



Redeemer Lutheran Church

"We who are many in Christ, form one body." - Romans 12:5

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

10:15AM

Welcome:

Let us go into the house of the Lord.

We are thankful you have come to worship the Lord with us.

May the Lord bless your time here. We pray you will return soon.



Note: Please turn off all cell phones, mobile devices and electronics while in the Sanctuary.

Easter is... "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!"

Luke 24:5-6

Guests! We are delighted to have you worship our Lord with us today. Our prayer is that God will bless your worship and time with us. You are important to us. We ask that you introduce yourself by signing our Guest Book, giving us an opportunity to say thank you for coming by giving us an address, phone number or email. Our prayer is that God will continue to bless you this week. MEMBERS please help with this by welcoming people you do not know and encouraging them to sign the Guest Book.

Holy Communion is...

†The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ received "in, with, and under" the bread and wine for God's People. *Matthew 26:26, 28*

†Coming to the table believing the words "given and shed FOR YOU."

+Preparation which might involve three questions:

Do I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ? Am I sorry for my sins? Am I ready to lead a new life?

†God's grace in "forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation."

Matthew 26:28; 1 Peter 1:19; Romans 6:8-9; Romans 8:31-32

- **Bold print indicates spoken together**
- **Communion is at the altar rail**
- **Reminder to stay safe. Stay connected and stay faithful, God always is. Masks are optional**
- **A = Assistant**

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Prelude

Call to Worship

Tone and Welcome of the Day

Stand

Hymn of Invocation

O God, Within the Psalms

By Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

(sung to the tune "This is My Father's World" LBW554)

O God, within the Psalms
are pictures of your love:
There, young trees grow as waters flow
and mountains rise above.
The creatures with their young,
the birds that fill the air,
the gentle rain, the harvest grain
proclaim your love and care.

And in the Psalms we see
a Shepherd's love expressed.
Lord, you provide and lead and guide,
and we — your sheep — are blessed.
You give us food to eat,
and water — safe and clear.
Yes, we're restored, O Shepherd Lord,
by all you give us here.

Yet as we look ahead,
we fear the things we see.
As earth cries out through storm and drought,
we wonder what will be.
We take more than our share;
we plunder and destroy.
God, we confess we've made a mess
of things that bring you joy.

We see within the Psalms
a world where nature sings.
Help us to share, and work, and care
for all your growing things.
O Shepherd, we've been blessed;
may we be blessings, too.
This is our prayer: May we take care
of this good earth with you.

Biblical References: Psalms 1:3, 121, 147, 104, 72:16, 23, 8, 24; John 10
Tune: Traditional English melody ("This is My Father's World") (MIDI)
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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Exhortation

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Absolution

C Amen

Service of the Word

A Introit

Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not want.

²**He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.**

³He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴**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.**

⁵You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

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

This Is the Feast

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9

Refrain

C 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
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
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.

Prayer of the Day

A We pray together the 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

Sit

A First Reading

Acts 4:5–12

⁵On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹²And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

A Epistle

1 John 3:16–24

¹⁶By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷But if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him? ¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

¹⁹By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and

he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²²and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴Whoever keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

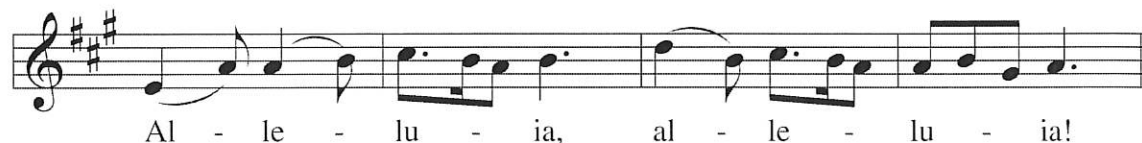
A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Celtic Alleluia

Refrain



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All: Refrain

Cantor: Now He is living, the Christ
 Out of the tomb He is risen;
 He has conquered death,
 Opened heaven to all believers.

All: Refrain

Cantor: He is the first fruits from death
 Now are our lives filled with glory!
 Darkness vanishes in the light
 of his power.

All: Refrain

Cantor: The right hand of God raised me up
The hand of the Lord...has triumphed.
I shall never die I shall live
Telling His deeds

All: Refrain

Cantor: The stone which the builders rejected
Becomes cornerstone chosen.
Praise the work of God
for this marvel in our eyes.

