

✝ FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ✝

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About Our Worship Service

Welcome in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Our message is as old as God's Word to mankind: Jesus Christ, crucified and risen to take away our sins. We gather for the Divine Service not merely for the sake of ritual or tradition. Nor do we come to worship primarily to give something back to God. Rather, we meet together to hear and receive what God has done for us. In Word and Sacrament, our gracious Lord gives those who believe in him forgiveness of sins, unity with him in new life, and the promise of eternal salvation in heaven! Through this same gospel he motivates and equips us to follow his holy will for our lives. We hope that you are comforted with the message of Jesus Christ's love for you as you worship today. Please join us again soon!

Visitors

Thank you for joining us for worship! Please read the following notes about our congregation. If you have any questions or need any assistance, please speak with the pastor.

Our Practice of Closed Communion

If you have not communed with us before, please read the notes printed later in this bulletin under the section titled "Our Holy Communion Practices."

Restrooms

Restrooms are located in the downstairs fellowship hall. A wheelchair accessible restroom is located at the front of the church, through the doors to the left of the chancel.

Guest Book

If you feel comfortable doing so, please sign our guest book located in the narthex so we can have a record of your visit.

Parent's Room

Parents with crying children are welcome to use the parent's room, located off the narthex.

Chair Lifts

Chair lifts are located off the northwest entrance for those who need to go to the fellowship hall on the lower level but have difficulty with stairs.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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Easter

Resurrection Reality

St. Paul writes, “Christ has *indeed* been raised from the dead” (1 Cor 15:20). Jesus’ resurrection is not legend; it really happened. Easter is not just a holiday; it is history. On time’s infinite line, Jesus’ resurrection is the punctiliar moment that defines reality for us all. If Christ remained dead, he is a fraud and failure. But Christ has *indeed* been raised, which means Jesus is exactly who he claimed to be – the Son of God, our Lord and Savior. If Christ remained dead, then the grave is the final, ugly, rotten end of us all. But Christ has *indeed* been raised, which means that “all those who believe in him “will be made alive” (1 Cor 15:22). In this glorious season of Easter, let us meditate upon the breath-taking implications of the resurrection reality.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

The Risen Savior Provides Good Shepherding

Scripture frequently pictures spiritual care in terms of a shepherd watching over sheep. Even folks unfamiliar with shepherding can grasp the meaning. Sheep are helpless animals – an easy meal for predators. For sheep to survive they needed a shepherd who not only leads them to sources of food, but who also is willing to tangle with a pack of wolves. Jesus is such a shepherd. He proved he is willing to lay down his life for his sheep.

The word “pastor” comes from the Latin word for “shepherd.” Today, there are plenty of people – pastors, religious leaders, etc. – who claim they can provide healing for your soul. Yet, Scripture warns that “many” of these are “false prophets” (1 John 4:1) who “twist the truth” (Acts 20:30). Many! But the resurrection reality is that our Good Shepherd is faithful. He will raise up true sub-shepherds who know Christ and proclaim the truth of his gospel.

The Service

Setting Four

Welcome to God's house in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Please enter the sanctuary quietly so you and others can prepare your hearts for God's worship service.

A personal prayer for before worship is printed on the first page of the blue hymnal.

The hymns are located in the middle to back portion of the blue hymnal.

The Preparation

Opening Hymn

551 "Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep"



1 Je - sus, shep - herd of the sheep, who your
2 In your prom - ise firm we stand, none can
3 By your blood our souls were bought, by your
4 Fa - ther, draw us to your Son; we with
5 We, in robes of glo - ry dressed, join th'as -



Fa - ther's flock does keep, safe we wake and
take us from your hand; speak— we hear— at
life sal - va - tion wrought; by your light our
joy will fol - low on till the work of
sem - bly of the blest, gath - ered to e -



safe we sleep, guard - ed still by you.
your com - mand, we will fol - low you.
feet are taught, Lord, to fol - low you.
grace is done, there to live with you.
ter - nal rest in the fold with you.

Invocation

(Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14)

Please stand

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession

(1 John 1:8-9; Luke 18:13)

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Absolution

(Matthew 16:19; John 20:21-23)

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy Kyrie

(Psalm 51:1; Mark 10:47; Luke 17:13)

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, gracious Lord.



