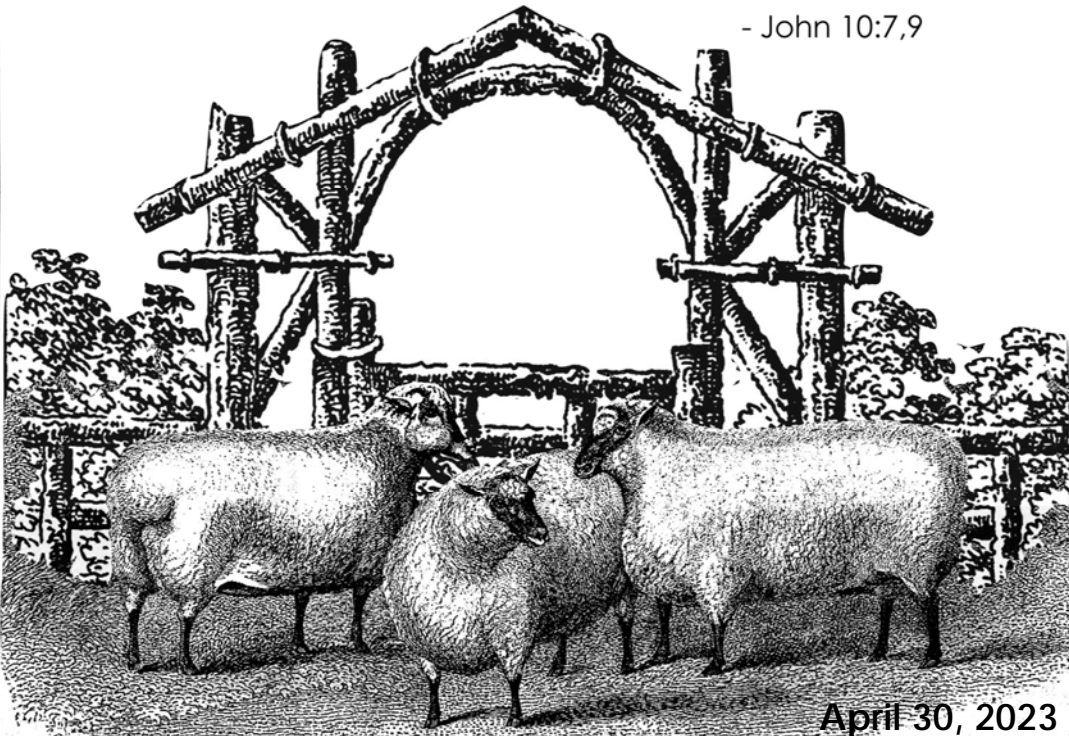


Therefore Jesus said again,  
"Very truly I tell you,  
I am the gate for the sheep....

# I AM THE GATE

whoever enters through Me  
will be saved."

- John 10:7,9



April 30, 2023

***Fourth Sunday of Easter***

***April 30, 2023***

***Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 2***

*Today is sometimes called “Good Shepherd Sunday.” Jesus is called the “gate” of the sheep in today’s gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world’s violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God’s tender care to all creation.*

**PRELUDE**

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**GATHERING**

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**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit

**C Amen.**

**P** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

**P** Most merciful God,

**C** **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

**P** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joi - ce and sing! Now is the tri - umph  
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might - y stone is  
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which  
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with

of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:  
rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joi - ce and say:  
can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:

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

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

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

## GREETING

P 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.

## KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us

pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

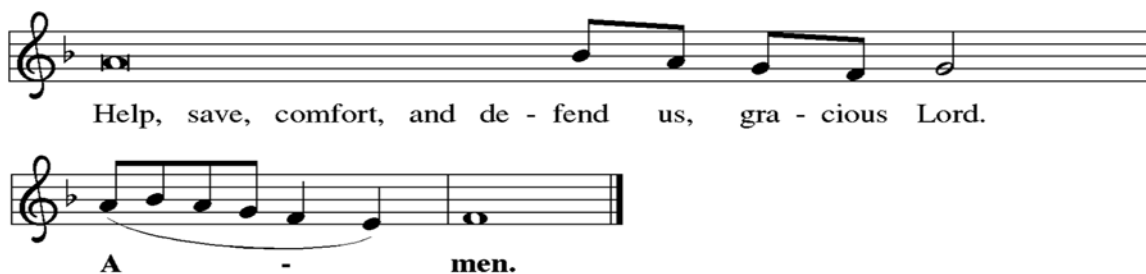
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



### HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*

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 blood set us

free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the

hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and

might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,

for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

*Please be seated.*

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**WORD**

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**FIRST READING: ACTS 2:42-47**

<sup>42</sup>[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

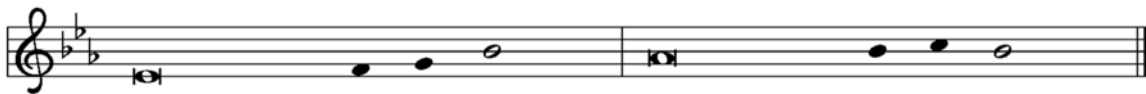
<sup>43</sup>Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup>they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

L The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 23

*Sung responsively*



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

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

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

**4Though 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 <sup>1</sup> of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is <sup>1</sup> 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 PETER 2:19-25**

<sup>19</sup>It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. <sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

<sup>22</sup>"He committed no sin,  
and no deceit was found in his mouth."

<sup>23</sup>When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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

P The Holy Gospel, according to John, the tenth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL: JOHN 10:1-10**

Jesus said: <sup>1</sup>"Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run



from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep.

<sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please be seated.*

SERMON

PASTOR MICHAEL HAAR

HYMN OF THE DAY

*Have No Fear, Little Flock*

ELW 764

*Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.*



1	Have	no	fear,	lit - tle	flock;	have	no	fear,	lit - tle
2	Have	good	cheer,	lit - tle	flock;	have	good	cheer,	lit - tle
3	Praise	the	Lord	high a -	bove;	praise	the	Lord	high a -
4	Thank - ful	hearts	raise to	God;	thank - ful	hearts	raise to		



flock,	for	the	Fa - ther	has	cho - sen	to
flock,	for	the	Fa - ther	will	keep	you
bove,	for	he	stoops down	to	heal	you,
God,	for	he	stays close	be - side	you,	in



give you	the	king - dom;	have	no	fear,	lit - tle	flock!
his love	for - ev - er;	have	good	cheer,	lit - tle	flock!	
lift and	re - store you;	praise	the	Lord	high a -	bove!	
all things	works with you;	thank - ful	hearts	raise to	God!		

P Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**C 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.**

#### **THE PRAYERS**

A United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

A You are the shepherd who gathers us in your mighty and loving arms. Help this congregation and Sharon Lutheran in Sharon Springs, Our Savior Lutheran in Brewster, Bethany Lutheran in Weskan, Kansas, and the Women of the ELCA to listen for your voice, especially when the voices of sin, idolatry, and oppression threaten to overpower us. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A The green pastures, still waters, and dark valleys of this earth all belong to you, O Lord. Sustain your creation with a love that is both mighty and just. Where there is destruction, bring healing. Where there is desolation, bring abundance. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A You give strength, sustenance, and safety to vulnerable people across the world, especially those affected by the war in Ukraine. Provide safety from violence and assistance for those in need. Guide families as they lose their homes and loved ones. Particularly, let us pray for the German Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Ukraine and our own partner synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Urals, Siberia and the Far East as they face these times of conflict. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A You proclaim shepherding love, comfort, and protection for all people and all of creation. Direct leaders in our own time to learn from your example and instruction. Give them servant hearts, that they generously seek the good of all. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

- A You journey with us wherever our paths may lead. We pray for those feeling overwhelmed by anxiety or depression or suffering in any way, especially Naomi Walker, Mike Jackson, Peggy Buchholz, Linda Longren, Don O'Brien, and Martha Nemeth. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.**
- A You are the sheepgate that gives safety to your beloved flocks. Provide protection for refugees, victims of domestic violence, those who are imprisoned, and all people who are vulnerable to violence and mistreatment. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.**
- A You have given us life to celebrate. This week, we join with Marsha Ridinger and Chance Hutchison as they celebrate their birthdays, and with Tom & Karen Arney as they celebrate their wedding anniversary. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.**
- P You call your sheep by name and lead them through the valley of death. We give you thanks for those who have died and now dwell in your house forever. Be with those who mourn, and give them hope in the promise of resurrection. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.**
- P Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.
- C Amen.**

#### **THE PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

*Let us greet one another with God's peace.*

*Please be seated.*

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## PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

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### OFFERING

### OFFERTORY SONG

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -  
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,  
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

