

# The Season of Easter

May 11, 2025 | 10:00am



## Theme: Unstoppable Faith

Jesus Christ is the suffering servant who can relate to our painful experience of being rejected, and whose gospel is not kept from those whom the society marginalizes.

Trusting God + Loving the World

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*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**

## **Welcome & Announcements**

## **Call to Worship**

Our God meets us where we are,  
**And brings to us good news of great joy.**  
We are filled with the Holy Spirit,  
**And strengthened to share the good news with others.**

## **Confession & Forgiveness**

We confess our sins before God and one another.

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

God of new life,

**We live as though you are still in the grave. We do not rejoice in the good news of liberation for all people without exception. We continue to sin against you and our neighbors by our actions and our failure to act. Shake us out of our complacency, cleanse our hearts of selfishness, and make us joyful participants in the work of bringing about your reign in the world today.**

We are an Easter people! Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God has redeemed all of creation. Know that you are made whole, forgiven of all your sins, and empowered to live out the gospel in joy. Amen.

# Hymn of Praise

*Refrain*



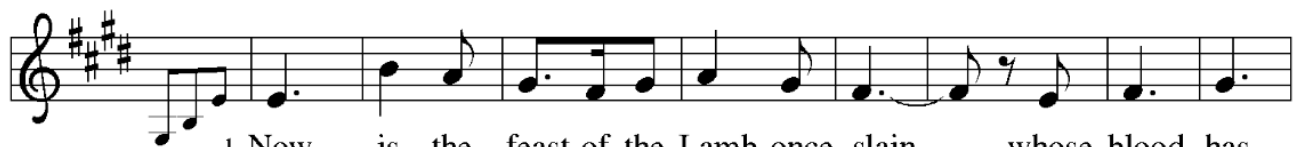
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



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.

## 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

Gracious God,

**We read your holy word and often find ourselves confused. Send your Holy Spirit into our community that we might discern together what it is you are calling us to do. Give us hearts of welcome to all our neighbors, and make us examples of your love in action. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## Musical Offering

*How Can I Keep From Singing?*

arr. McDonald

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

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Philip was called by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness to meet an Ethiopian Eunuch. When the eunuch learned from Philip that Jesus was the Messiah that Isaiah was talking about, he asked to be baptized.

## Scripture

Acts 8:26-39

<sup>26</sup>Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) <sup>27</sup>So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup>and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup>Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” <sup>31</sup>He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. <sup>32</sup>Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: “Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. <sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.” <sup>34</sup>The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” <sup>35</sup>Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus.

<sup>36</sup>As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” <sup>38</sup>He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup>When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.

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

Luke 24:44-47

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

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.”

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

## + Children's Time +



### Children's Church

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



## Message

*(a moment of silence follows the message)*

All who are thirsty for mercy,  
all who are thirsty for love;  
all who are thirsty for love, for mercy, come:  
come to the Water of life.

All who are thirsty for healing,  
all who are thirsty for touch;  
all who are thirsty for touch, for healing, come:  
come to the Water of life.

All who are thirsty for beauty,  
all who are thirsty for truth;  
all who are thirsty for truth, for beauty, come:  
come to the Water of life.

All who are thirsty for justice,  
all who are thirsty for peace;  
all who are thirsty for peace, for justice, come:  
come to the Water of life.

## 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

We pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*Prayer petitions response*

Holy and wonderful God, **receive our prayer.**

These and the prayers of all creation we lift to you in Jesus' name. **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, who on the cross joined with all creation in the fullness of suffering and death, and in rising brought new life to all. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, with angels and archangels, cherubim, and seraphim, 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.**

## **Eucharistic Prayer**

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.

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.

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. We praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **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**

The one in whose name the Ethiopian Eunuch was baptized in the desert now calls you to new life through this holy feast. Come and meet Jesus in the bread and wine that is his body and blood, and go forth in joy to proclaim the good news.





+ All are welcome at the table +

### Options for receiving Holy Communion

Please come forward to the front and stand, starting at the center and filling in along the step. After you have received communion please exit by the side aisles and put your empty cup in the basket. Those waiting will then fill in the empty space at the step. Bread (gluten-free) and wine or grape juice (center of the tray) will be given to you at the rails 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

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

**Lamb of God, you are the way of mercy and love.  
have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world  
Grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.**

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*Children of the Heavenly Father*

ELW 781

**Children of the heav'nly Father, safely in his bosom gather;  
nestling bird nor star in heaven, such a refuge e'er was given.**

**God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them.**

**Neither life nor death shall ever, from the Lord his children sever;  
unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.**

**Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh;  
his the loving purpose solely, to preserve them pure and holy.**

## Prayer after Communion

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

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.**

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

## Blessing

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Creator, ✚ Redeemer, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always. **Amen.**

## Sending Song

*I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me*

ELW 860

I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.  
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.  
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me,  
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.  
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.  
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me,  
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.  
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.  
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,  
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

## Sending

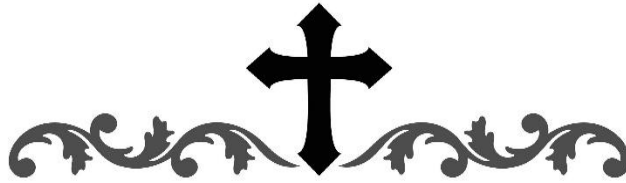
Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## Postlude



## Worship Leadership

- Pastors: Julie Brooks, Kim Gonia
- Pianist/Organist: Jordan Ortman
- Reader: Christi Young
- Communion Assistants: Don Threlkeld & Diane Jowell
- Greeters: Bob & Pat Mohrbacher
- Usher: Mel Yockstick
- Altar Guild: Susie DiPaolo
- Musical Offering: Chancel Choir
- Children's Church: Children's Church Team
- Technology: Dan & Ben Mohrbacher, Mark Lee
- Fellowship Host: Open

### **Song Resource Key**

**ELW:** *Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal (Pew)*

**ACS:** *All Creation Sings*

### **Narrative Lectionary Worship Resources**

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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** are located at the sound booth located in the back of the sanctuary on the east side. You can also download the app WaveCast Receiver which is designed for hearing aids with Bluetooth capability. See Diane Klinkerfues or our sound engineer Mark, in our sound booth. (Back of the sanctuary, SE corner).
- **PRAYER WALL/CANDLE STATION** is available during worship for candle-lighting and writing prayers and placing them in the prayer wall. Blue paper for writing prayers is available at the prayer wall or in the pews where the offering envelopes are located.
- **FELLOWSHIP:** Once worship has finished, please feel free to stay and greet each other and go into the fellowship hall for coffee and snacks.

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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. *Thank you.*

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## WORSHIP VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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There are many ways to engage in worship volunteer opportunities, and we'd love to have you! If you are interested in any of the volunteer opportunities below or just want to hear more about them please contact Diane Klinkerfues at [dklinkerfues@holyshepherd.com](mailto:dklinkerfues@holyshepherd.com)

- Reader, communion assistant, altar guild (preparing the wine and bread), screen operator, usher, or greeter.

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## KIDS AREA

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

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