A - men.

This Is the Feast (CW 938)

(Revelation 5:6-14; 11:15-17; 19:6-9)

*The hymn will be sung like so: **Refrain, Verse 1, Verse 2, Verse 5** (no refrain in between the verses), **Final Refrain***

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



2 Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, and



5 For the Lamb who was slain has be-



blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



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



gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia! *Final Refrain*

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!

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The Word

Salutation

(Ruth 2:4; 2 Timothy 4:22)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

(Matthew 7:7-11; Philippians 4:6)

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated

First Reading

Acts 20:28-32

The good shepherd asks his sub-shepherds to keep watch over the flock.

²⁸ “Always keep watch over yourselves and over the whole flock in which the Holy Spirit has placed you as overseers, to shepherd the church of God, which he purchased with his own blood. ²⁹ I know that after my departure savage wolves, who will not spare the flock, will come in among you. ³⁰ Even from your own group men will rise up, twisting the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. ³¹ Therefore be always on the alert! Remember that for three years, night and day, I never stopped warning each one of you with tears.

³² “And now I entrust you to God and to the word of his grace, which has power to build you up and to give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

The Word of the Lord.

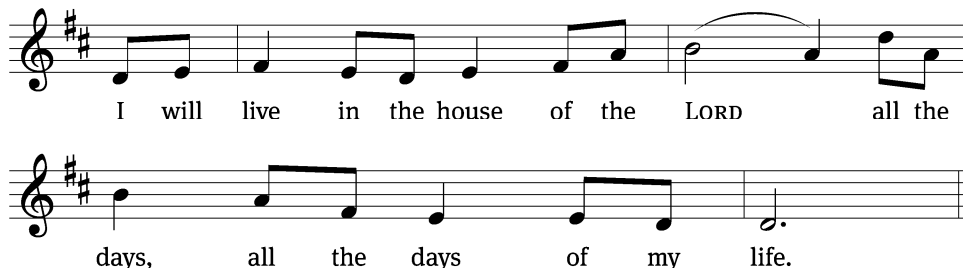
Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 23 A “I Will Live in the House of the LORD”

The entire congregation will sing together the whole Psalm

Refrain



Tone



The LORD is my / shepherd,
I lack / nothing.
He makes me lie down in green / pastures,
he leads me beside quiet / waters,
he refreshes / my soul.
He guides me along the right paths for his / name's sake.
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no / evil,
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they / comfort me. *Refrain*

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my / enemies.
You anoint my head with oil; my cup / overflows.
Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days / of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for- / ever.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

Second Reading

1 John 4:1-6

St. John encourages us to test all those who claim to have a spiritual message. Not all such individuals have been sent by God.

4 Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see if they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit who confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³and every spirit who does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard is coming and is already in the world. ⁴You are from God, dear children, and you have overcome the false prophets, because the one in you is greater than the one in the world. ⁵They are from the world. That is why they speak from a worldly perspective and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God. The one who knows God listens to us, but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. That is how we can distinguish between the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as the Gospel Acclamation is introduced

Gospel Acclamation

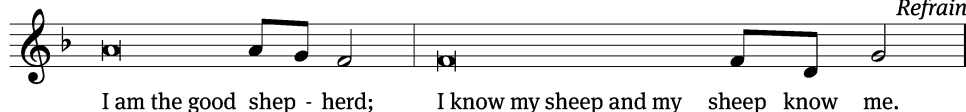
John 10:14



Refrain



Tone



Refrain

The minister processes to the nave floor for the Gospel, symbolizing Christ's presence among us in his Word

Gospel

John 10:11-18

Jesus explains why he is the Good Shepherd.

¹¹ “I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired man, who is not a shepherd, does not own the sheep. He sees the wolf coming, leaves the sheep, and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the sheep and scatters them. ¹³ Because he works for money, he does not care about the sheep.

¹⁴ “I am the Good Shepherd. I know my sheep and my sheep know me ¹⁵ (just as the Father knows me and I know the Father). And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I also have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. Then there will be one flock and one shepherd. ¹⁷ This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life so that I may take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have the authority to lay it down, and I have the authority to take it up again. This is the commission I received from my Father.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

Hymn of the Day

552 “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with



good - ness fails me nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
Sav - ior gent - ly leads me, and where the ver - dant
yet in love he sought me and on his shoul - der
you, dear Lord, be - side me, your rod and staff my



I am his, and he is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feeds me.
gent - ly laid and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
com - fort still, your cross be - fore to guide me.