**A** Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

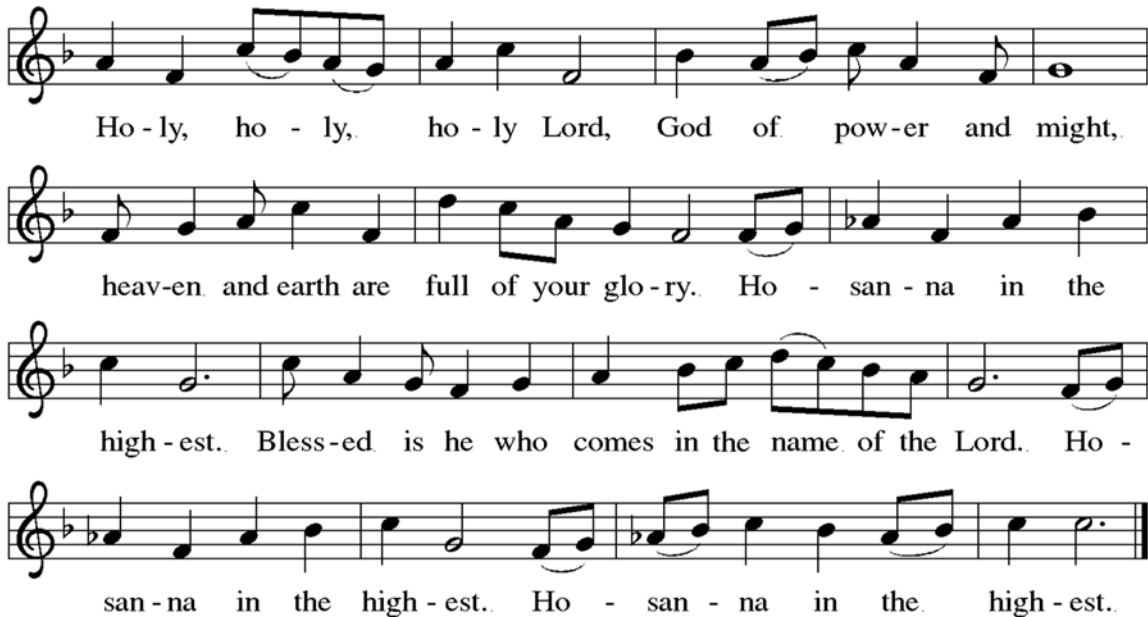
P Lift up your hearts.

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.**

P 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:



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

### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**P** 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.

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C** **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

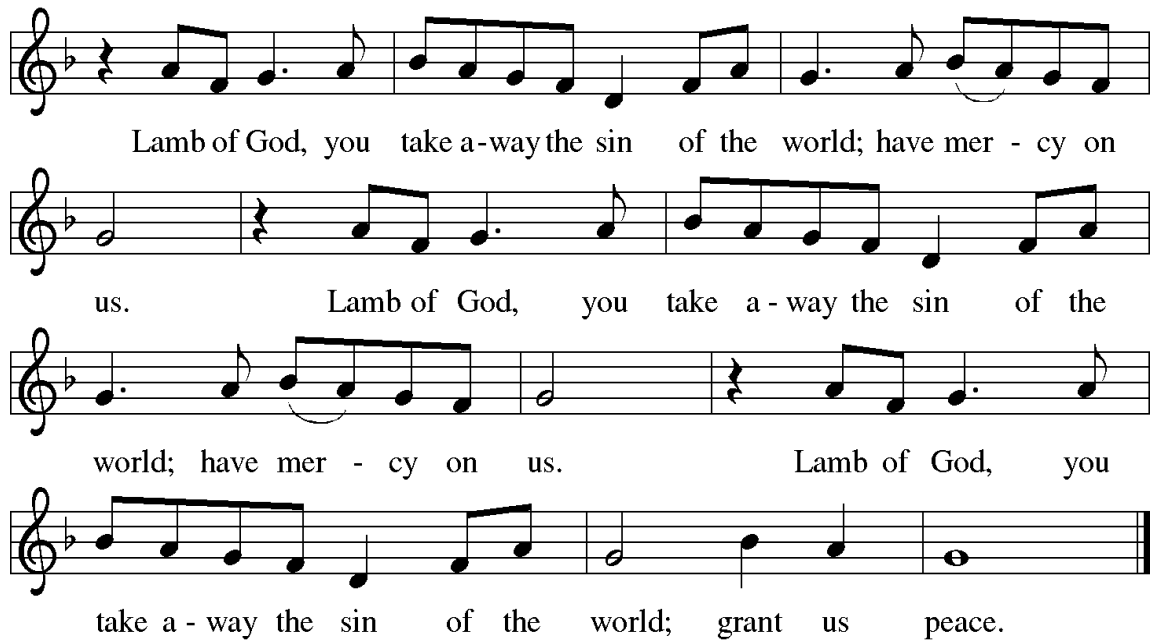
**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**P** Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

