

# Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024

## Resurrection

*Fear plays a huge part in our story of faith – but because we know Jesus, fear does not get to cut our stories short.*



Welcome! We're glad you're here!

*If you are a guest and are interested in knowing more about this community and the ministries that Holy Shepherd is engaged in, please fill out the **Welcome Card** located in the pew racks. Once filled out, please place the card either in the offering basket as you come forward to receive communion or at the information desk as you enter the narthex. Thank you and we look forward to getting to know you!*

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

## Welcome

Dear friends in Christ: We remember Jesus passing over from death to life. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

The Light of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

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Let us pray, **eternal God, in Jesus Christ you have given the light of life to all the world. Bless this new fire, and increase in us a desire to shine forth with the brightness of Christ's rising, until we feast at the banquet of eternal light; through the Sun of righteousness, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

# Call to Worship

Fanfare

arr. Wolff

# Opening Song

*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

ELW 365

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
now above the sky he's king, Alleluia! where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!  
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

# Greeting

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

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.**

# Prayer of Day

God of resurrection, **you loved us so completely that you willingly submitted to a human death, and by your sacrifice, you destroyed death forever. Give us new life every day, that we might proclaim the good news of your salvation to all the world, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

*God speaks to us in scripture, preaching & song*

*Jesus is no longer in the tomb – he has been raised from the dead!  
The time has come to share that news with the world.*

# Scripture Reading

Psalm 118:21-27

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

<sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup>This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

<sup>25</sup>Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

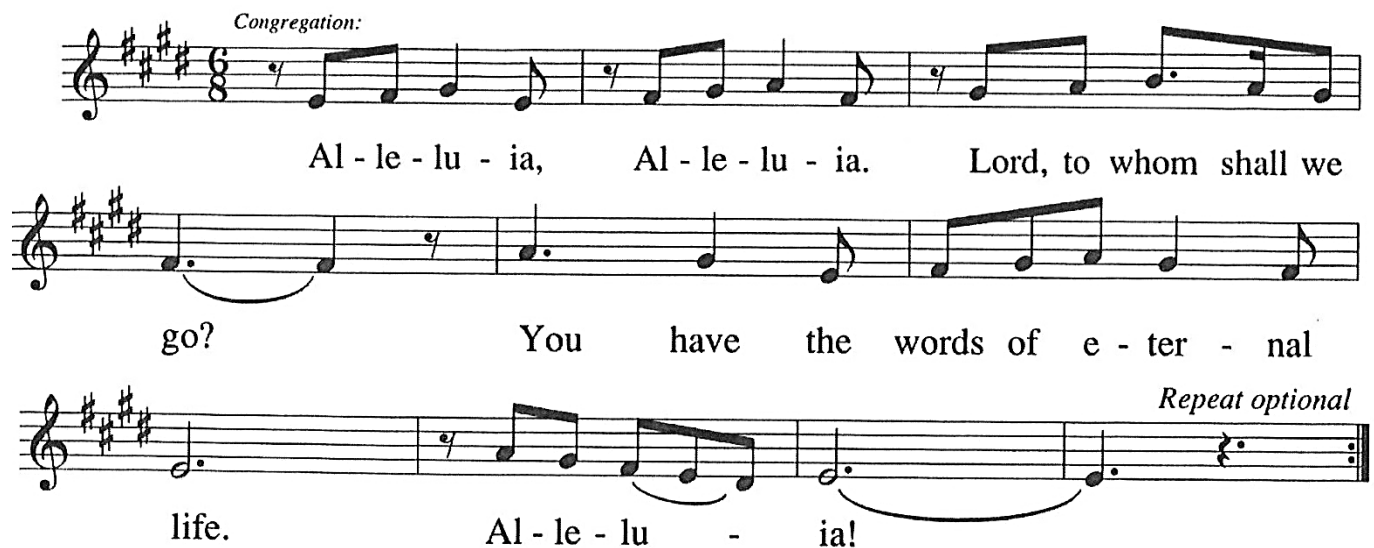
<sup>26</sup>Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD.