All: Refrain

Holy Gospel

John 10:11–18

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

¹¹[Jesus said:] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

☐ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Celtic Alleluia *All sing Refrain only*

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Nicene Creed

**☩ I believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth
and of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of His Father,
God of God, Light of Light,
true God of true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made;
For us our salvation
He came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**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 dead
And his kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified,
He has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins,
I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

Let the Children Come

Hymn of the Day

Good Shepherd, We Are Not Alone

(sung to the tune "That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright" LBW 154)

Good Shepherd, we are not alone,
For you protect and love your own.
And we, responding, know your voice;
We hear you calling and rejoice.

Another shepherd might turn back
And flee at danger's first attack;
But you laid down your very life —
A loving shepherd's sacrifice.

A thief may well destroy and steal,
But you, Good Shepherd, save and heal.
You lead your sheep to pasture land,
To life abundant, by your hand.

You gather sheep from far and wide —
From folds we know and from outside.
One flock, one Shepherd, there will be —
A loving, blest community.

Biblical Reference: John 10

Tune: Trier ms. 15th century ("That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright") (MIDI)

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God's Word for Today

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

Stand

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

LSB 955

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and
give us A fore - taste of the feast to come.

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Prayer of the Church

A 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.

A brief silence.

A 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. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A 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.**

A 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.**

A 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**

P For... God of grace, **hear our prayer**

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P 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.

G Amen

Sit

Offering

Offering Hymn

Christ Arose!

B \flat E \flat / $B\flat$ B \flat F F7 E \flat / $B\flat$ B \flat E \flat B \flat / D B \flat

1 Low in the grave he lay— Je - sus my Sav - ior, wait - ing the com - ing day—
 2 Vain - ly they watch his bed— Je - sus my Sav - ior, vain - ly they seal the dead—
 3 Death can - not keep his prey— Je - sus my Sav - ior, he tore the bars a - way—

Gm E/C C7 F Refrain B \flat

Je - sus my Lord!
 Je - sus my Lord! Up from the grave he a - rose, with a
 Je - sus my Lord! he a - rose,

B \flat / D E \flat B \flat F F7

might - y tri - umph o'er his foes; he a - rose a vic - tor from the
 he a - rose!

Gm E \flat B \flat E \flat C7 F7 Gm F

dark do - main, and he lives for - ev - er with his saints to reign. He a -

B \flat E \flat B \flat / F F7 B \flat

rose! He a - rose! He a - rose! Hal - le - lu - jah! Christ a - rose!
 He a - rose! He a - rose!

Stand

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up unto the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary... evermore praising You in their unending song:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

P People of God receive the body and blood of Christ in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Distribution

Stand

Dismissal

Thank the Lord *[Psalm 105:1–3, 42–43]; [1 Chronicles 16:8–10]*

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.

He re-calls 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.

P Let us pray together

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. Amen

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1

A Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen, amen, amen.

Hymn to Depart Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

A hymn of unity sung in Tigrinya and English. The translation is on the next two pages.





1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; Much we
 2 We are Yours; in love be - friend us, Be the
 3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and
 4 Ear - ly let us seek Your fa - vor, Ear - ly



need Your ten - der care. In Your pleas - ant pas - tures
 guard - ian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin de -
 sin - ful though we be; You have mer - cy to re -
 let us do Your will; Bless - ed Lord and on - ly



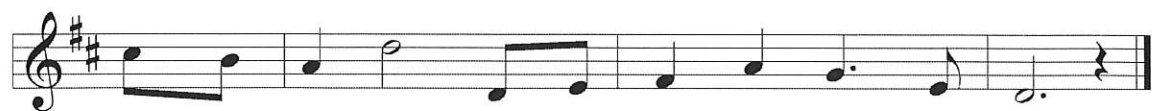
feed us, For our use Your fold pre - pare.
 fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.
 lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
 Sav - ior, With Your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have



bought us; we are Yours. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 chil - dren when we pray. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 let us turn to You. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 loved us, love us still. Bless - ed Je - sus,



bless - ed Je - sus, You have bought us; we are Yours.
 bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us chil - dren when we pray.
 bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to You.
 bless - ed Je - sus, You have loved us, love us still.

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Announcements

Prayer

Postlude

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