

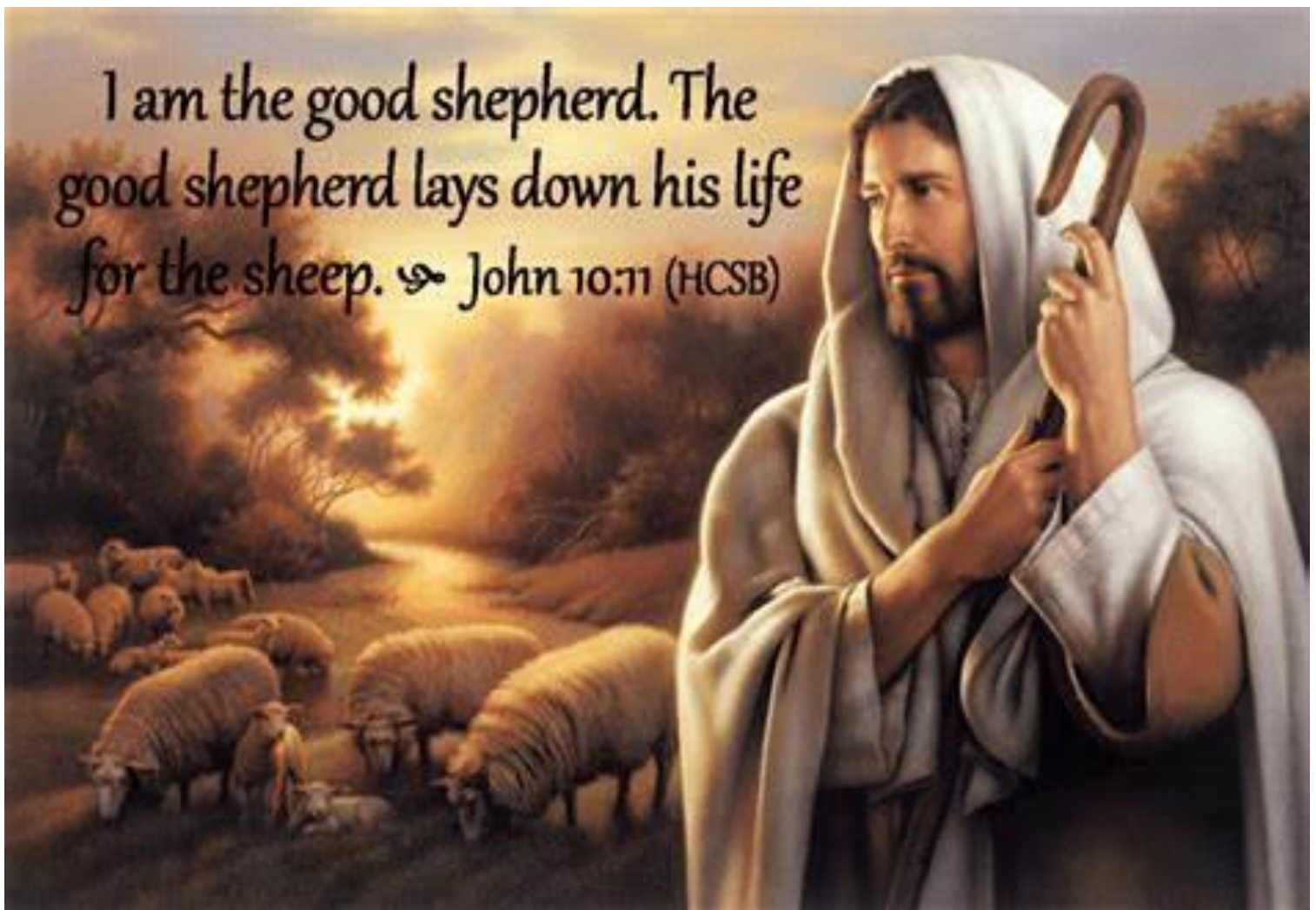
# CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

## WEST COBB

Welcoming people to feel God's love and grace

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**April 21, 2024**  
**10:30 Jazz Worship Service**



Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church of West Cobb. 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. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.