5 You spread a table in my sight,
a banquet here bestowing;
your oil of welcome, my delight;
my cup is overflowing!

6 And so through all the length of days
your goodness fails me never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise
within your house forever!

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Easter Acclamation

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Nicene Creed Credo

(Romans 10:9-10; Philippians 2:10-11)

Please stand

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
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,
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 and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian 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.**

Please be seated

O Lord, Our Lord (CW 939)

(Psalm 8:1; 103:2-4; John 1:1,14,18; Romans 8:32)

Refrain



O Lord, our Lord, how glo-rious is your name in all the earth.



Al-might-y God, mer-ci-ful Fa - ther, you crown our life



with your love. You take a-way our sin; you com-fort our spir-it;



you make us pure and ho-ly in your sight. You did not spare your



on - ly Son, but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,



how glo-rious is your name in all the earth. O Son of



God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther, you came to live with us;



you made your Fa - ther known; you washed us from our sins in



your own blood. You are the King of glo-ry; you are the Lord!



Refrain

O Lord, our Lord, how glo-rious is your name in all the earth.

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Prayer of the Church

Good Shepherd Sunday

Let us pray.

Loving Shepherd of the sheep, fill us with contentment and confidence during this season as we celebrate your Easter victory. You laid down your life for the sheep and then rose again to assure us that you give us eternal life.

Good Shepherd, save us.

Strengthen our faith to follow where you lead, to the green pastures of your Word, the quiet waters of our baptism, and the gracious table of your body and blood where our cup overflows with your forgiving love. Guide us to find in you the gate that leads to safety and good pastures.

Good Shepherd, lead us.

Guard and protect us from those who want to lead us astray and snatch us out of your hand. Give us courage to fight against the devil and wisdom to recognize false teachers. Lead us to honor and follow those you have called to shepherd your flock, the Church.

Good Shepherd, guide us.

Let your rod and your staff comfort us and all your sheep in times of sickness and sadness and especially when we walk through the valley of the shadow of death. May we find in your redemption and your Father's resolve the unbreakable promise that we will dwell in your house forever.

Good Shepherd, console us.

Move us to reach out to sheep who are not yet a part of our sheep pen but whom you have claimed as your own. Give us your passion to search for the sheep who are lost and lead us to rejoice when they have been found.

Good Shepherd, inspire us.

Special prayers and intercessions

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

We thank you for all the blessings we have gained from your goodness: family and friends, wealth and health, work and leisure. Give us wisdom to long for and cherish your more precious gifts, your Word and sacraments, so that your goodness and love may follow us all the days of our life.

Good Shepherd, hear us. Amen.

Please stand

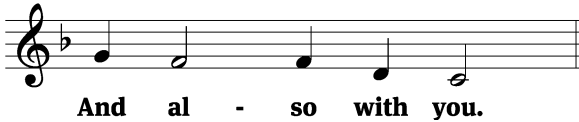
The Sacrament

Visitors, before approaching the altar, please read the notes printed later in this bulletin under the section titled "Our Holy Communion Practices"

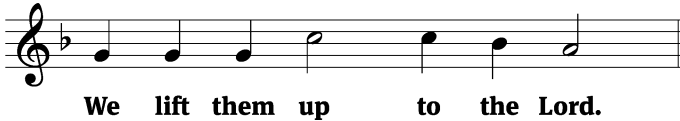
Prefaces

(2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 107:1)

The Lord be with you.



Lift up your hearts.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy *Sanctus*

(Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff is an instrumental introduction. The second staff begins the lyrics: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of might.' The third staff continues: 'Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -'. The fourth staff continues: 'na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who'. The fifth staff continues: 'comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -'. The sixth staff concludes with: 'na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!' and ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of might.

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est!

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

(John 1:3; Romans 8:32)

Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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

**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.**

Words of Institution *Verba*

(Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my ✠ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my ✠ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Peace of the Lord *Pax Domini*

(John 14:27; 20:19; 2 Thessalonians 3:16)

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God *Agnus Dei*

(John 1:29; Isaiah 53:4-7; 1 Peter 1:18-19)

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us your peace.

