



# SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Morning Worship

April 20, 2025

9:00 a.m.

**Resurrection of Our Lord**

## **Prelude**

*"Easter Light" A Trinitarian Praise* arr. Jeffrey Honore  
Adult Handbell Choir

## **Easter Proclamation**

St. Paul writes, "The last enemy to be destroyed is death." Today Christ is risen, and we gather together with astonishment and joy. Christ is risen, and we have been set free from the bonds of death. Christ is risen, and we are forgiven. Christ is risen, and with the women at the tomb and Peter, we are amazed. Let us rejoice:  
**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## **Call to Worship**

*Come See the Risen King* arr. Anna Laura Page  
Adult Choir and Handbells with Jan Spees, flute

(please stand as you are able)

## **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**

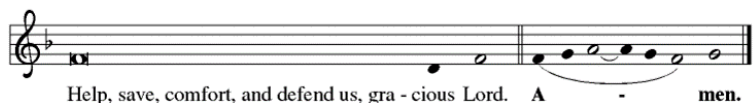
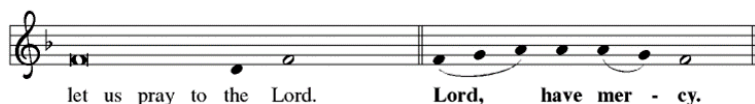
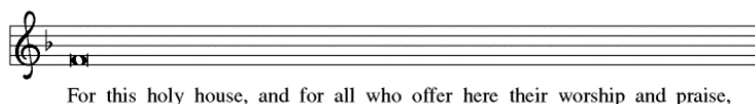
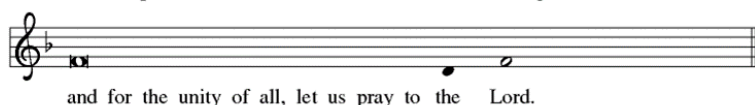
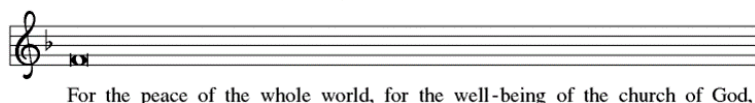
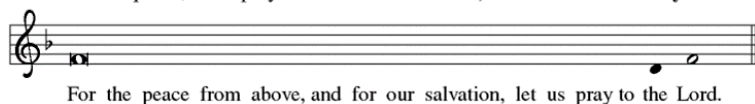
## Opening Hymn

*Jesus Christ is Risen Today* ELW 365

## 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

*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

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Community Moment

(please be seated)

## Reading

*Reader:* The Reading today is from Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all.

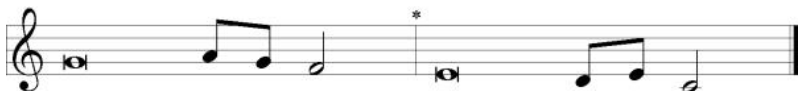
That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Reader: Word of God, word of life.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

## Psalm

The Psalm today is from Psalm 118



Give thanks to the LORD, for the | LORD is good;  
God's mercy en- | dures forever.

**Let Israel | now declare,**  
**“God's mercy en- | dures forever.”**

The LORD is my strength | and my song,  
and has become | my salvation.

**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo**  
**in the tents | of the righteous:**  
**“The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!**

The right hand of the LORD | is exalted!

The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!”

**I shall not | die, but live,**

**and declare the works | of the LORD.**

The LORD indeed pun- | ished me sorely,

but did not hand me o- | ver to death.

**Open for me the | gates of righteousness;**

**I will enter them and give thanks | to the LORD.**

“This is the gate | of the LORD;

here the righ- | teous may enter.”

**I give thanks to you, for you have | answered me**

**and you have become | my salvation.**

The stone that the build | ers rejected

has become the chief | cornerstone.

**By the LORD has | this been done;**

**it is marvelous | in our eyes.**

This is the day that the | LORD has made;

let us rejoice and be | glad in it.

Reader: Word of God, word of life.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

(please stand as you are able)

## **Gospel Acclamation**

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

Adult Choir with Handbells

## **Gospel: Luke 24:1-12**

*Preacher:* The Gospel according to

Luke the 24th chapter.

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

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared.

They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Preacher: The Gospel of the Lord.

*Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.*

(please be seated)

## **The Message**

Pastor Ryan Mackey

## **Hymn Of The Day**

*Thine Is the Glory* ELW 376

## **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 of God, Light of 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.*

Kindle new life in your church. Encourage all who seek creative ways to share the good news of Christ's resurrection. Bless mission developers and new ministries, that their work plant seeds that flourish.

God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Nourish new life in all of creation. Shower forests and grasslands, deserts, and mountains with life-giving rains. Grant us delight in your glory that shows forth in all that grows this season. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Empower new life among the nations. As you raised Jesus from the dead, bring new hope for peace and reconciliation in places of war and strife. Raise up leaders who are steadfast in their commitment to justice and transformation. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Bring new hope among all who are in need, especially neighbors without homes or food, and those whose housing or food supply is at risk. Bring healing to all who are fearful, ill, or grieving especially those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts (*pause...*).  
God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Awaken new life in this place. Open our hearts to ways you are calling us to be at work in the world and our community. Give us courage to boldly share your love for all people beyond our walls. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Trusting in the promises of the resurrection, we remember with thanksgiving our beloved dead. Sustain us with a living hope until we are reunited with them and all the saints at the heavenly banquet. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

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.**

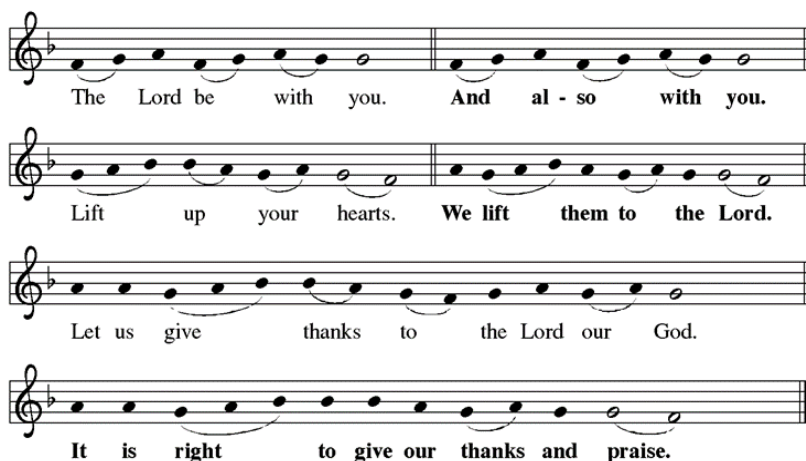
Greet one another: **“Peace be with you.”**

**Offering**     *Christ Is Risen, Alleluia!*     arr. Jay Althouse  
Adult Choir with Dan Spees, trumpet

## 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



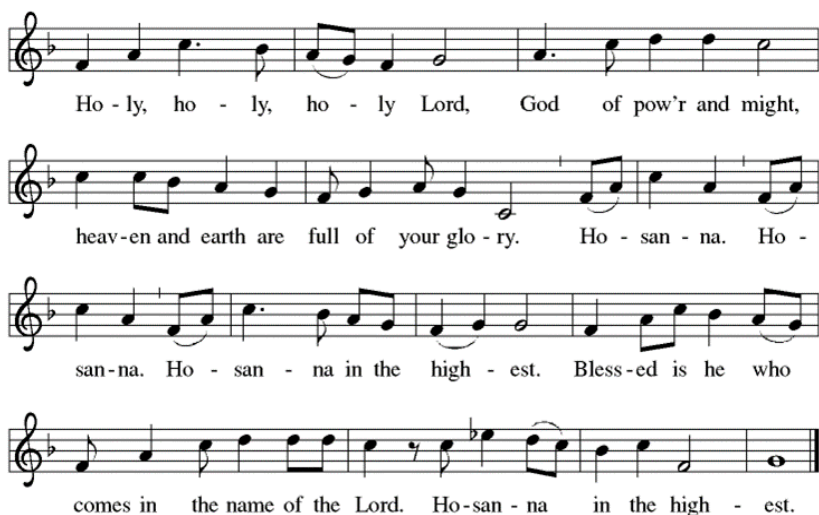
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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:



## 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

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.

*Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds* ELW 367

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* ELW 288

## 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**

*I Know that My Redeemer Lives!* ELW 619 vv. 1-3, 7-8

## **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**