Visiting today? Welcome. Please complete the visitor card found in the pew (include your email to sign up for our weekly email announcements), place in the collection plate.

**Just a reminder to wear your name tags for our visitors to see who you are!**

**CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS: Please see on the bulletin board in hallway**

**Upcoming Dates:**

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|----------------------------------|--|
| <b>Today April 21st</b>          | <b>9:30am - Sunday School &amp; Confirmation<br/>- Old Testament Minor Prophets Class<br/>-Contemplative Prayer Class<br/>10:30am - Jazz Worship Service<br/>11:30am - Choir Rehearsal<br/>11:45 - Council Meeting</b>               |
| <b>Wed. April 24th</b>           | <b>10:00 Adult Bible Study<br/>6:00-6:40pm SDG Choir Rehearsal<br/>6:40 -7:30pm Selah Choir Rehearsal</b>  |
| <b>Thurs. April 25th</b>         | <b>10:00 Adult Bible Study (Spirit Born)</b>   |
| <b>Sat. April 27th</b>           | <b>10:30am Baby Shower for Caitlin McCarthy and Baby Graham</b>  |
| <b>Sun. April 28th</b>           | <b>9:30am - Sunday School &amp; Confirmation<br/>- Old Testament Minor Prophets Class<br/>- Contemplative Prayer Class<br/>10:30am - Traditional Worship Service<br/>11:30am - Choir Rehearsal<br/>11:45 - Pizza with the Pastor</b> |
| <b>Wed. May 1<sup>st</sup></b>   | <b>10:00 Adult Bible Study<br/>6:00-6:40pm SDG Choir Rehearsal<br/>6:40 -7:30pm Selah Choir Rehearsal</b>  |
| <b>Thurs. May 2<sup>nd</sup></b> | <b>10:00 Adult Bible Study (Spirit Born)</b>   |





## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MEDITATION MOMENT

**\*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM:** (Please face the Baptismal Font)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
the wellspring of grace,  
our Easter and our joy.

**Amen.**

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism,  
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.  
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning  
your voice thundered over the deep  
and water became the essence of life.  
Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.  
The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.  
Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea  
into freedom's land.  
In a desert pool the Ethiopian official  
entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John  
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.  
By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection  
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,  
freeing us to live as Easter people.  
We rejoice with glad hearts,  
giving all honor and praise to you,  
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

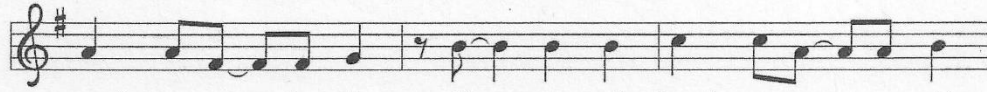
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**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing



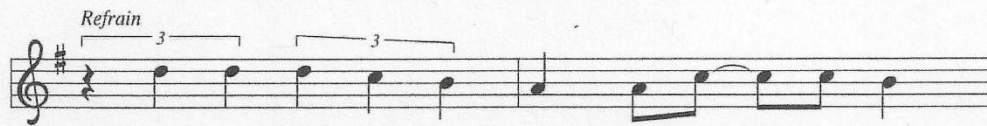
1 The trum - pets sound, the an - gels sing, the feast is  
 2 Ta - bles are la - den with good things; oh, taste the  
 3 The hun - gry heart he sat - is - fies, of - fers the



read - y to be - gin. The gates of heav'n are o - pen wide,  
 peace and joy he brings. He'll fill you up with love di - vine;  
 poor his par - a - dise. Now hear all heav'n and earth ap - plaud



and Je - sus wel - comes you in - side.  
 he'll turn your wa - ter in - to wine.  
 the a - maz - ing good - ness of the Lord.