A - men. A - men.

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Please be seated

Our Holy Communion Practices

(Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 16:17; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; 11:27-29; Ephesians 4:4-6; 1 John 1:3; 2 John 9-11)

Visitors

Before approaching the altar to receive Holy Communion, please read the following notes:

The Holy Bible teaches the celebration of the Lord's Supper is an expression of unity in faith and teaching. To be "in communion" means to share and hold in common. By receiving Holy Communion, we are not only sharing Christ's true body and blood, but we are also confessing that we publicly hold in common the same teachings of God's Holy Word.

We therefore invite to Holy Communion only those Christians who share the same teachings to which we hold, all the while recognizing the true spiritual unity and fellowship of all believers in God's Holy Christian Church (i.e. the Communion of Saints). Confirmed members of Nain and confirmed visiting members of sister congregations in the WELS (Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod) and the ELS (Evangelical Lutheran Synod) are welcome to commune with us.

If you are a member of another Lutheran synod, another Christian denomination, or of another belief, we ask that you refrain from communing with us at this time. We do this out of love and in accordance with God's words through St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 11:27-29. The pastor would be happy to speak with you if you have interest in communing in the future or have any other questions or concerns about our practices. Thank you for your patience and understanding, and for respecting our beliefs.

Communicants

"Christian Questions," a guide for personal preparation before receiving Holy Communion is printed on pages 295-296 in the hymnal. Prayers for before and after communing are printed on the first page of the hymnal.

The usher will direct you to the front of the nave, where you will commune. When the pastor distributes the bread and body of Christ, he will say, "The body of Christ, given for you." When he distributes the wine and blood of Christ, he will say, "The blood of Christ, poured out for you." Before consuming the sacramental elements, you may respond to the pastor's words by saying, "Amen" (which is Hebrew for, "Truly," or "Yes, it is so") as a way to confess your belief that the body and blood of Jesus are truly present in the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of your sins.

Children and Non-Communicants

Children and other non-communicants are welcome to approach the altar to receive a blessing from the pastor. He will make the sign of the cross on the head of each and say, "The Lord bless you." Non-Communicant adults are asked to cross their arms over their chest to indicate that they do not intend to commune.

Distribution of Holy Communion

(1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 2:42)

As he distributes the elements, the minister says to the communicants:

The body of Christ, given for you.

Amen.

The blood of Christ, poured out for you.

Amen.

As he dismisses the communicants, the minister says:

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting. Go † in peace.

Amen.

Distribution Hymn

553 “The Lord’s My Shepherd”



1 The Lord's my shep - herd; I'll not want. He makes me
2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain and me to
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I
4 My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed in pres - ence
5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly



down to lie in pas - tures green; he lead - eth
walk doth make with - in the paths of right - eous -
fear no ill; for thou art with me, and thy
of my foes; my head thou dost with oil a -
fol - low me, and in God's house for - ev - er -



me the qui - et wa - ters by, He lead - eth
ness, e'en for his own name's sake; with - in the
rod and staff me com - fort still; for thou art
noint, and my cup o - ver - flows. My head thou
more my dwell - ing place shall be; and in God's



me, he lead-eth me the qui-et wa-ters by.
 paths of right-eous-ness, e'en for his own name's sake.
 with me, and thy rod and staff me com-fort still.
 dost with oil a-noint, and my cup o-ver-flows.
 house for-ev-er-more my dwell-ing place shall be.

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Distribution Hymn

756 “Shepherd of Tender Youth”



1 Shep-herd of ten-der youth, guid-ing in love and truth
 2 You are the ho-ly Lord, Christ, the in-car-nate Word,
 3 You are the great High Priest; you have pre-pared the feast
 4 O ev-er be our guide, our shep-herd and our pride,
 5 So now and till we die sound we your prais-es high



through de-vi-ous ways, Christ, our tri-um-phant King, we come your
 heal-er of strife. You did your-self a-base that from sin's
 of ho-ly love; and in our mor-tal pain none calls on
 our staff and song. Je-sus, O Christ of God, by your en-
 and joy-ful sing: in-fants and all the throng who to your



name to sing and here our chil-dren bring to join your praise.
 deep dis-grace you might thus save our race and give us life.
 you in vain; our plea do not dis-dain; help from a-bove.
 dur-ing Word lead us where you have trod; make our faith strong.
 Church be-long, u-nite to swell the song to Christ, our King!

