

# Sunday Morning Worship April 21, 2024 9:00 a.m. Good Shepherd Sunday

**Prelude** Sheep May Safely Graze J.S. Bach Judy Hays, Piano and Miguel Rodriguez and Hannah Oyasu, Flutes

(please stand as you are able)

# Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity,  $\oplus$  one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life. **Amen.** 

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew. Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

#### Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever. **Amen.** 

He is risen He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

# **Opening Hymn**

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing ELW 362

## 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 peace, let us pray to the Lord. In Lord, have mer cy. -O 0 For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer cy. -O For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, 0 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, 0 O 0 Lord, let us pray to the Lord. have mer cy. 0 Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. men. A

# Hymn Of Praise





# **Prayer Of The Day**

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

# (please be seated) Community Moment

# Reading

Reader: The Reading today is from 1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord! Congregation: **Thanks be to God!** 

#### Psalm Shepherd Me, O God ELW 780

(please stand as you are able)

**Gospel Acclamation** 





# Gospel: John 10:11-18

Preacher: The Gospel according to John the 10th chapter. Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

Preacher: The Gospel of the Lord. Congregation: **Praise to you, O Christ.** 

(please be seated)

The Message

Pastor Ryan Mackey

## Hymn Of The Day

The Lord's My Shepherd ELW 778

# The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

# The Prayers

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

Shepherding God, gather your church whenever we wander from you and one another. Empower our church in ministries around the world to worship and serve alongside global companions as equal partners and coworkers in the gospel. God of grace, **hear our prayer.** 

Nurturing God, preserve the health of biomes and ecosystems. Inspire scientists, researchers, conservation organizations, and all people entrusted with the task of caring for creation, that we may be better stewards of the world around us. God of grace,

#### hear our prayer.

Almighty God, lead nations and communities to share resources, cooperate in solving conflicts, and listen to the wisdom of Indigenous peoples. Help all those with power to share it and to use such power for good. God of grace,

#### hear our prayer.

Loving God, protect the very young and the very old, those living without housing, victims of domestic abuse, all who live with chronic illness or compromised immune systems, and all for whom we now pray aloud or in the silence of hearts...(pause). Guide communities to actively care for people who are vulnerable. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**  Gracious God, help this and all communities of faith to listen for your voice. Call us away from things that distract us from following you. Invite us to more deeply love and serve people who are lonely, isolated, and on the margins. God of grace,

#### hear our prayer.

Living God, we give thanks for our ancestors in faith, especially those who labored to help generations understand the good news of the gospel. Strengthen us to share the good news in our own day. God of grace, hear our prayer.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.** 

# **Passing 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."** 

# Offering

The King of Love My Shepherd Is arr. Mack Wilberg Adult Choir with Flutes

# **Offering Prayer**

Assisting Minister: 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. **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.

#### Invitation to Communion

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

### **Communion Distribution**

### **Distribution Music**

Lamb of God (ELW p. 146) Lamb of God, you take a - way sin of the world; the have mer-cy Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the on us. world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the of the world; sin grant us peace.

In the SingingELW 466I Am the Bread of LifeELW 485

## 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: 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. **Amen.** 

# Benediction

#### Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always. **Amen.** 

# Sending Hymn

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us ELW 789

# Dismissal

Assisting Minister:

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. Congregation: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

# Postlude