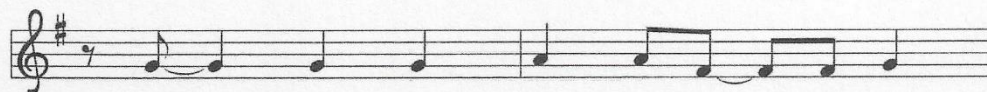
*Refrain*  
 Sing with thank - ful - ness songs of pure de - light.



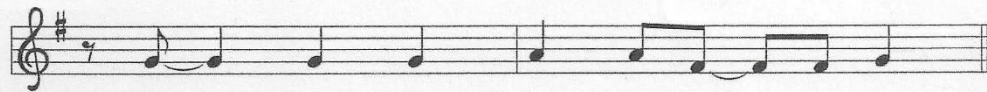
Come and rev - el in heav - en's love and light.



Take your place at the ta - ble of the King.



The feast is read - y to be - gin;



the feast is read - y to be - gin.

**APOSTOLIC GREETING:**

**L:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** And also with you.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

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.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:**

**Deb Rogers**

**THE WORD**

**FIRST READING**

**Acts 4:5-12**

<sup>5</sup>The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>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, <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is

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

<sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

**L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 23

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

<sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

## SECOND READING:

## 1 John 3:16-24

<sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

<sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

<sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

**L:** This is the Word of the Lord. **C:** Thanks be to God.

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

**P:** The Holy gospel according to John: **C: Glory to you, O Lord**

**GOSPEL:**

**John 10:11-18**

Jesus said:] <sup>11</sup>"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>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."

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord: **C: Praise to you, O Christ**

**MESSAGE OF GOOD NEWS:**

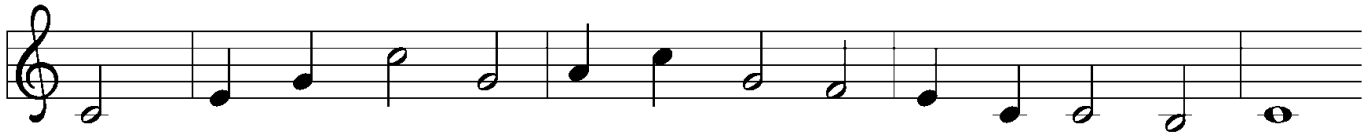
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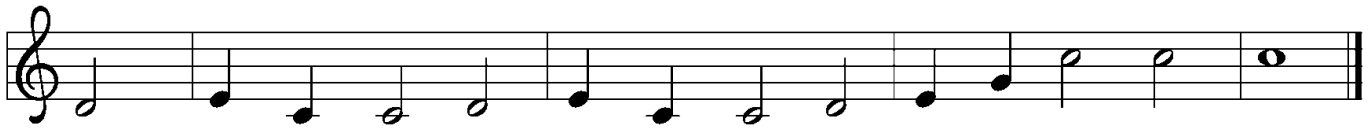
The Lord's My Shepherd



1 The Lord's my shep-herd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie  
 2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain, and me to walk doth make  
 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;  
 4 My ta - ble thou hast rich - ly spread in pres - ence of my foes;  
 5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly fol - low me,



in pas - tures green; he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.  
 with - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake;  
 for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still;  
 my head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.  
 and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell - ing - place shall be;



He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.  
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Text: *The Psalms of David in Meeter*, Edinburgh, 1650  
 Music: BROTHER JAMES' AIR, James L. Macbeth Bain