<sup>27</sup>The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*Congregation:*



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

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:1-8

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had

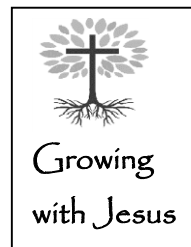
already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." <sup>8</sup>So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## + Children's Time +

### Message

**Children's Church**  
**10:30am**  
*Children age 3 – 4<sup>th</sup> Gr.*



**Faith Talk**  
*Youth 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade*  
*After worship*  
*(not today)*

### Nicene Creed

**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 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.

## Prayers of the People

Standing in awe of your unfathomable grace,  
we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*Prayer petitions response*

God of life, **you hear our prayer.**

Confident in the promise of the resurrection, we lift all these prayers to you,  
saving God, in the name of your son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## Sharing God's Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

## Great Thanksgiving

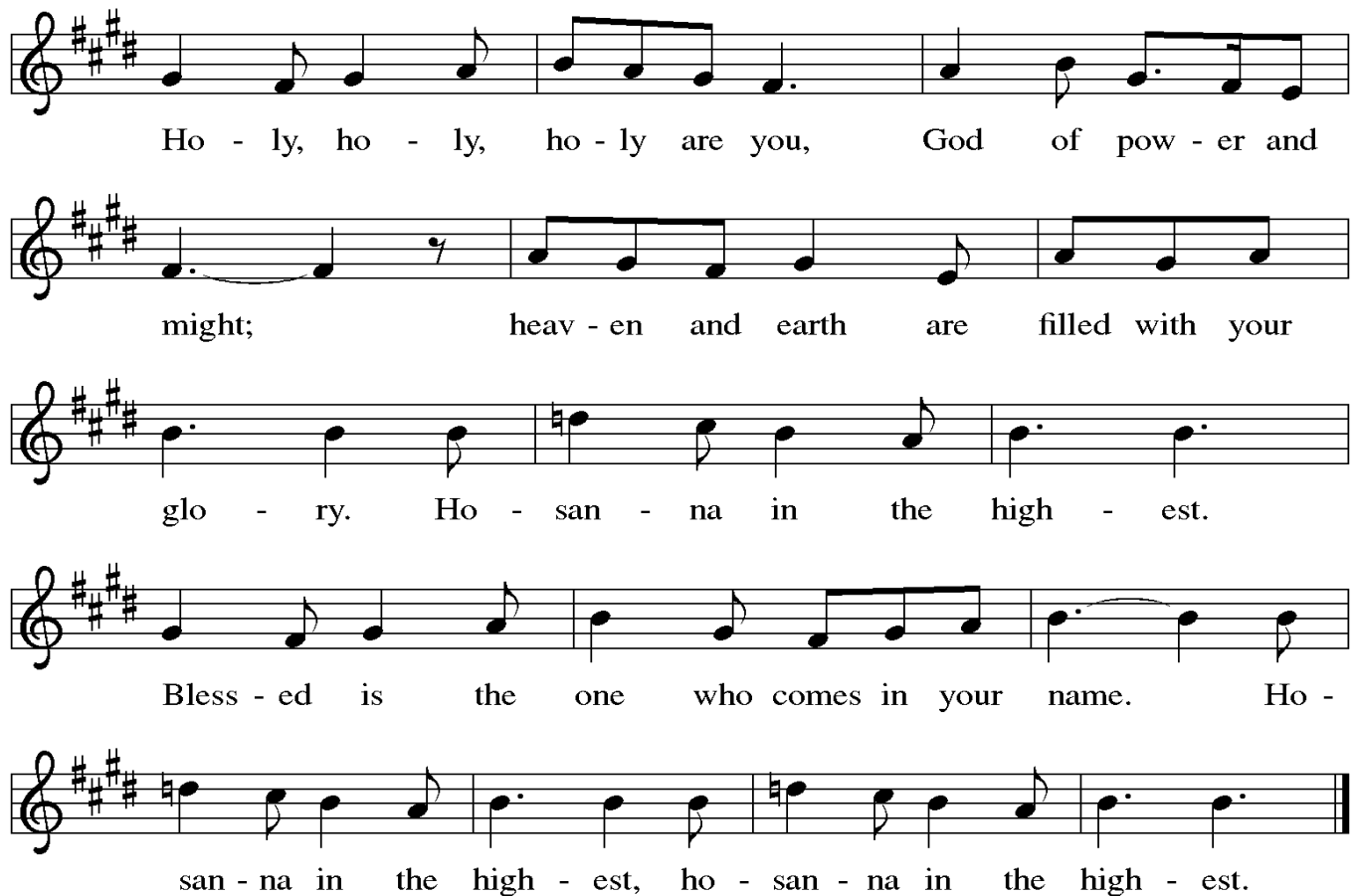
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
 might; heav - en and earth are filled with your  
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## Invitation

Christ who is alive in this place now invites you to the table to share in the bread and wine that is his own holy presence and a foretaste of the heavenly feast that has no end. All is prepared – come and eat.

+ *We Are Church. Better Together* +

### Options on how to receive Holy Communion

During the season of Easter, we stand for communion in honor of the resurrection. Come forward and starting at the center, fill in along the step. After you have received communion please exit by the side aisles and those waiting will then fill in the empty space. Bread (gluten-free) and wine or grape juice (center of the tray) will be given to you with the words spoken:

*“The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.”*

If you would like communion served in the pew, please signal to a pastor.

You are invited...

To bring an **offering** forward before or after worship or during Holy Communion.

The offering is gathered in front of the communion table where we are reminded of God's gifts given to us in Christ and our response to these gifts.

# Communion Songs

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*A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!*

ELW 393 vv. 1,3,5

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A hymn of glory let us sing!  
New hymns throughout the world shall ring:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Christ, by a road before untrod,  
ascends unto the throne of God.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

To whom the shining angels cry,  
"Why stand and gaze upon the sky?"

Alleluia! Alleluia!

"This is the Savior!" thus they say,  
"this is his glorious triumph day!"

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O risen Christ, ascended Lord,  
all praise to you let earth accord:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

You are, while endless ages run,  
with Father and with Spirit one.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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*Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!*

ELW 377

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Alleluia! Jesus is risen!  
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!  
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!  
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

*Refrain*

*Jesus is risen and we shall arise.  
Give God the glory! Alleluia!*



Walking the way, Christ in the center  
telling the story to open our eyes;  
breaking our bread, giving us glory:  
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. *Refrain*

Jesus the vine, we are the branches;  
life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;  
heaven to earth, Christ to the people,  
gift of the future now flowing to me. *Refrain*

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*Now the Green Blade Rises*

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ELW 379

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,  
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;  
love lives again, that with the dead has been;  
love is come again like wheat arising green.

In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,  
thinking that he would never wake again;  
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;  
love is come again like wheat arising green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,  
he that for three days in the grave had lain;  
raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;  
love is come again like wheat arising green.

## Prayer after Communion

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

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.**

## Blessing

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.**

## Song

*Thine is the Glory*

ELW 855

**Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won!  
Angels in bright raiment, rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes, where thy body lay.**

### *Refrain*

**Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won!**

**Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!  
Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;  
let his church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing,  
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting! *Refrain***

**(Chancel Choir)**

### *Refrain*

## Sending

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## Postlude



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## + WORSHIP SERVICE NOTES +

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- **THANK YOU** for being considerate of disabled worshippers and their families. Please leave the pew cuts and several adjoining seats available for those with walkers, wheelchairs, or electric carts and their families.
- **HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES (4 devices available)** are located at the sound booth located in the back of the sanctuary on the east side.
- **PRAYER STATION** is available before and after worship for candle-lighting. Please be mindful of personal space around one another.
- **FELLOWSHIP:** There will be Easter fellowship at 9:30am this morning.

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## OFFERING

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If you would like to make a donation to the mission of Holy Shepherd, which will be used to serve the community, neighborhood and the world, there is an offering plate located at the front of the sanctuary. Please make checks payable to: Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church or use the PayPal link below. *Thank you.*

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## NURSERY

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The **Kids Zone** (un-staffed) will be available to use for your family, if you need to leave the service. It is located off the hallway to the west of the sanctuary. The library and Fellowship Hall are also available.

**Narrative Lectionary Worship  
Resources**

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## Worship Leadership

- Pastors: Julie Brooks, Kim Gonia
- Organist: Jordan Ortman
- Readers:
  - 8:30am: Bonnie Yockstick
  - 10:30am: Joan Meister-Bridges
- Communion Assistants:
  - 8:30am: Gaylene Szaltzer
  - 10:30am: Pat Mohrbacher, Marcy Lloyd
- Greeters:
  - 8:30am: Mel & Bonnie Yockstick
  - 10:30am: Bob & Pat Mohrbacher
- Ushers:
  - 8:30am: Don Threlkeld
  - 10:30am: Bosak-Simmons Family
- Chancel & Handbell Choir: Directed by Diane Klinkerfues
- Trumpets: Larry Lagerberg, Mike Madsen
- Altar Guild: Donna Madsen
- Technology: 8:30am – Judy Ekberg, Mark Lee  
10:30am – Michael Boehm, Mark Lee
- Fellowship: Del Felton, Myrna Hodson

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