



The Season of Easter

May 5, 2024 10:00am

Faith, Hope, and Love

*Because we know Jesus, we are empowered to
love in new and surprising ways.*

Trusting God + Loving the World

Worshiping and Growing Together in Christ | Serving and Reaching Out Joyfully to All!



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

Prelude

I Could Sing of Your Love Forever

-Smith

Welcome & Announcements (Temple Talk - Kevin)

Call to Worship

Jesus loves you.

Thanks be to God.

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Thanks be to God!

Confession & Forgiveness

We begin with an honest assessment of our individual and communal life that falls short of fullness and wholeness. You are invited into this vulnerable space as a practice of opening to God's grace as we will experience it in worship.

We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

Risen God, **we confess to you, to ourselves, and to one another that we have caused harm by the things we have said and done, and by the things we have not said and not done. Take away our sins that we might fully embody your commandment to love you with all our hearts, souls, minds, and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves.**

In grace and mercy, God forgives all our sins, and with joy and expectation calls us into new life for the sake of the world, through Jesus Christ our savior. **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

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 love,

In Christ Jesus, you have set for us an example of what it means to love one another. By loving us, you teach us to love. Draw us back to your example again and again, that we might live with one another in mutual service, and carry your love into the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching & song

Paul writes to the early Church at Corinth with strong visuals and even stronger hypotheticals to argue that love is the single most important expression in the Christian life.

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

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

Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia! (Repeat)**

Holy Gospel

Mark 12:28-31

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

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" ²⁹ Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰ you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' ³¹ The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

+ Children's Time +

Children's Church

*Children age 3yrs – 4th grade.
After children's message, meet
leader in back of church.*



Faith Talk

*Youth 5th – 12th grade
After worship*

Message

Song

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

- Scholtes

**We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.**

Refrain
And they'll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love.
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other,
we will walk hand in hand.
We will walk with each other,
we will walk hand in hand.
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. Refrain

We will work with each other,
we will work side by side.
We will work with each other,
we will work side by side
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride. Refrain

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one. Refrain

Apostles' Creed

With the whole church, let us confess 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 People

Trusting in the promise of the resurrection we pray for the church,
the world, and all in need.

Prayer petitions response

God of new life, **in mercy, hear our prayer.**

We place in your arms all for whom we pray, out loud or in our hearts, confident in
your mercy and grace, through Jesus Christ, our savior. **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...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy

ELW 191

**Holy, holy, holy are you, God of power and might;
heaven and earth are filled with your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in your name.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

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

Jesus who is patient and kind invites you to the feast of love in his name. As we receive these gifts, we send our blessing to those who are not with us today that they be nourished and strengthened through the hands and feet of those gathered here.

Come and feast in the presence of our savior.



Holy Communion - All Are Welcome

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

ACS 962



Täs - sä pöy - däs - sä, täs - sä
1 In this feast of love, in this
2 In this bread and wine, in this
3 Grant us peace, O Lord, grant us



pöy - däs - sä syn - ti - sil - le
feast of love, Lord, you share your
bread and wine, you have prom - ised,
peace, O Lord; fill us with the



it - se - si an - nat, Ju - ma - lan Ka - rit - sa!
blood and your bod - y, Je - sus, Lamb of God.
Lord, to be with us, Lamb . . of God div - ine.
joy of your Spir - it, ev - er - liv - ing Word.

Jesus Loves Me This I Know

Screens only

Prayer after Communion

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

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

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.**

Sending Song

Great is the Lord

HSSB - Smith

**Great is the Lord, He is holy and just,
by His power we trust in His love.
Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true,
by His mercy He proves He is love.**

**Great is the Lord, and worthy of glory.
Great is the Lord, and worthy of praise.
Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice,
now lift up your voice.
Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!**

**Great is the Lord, He is holy and just,
by His power we trust in His love.
Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true,
by His mercy He proves, He is love.**

**Great are You Lord, and worthy of glory.
Great are You Lord, and worthy of praise.
Great are You Lord, I lift up my voice,
I lift up my voice.
Great are You Lord, Great are You Lord!**

Sending

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

Postlude

WORSHIP SERVICE NOTES

- **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/CANDLE STATION** is available in the rear of the sanctuary.
- **FELLOWSHIP:** Please join us for coffee, snacks and conversation in the fellowship hall.

OFFERING

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.*

NURSERY

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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- Greeters: Susan Parks & Allison Moody
- Usher: Michael Boehm
- Altar Guild: Donna Madsen
- Teen Faith Talk: Terry Dunn
- Technology: Michael Boehm, Mark Lee
- Fellowship Hosts: Betty Moody & Suzanne Prelipp

Song Resource Key

ELW: *Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal (Pew)*

ACS: *All Creation Sings*

HSSB: *Holy Shepherd Songbook*

WOV: *With One Voice*

W&P: *Worship & Praise*

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