Text: tr. Henry M. Dexter, 1821–1890, alt.; attr. Clement of Alexandria, c. 170–c. 220

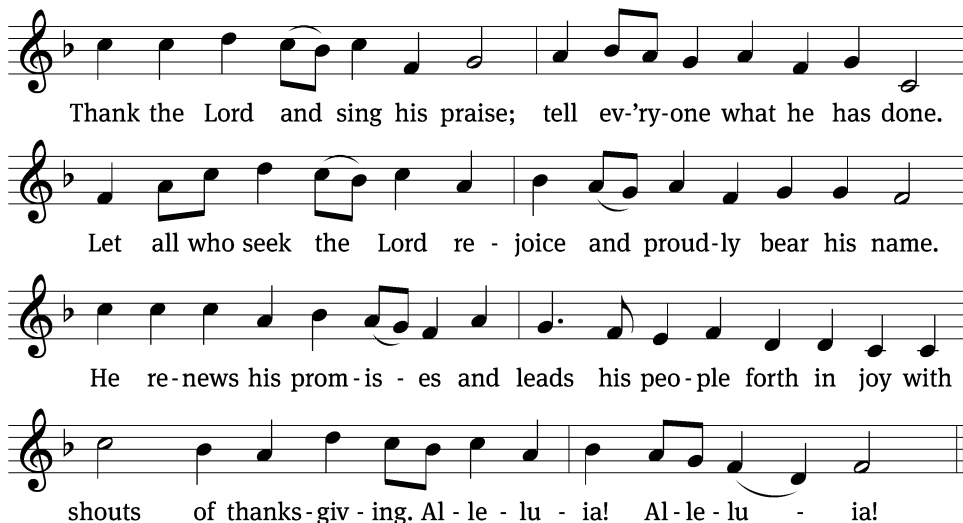
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Thank the Lord and Sing His Praise (CW 948)

(Psalm 105:1-5; Isaiah 55:12)

Please stand as the canticle is introduced



Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.

He re-news his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with

shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Thanksgiving

(Psalm 118:1)

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Proclamation

(1 Corinthians 11:26)

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Post-Communion Prayer

(Romans 15:1-2; 1 Thessalonians 3:12, 5:11)

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

(Numbers 6:24-26)

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

Please be seated

Closing Hymn

804 "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"



1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb; ev - er glad at
2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my
3 Who so hap - py as I am, e - ven now the

heart I am, for my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,
staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,
Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,

knows my need and well pro - vides me, loves me ev - 'ry
in - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; when I thirst, he
by his an - gel host at - tend - ed, he shall fold me

day the same, e - ven calls me by my name.
bids me go where the qui - et wa - ters flow.
to his breast, there with - in his arms to rest.

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After Pastor's post-service announcements, Joe Burtch, the Church Council's Property and Grounds Coordinator, will address the congregation to talk about the work of maintaining the church's property.

The following summary of the Property and Grounds Coordinator's responsibilities is taken from "Article V: Duties of Officers" from our congregation's Bylaws.

"The property and grounds coordinator shall supervise the repair and upkeep of the congregation's property and grounds and shall encourage and coordinate the volunteer service of members to assist him in this work. He shall prepare annual budget recommendations for those items of the congregation's business for which he is responsible."

Things to remember:

- **General Responsibilities:** Routine maintenance and repairs; coordinate volunteer work; plan, budget for, and oversee major projects
- **Contact Person** for reporting problems and inquiring about volunteer projects

Upcoming volunteer opportunities:

- **Lawn Mowing and Weeding:** We could use help this spring, summer, and fall (see Nain's SignUpGenius page)
- **Spring Workdays:** Saturdays | May 4 & 18 | 9:00 am – noon
- Listed below are some of the tasks we hope to accomplish at the May 4 Workday:
 - Clean tables and chairs in fellowship hall and on stage
 - Dust the pews
 - Sweep and mop floors in the fellowship hall and on stage
 - Sweep and mop beneath the pews
 - Dust pianos and organ
 - Wipe down window sills and heat vents
 - Clean restrooms (if necessary)
 - Wipe down kitchen countertops
 - Move fans from the attic, clean, and place in the nave
 - Clean the church office
 - Vacuum carpet
 - Pull weeds and remove debris from landscaping
 - Remove trash/debris from parking lot, dumpster enclosure, lawn, and along curbs



A **personal prayer for after worship** is printed on the first page of the hymnal.

