Deepen our care for one another and help us to embody your forgiving and sacrificial love. Merciful God,
receive our prayer

Eternal One, we give thanks for saints who were faithful unto death and have joined the church triumphant. Inspire us by their witness and bring us with them into your glorious presence. Merciful God,
receive our prayer

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.
Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ (PR)

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 (PR)

(please rise in body or spirit)

Offering Prayer (PA)

Assisting Minister: Let us pray together. **Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving (PR)

(ELW p. 144)

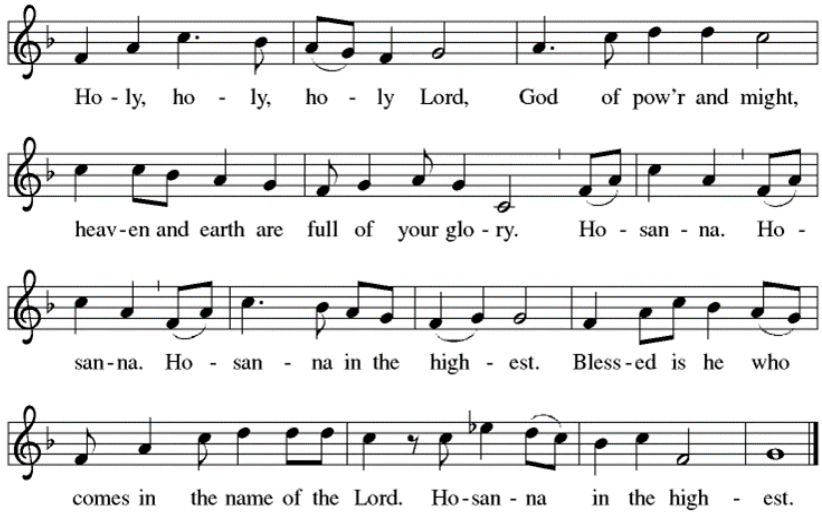
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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.

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. 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 (PR)

The Lord's Prayer (PR)

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 (PR)

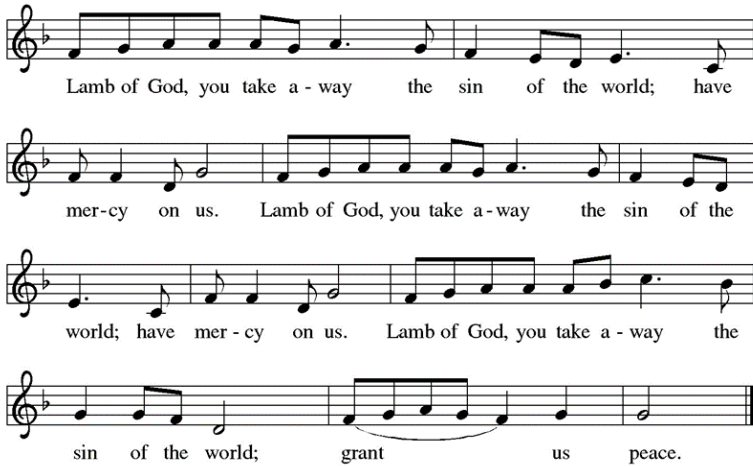
Come to the table of new life.
 Receive the risen Lord.

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.

Awake, My Heart with Gladness ELW 391

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright ELW 384

(please rise in body or spirit)

Post-Communion Blessing (PR)

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

Amen.

Prayer (PJ)

Assisting Minister: Let us pray together. **Holy One,**
through this meal you have made your home
among us and are making all things new. Send us
now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our
enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations.
In the name of Jesus,
Amen.

Benediction (PJ)

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,
‡ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Hymn

Hallelujah! Jesus Lives! ELW 380

Dismissal (PJ)

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude