



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 25, 2021

Holy Communion

11:00 a.m.

The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love.

✚ GATHERING ✚

*The Holy Spirit
gathers us in unity
on the first day of
the week
(Isaiah 48:14
John 4:23-24
Acts 20:7)*

*We worship on the
first day of the
week because our
Savior was raised
on that day. Every
Sunday celebrates
the Lord's
Resurrection.*

PRELUDE

Fantaisie

Marcel Grandjany
Kaitlyn Leitherer, harp

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ, **for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.**

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life.

To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

ELW 369

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!”

Llanfair

Those gathered for in-person worship are kindly asked to refrain from singing.



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris - tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: attr. Wipo of Burgundy, d. c. 1050; tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1807–1882, alt.
Music: LLANFAIR, Robert Williams, 1781–1821

APOSTOLIC GREETING

(2 Corinthians
13:13-14)

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.**

This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
 sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has
 sprung to life this mor - row. Had Christ, who once was
 slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our faith had been in
 vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -
 ris - en; but now has Christ a - ris - en!

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848–1934

Music: VRÛECHTEN, Dutch folk tune, 17th cent.

*This prayer
 “collects”
 the theme of
 the day.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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.**

✠ THE WORD OF GOD ✠

*This reading
bears witness to
the early church.*

Sit

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 4:5-12

The reading is from the 4th chapter of Acts.

The next day the rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.’

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*We acclaim the
living Word,
Jesus Christ,
present in the
gospel reading.*

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Online congregation to sing the refrain and choir to sing the verse.

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Verse: *Jesus says, I am the good shepherd.*

I know my own and my own know me. Refrain

*Appointed
reading of God's
Word from the
four Gospels
(Matthew, Mark,
Luke, John)*

HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:11-18

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10th chapter.

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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit
CHILDREN’S TIME

SERMON

Pastor Patrick Ballard

Stand
APOSTLES’ CREED

With the whole Christian church on earth, we recall the Creed spoken on the day of our baptism that continues to shape our faith:

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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

After each portion of the prayers:

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

The prayers conclude:

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

EXCHANGE OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

*“Viva Vox,” the
Living Word of God
interpreted
(Romans 10:14-17)*

*Ancient church
councils adopted
the summary of the
church’s faith in the
Nicene, Apostles’
and Athanasian
Creeds*

*We pray for
ourselves and
particularly on
behalf of others.
(1 Timothy 2:1-2;
1 Thessalonians
5:17; Acts 2:42)*

*Extending God’s
word of peace
to others
(Romans 16:16;
Matthew 5:23-24)*

Sit
ANTHEM

The Lord Is My Shepherd
Thomas Matthews

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

- Psalm 23

✠ **THE EUCHARISTIC MEAL** ✠

*Before the Lord's
supper is shared,
the presiding
minister leads us
into thanksgiving.
(Psalm 15:1)*

Stand
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also 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 God thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

*The Sanctus is the
hymn of praise
that never ceases
before God.
(Isaiah 6:3)*

In the night...

Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Jesus teaches his disciples to pray.

(Luke 11:2-4; Matthew 6:9-13)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

Sit

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, **you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, **you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, **you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace. Amen.**

*As John the Baptist pointed to Jesus, he said these words.
(John 1:29)*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

ANTHEM

The King of Love My Shepherd Is
John Ness Beck

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever. Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth and, where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth. In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me, thy rod and staff my comfort still; thy cross before to guide me. And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never. Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever. Amen.

- Henry W. Baker

Stand

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Remembering
and thanking
(Luke 2:29-32;
Psalm 118:1)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

✠ SENDING ✠

BENEDICTION

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life,
Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

ELW 789

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Bradbury

*Those gathered for in-person worship are kindly asked to refrain from singing.
The choir will lead the first verse of the hymn.*



1 Sav-ior like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten-der care.
2 We are yours; in love be-friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;
3 Ear-ly let us seek your fa-vor, ear-ly let us do your will;



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your fold pre-pare.
keep your flock, from sin de-fend us, seek us when we go a-stray.
bless-ed Lord and on-ly Sav-ior, with your love our spir-its fill.



Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, hear us chil-dren when we pray.
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have loved us, love us still.

A personal
blessing from God
in the name of the
Triune God.
(Numbers 6:24-26)

On our way
rejoicing
(Colossians 3:16;
Philippians 4:4)



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.

Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779–1847
Music: BRADBURY, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

*Going forth to
bless the world
(Luke 7:50;
Romans 10:12-13)*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Sit

POSTLUDE

Toccata on Llanfair (ELW 369)

Please remain in your pew until dismissed by an usher after the postlude.

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Quartet

*Sarah Berger, soprano
Rebecca Berger, alto
Douglas Jones, tenor
Jim Williams, bass*

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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Preacher	Pastor Patrick Ballard
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Communion Assistant	Joe Rupert
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