You will not be ushered out. You may depart any time after the closing hymn.

If you haven't done so already, **please write your name in the Friendship Register before you leave.**

If you have an offering, you can place it in the collection box located in the narthex.

If you wish to give your offering via [PayPal](#), you can scan the QR code on the last page of this bulletin.

Thank you for your financial support of our congregation!

Please contact Pastor Berg at any time if you are need of any pastoral care during the week.

Thank you for joining us as we together worshiped our Triune God. The Lord be with you this week!

Special thanks to: Rachel Cordes for playing organ... Ben Leyrer for serving as distribution assistant...
Jerry Loeffel for serving as usher... Peter Hermanson for operating the A/V equipment for the live stream...
and Donna Burtch for serving on Altar Duty.

For more information about today's Scripture readings, the current season of the Church Year, and the words and symbols featured on the paraments, please visit the "[Worship Resources](#)" page of our website to read this Sunday's "**About the Propers**," a weekly document that explains the changeable parts of the service.

All worshipers are encouraged to take home a copy of our **weekly newsletter, the "Nain Messenger"** to stay informed about all congregational news. Printed copies are available on the countertop in the narthex.

"The Congregation at Prayer," a document offering suggestions for daily devotions and Scripture readings, is also posted on the "[Worship Resources](#)" page of our church website.

"Understanding Lutheran Worship" provides excellent information about the Lutheran Liturgy, the Christian Church Year, and the Books of the Bible. A copy of the booklet is located in the hymnal rack of each pew.

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For more information about our synod, please visit its website: www.wels.net



The Paschal Candle

Paschal, meaning "having to do with the Passover," is a word associated with Easter, for it was at the conclusion of the Jewish Passover Festival (the "Pasch") that Jesus rose from the dead and proved himself to be the true Passover Lamb whose blood removes the threat of death (cf. Ex. 12; 1 Cor. 6:6-8).

Paschal Candles are usually very large, white, and inscribed with a cross and the Greek letters Alpha (A) and Omega (Ω) - the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet - which symbolize that Christ is eternal, the beginning and end (Revelation 1:8; 22:13).

The Paschal Candle is lit every Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday to symbolize that Jesus is alive and lives among his people. It is then lit for every service during the season of Easter as we continue to celebrate Christ's resurrection. The candle is also lit at Holy Baptisms and Christian funerals, reminding us of the believer's new birth and resurrection to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

resurrection **REALity**

St. Paul writes, “Christ has *indeed* been raised from the dead” (1 Cor 15:20). Jesus’ resurrection is not legend; it really happened. Easter is not just a holiday; it is history. On time’s infinite line, Jesus’ resurrection is the punctiliar moment that defines reality for us all. If Christ remained dead, he is a fraud and failure. But Christ has *indeed* been raised, which means Jesus is exactly who he claimed to be – the Son of God, our Lord and Savior. If Christ remained dead, then the grave is the final, ugly, rotten end of us all. But Christ has *indeed* been raised, which means that “all those who believe in him “will be made alive” (1 Cor 15:22). In this glorious season of Easter, let us meditate upon the breath-taking implications of the resurrection reality.

Season of Easter

Resurrection of Our Lord	March 31	Sunday	10:00 am
Second Sunday of Easter	April 7	Sunday	10:00 am
Third Sunday of Easter	April 14	Sunday	10:00 am
Fourth Sunday of Easter	April 21	Sunday	10:00 am
Fifth Sunday of Easter	April 28	Sunday	10:00 am
Sixth Sunday of Easter	May 5	Sunday	10:00 am
Ascension of Our Lord	May 9	Thursday	7:00 pm
Seventh Sunday of Easter	May 12	Sunday	10:00 am
Day of Pentecost	May 19	Sunday	10:00 am



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