## **\*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 Intercession**

P: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

Shepherding God, gather your church whenever we wander from you and one another. Empower our church in ministries around the world to worship and serve alongside global companions as equal partners and coworkers in the gospel. We pray for the work of renovation in our worship space. We pray for our missionary partners Julia & Vincent Leiyooole in Kenya and ILAG in Guatemala and for the Ministry of Pastor Michael Schulte of the Collective in Atlanta, that together we press on toward the goal of your heavenly call in Jesus. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Nurturing God, preserve the health of biomes and ecosystems. Inspire scientists, researchers, conservation organizations, and all people entrusted with the task of caring for creation, that we may be better stewards of the world around us. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, lead nations and communities to share resources, cooperate in solving conflicts, and listen to the wisdom of Indigenous peoples. Help all those with power to share it and to use such power for good. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Loving God, protect the very young and the very old, those living without housing, victims of domestic abuse, and all who live with chronic illness or compromised immune systems. Guide communities to actively care for people who are vulnerable. (*especially*) Konnor Beaman, David and Lonni Connelly, Beverly Haggard, Ralph & Pat Ehrich, Sharon Koberg, Betty Spies, Betty Kaminsky, Joyce Jeffers, Shirley Olin, Donna Flugstad, Artie Kappel, Dominic Olin, Ian and Chris Metcalfe, Helena Rockenstein, Lola-Mae), and those who are in our hearts and minds, who we name silently or aloud. Be their rest and comfort. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, help this and all communities of faith to listen for your voice. Call us away from things that distract us from following you. Invite us to more deeply love and serve people who are lonely, isolated, and on the margins. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Living God, we give thanks for our ancestors in faith. Strengthen us to share the good news in our own day. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.  
**Amen**

\*SHARING OF PEACE – The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always.

***(Please share a sign of peace with those around you and digitally with those who can't physically be here.)***

\*RECEPTION OF THE OFFERING:

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**OFFERTORY SONG:**                      **You Are Holy**                      **ELW 525**  
*Du är helig*

<sup>1\*</sup>

*Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer*  
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more

*än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.*  
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.

*Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,*  
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here

*väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.*  
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

<sup>2</sup>

*Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,*  
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,

*du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!*  
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!

*Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,*  
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!

*ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.*  
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

\* May be sung in canon.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

P: Let us pray.

C: Risen One,  
you call us to believe and bear fruit.

May the gifts that we offer here  
be signs of your abiding love.

Form us to be your witnesses in the world,  
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

Amen.

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

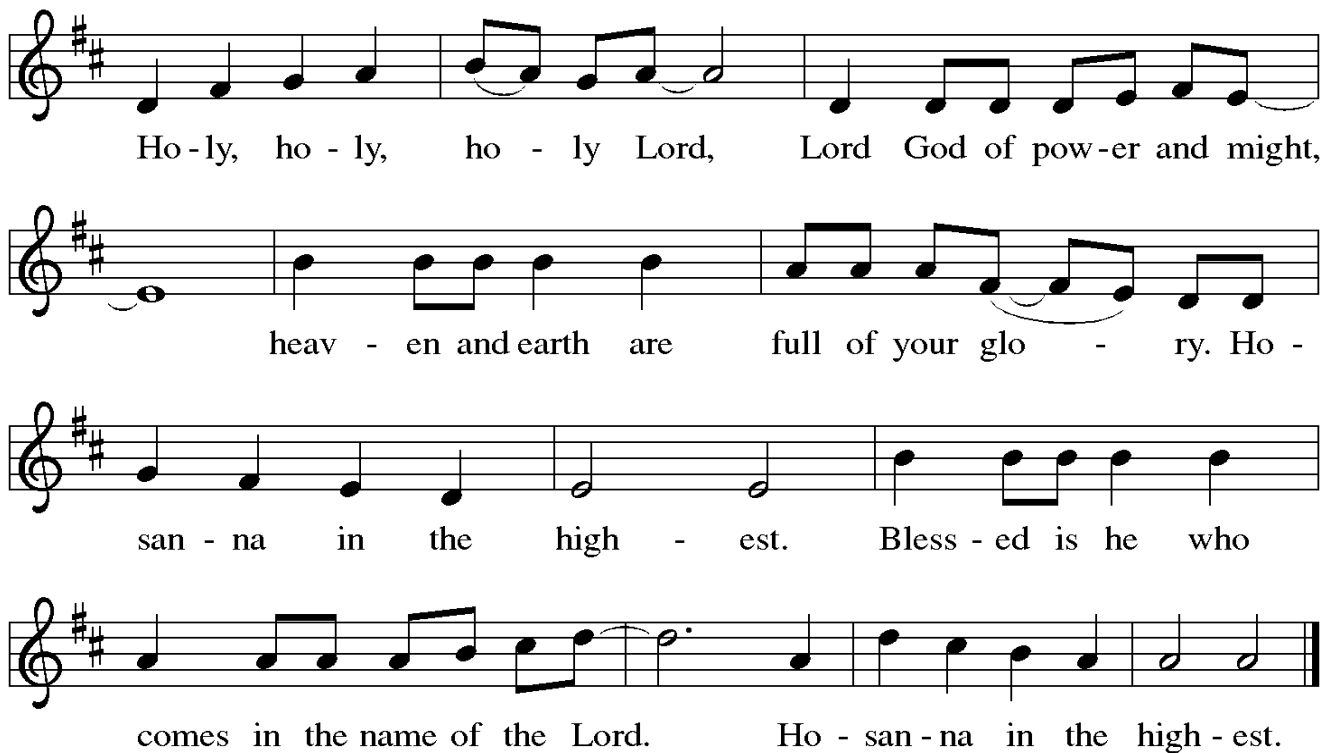
C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**PREFACE FOR THE SEASON**

**HYMN OF PRAISE:**



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

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER:

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.

### \*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.  
Come and eat at God's table.

Thanks be to God.

### Lamb of God

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

COMMUNION HYMN:1

ELW 493

Taste and See

Refrain - All

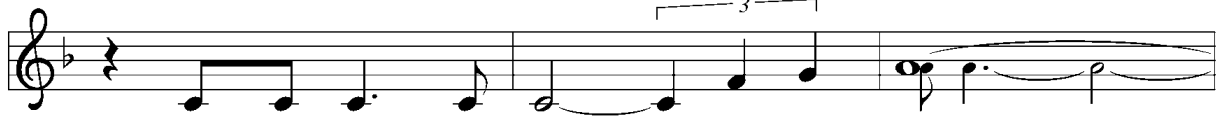


Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. Oh,



taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Leader or All



- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times.
- 2 Glo - ri - fy the Lord with . . . me.
- 3 Wor-ship . . . the Lord, all you peo-ple.



Praise shall al - ways be on my lips;  
 To - geth - er let us all . . . . praise God's name.  
 You'll want for noth - ing . . . if you ask.



my soul shall glo - ry in the Lord;  
 I called the Lord, . . . who an - swered me;  
 Taste and see . . . that the Lord is good;

Refrain



for God has been so good to me.  
 from all my trou - bles I was set free.  
 in God we need put all our trust.

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COMMUNION HYMN: 2

ELW 491

Come, Let Us Eat

Leader or All



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,  
 2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,  
 3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,  
 4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,

All



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Leader or All



Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,  
 Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,  
 In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,  
 Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,

All



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### **\*TABLE BLESSING:**

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

### **\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P: 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.**

## God Be with You Till We Meet Again



- 1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun-sels guide, up - hold you,
- 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,
- 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con - found you,



with a shep-herd's care en - fold you;  
 dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
 put un - fail - ing arms a - round you;

*Refrain*

Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Je - sus' feet;



till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828-1904

Music: GOD BE WITH YOU, William G. Tomer, 1833-1896

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

**Jazz Worship Servants for Sunday, April 21, 2024**

**10:30am**

**Greeter:** Eileen Englehart  
**Altar Guild:** Kasey Jones  
**Lector:** Jim Englehart  
**Ushers:** Bernie Hoffman & Rita Buehner  
**Communion Asst.:** Kasey Jones & Eileen Englehart  
**Children Sermon:** Deb Rogers  
**Counters:** Mike Dickens & Don Jordan  
**Acolyte & Crucifer:**  
**Cantor:**

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