### **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.

COMMUNION HYMN

*Shepherd Me, O God*

ELW 780

*Refrain*  
All

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be - yond my fears, from

death in - to life. life.

Leader or All

1 God is my shep-herd, so noth - ing shall I want, I  
2 Gent - ly you raise me and heal my wea - ry soul, you  
3 Though I should wan - der the val - ley of death, I

rest in the mead-ows of faith - ful - ness and love, I  
lead me by path-ways of righ - teous - ness and truth, my  
fear no e - vil, for you are at my side, your

*Refrain*

walk by the qui - et wa - ters of peace.  
spir - it shall sing the mu - sic of your name.  
rod and your staff, my com - fort and my hope.

Leader or All

4 You have set me a ban-quet of love in the face of

*Refrain*

ha-tred, crown-ing me with love be-yond my pow'r to hold.

Leader or All

5 Sure-ly your kind-ness and mer-cy fol-low me all the days of my life;

I will dwell in the house of my God for-ev - er - more.

*Final refrain*  
All

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -

yond my fears, from death in - to life.

## COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C Amen.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

C Amen.

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## SENDING

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### BLESSING

P The God of all, who raised † Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

C Amen.

### SENDING HYMN

*The Day of Resurrection!*

ELW 361



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,  
2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right  
3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,  
4 Then praise we God the Fa - ther, and praise we Christ his Son,



the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.  
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,  
let all the world keep tri - umph and all that is there - in.  
with them the Ho - ly Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One;



From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,  
and lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;  
till all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,





our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.  
for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!  
and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry, as - cribe to God a - lone!

#### DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

C **Thanks be to God.**

#### POSTLUDE

***Welcome to worship at Trinity!***

***Thank you for joining us for worship. We hope that you found the Spirit of God in our midst. If you are interested in becoming a member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, or have other questions, please contact the church office at 785.233.0767***

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, April 30..... Worship with Holy Communion..... 10:30 AM  
 ..... Coffee Hour .....after worship  
 ..... Congregational Life Committee meeting .....after worship  
 Tues., May 2 ..... Quilters ..... 9:00 AM  
 Sunday, May 7 ..... Hymn Sing Along ..... 10:15 AM  
 ..... Worship with Holy Communion..... 10:30 AM  
 ..... Coffee Hour .....after worship

We thank Pastor Michael Haar for presiding at worship today as Pr. Andrew is traveling from El Paso to LA with ELCA Young Adults and Lutheran Immigrant and Refugee Services (LIRS) to learn more about our ministries on the border. Pr. Andrew will be gone from April 25<sup>th</sup> to May 6<sup>th</sup>.



The Central States Synod Assembly will take place via Zoom June 3, 2023. This will be a one day meeting. If anyone would like to volunteer to attend as Trinity delegates, please contact the office for more information.

Worship Assistants								
Date	Acolytes	Ushers	Musician	Lector	Altar Guild	Asst. Minister	Presiding Minister	Coffee Hosts
April 30	Duane Pomeroy	Dean McGinnis, Howard Reece	Mitchell Bean	Debbie Pomeroy	Diane Bottorff & Team 1	Marsha Ridinger	Pr. Michael Haar	Marcy Carlson/ Janelle Meredith
May 7	Curt Lewis	Duane Pomeroy, Howard Reece	TBD	Loni Reece	Janeen Horton & Team 2	Bob Horton	Pr. Andrew Patty	
May 14	LaVell Winsor, Brayden Winsor	Curt Lewis, Bob Horton	Mitchell Bean	Shelley Andrews	Janeen Horton & Team 2	Marsha Ridinger	Pr Andrew Patty	
May 21	Cindy McGinnis	Dean McGinnis, Duane Pomeroy	TBD	Diane Bottorff	Janeen Horton & Team 2	Marcy Carlson	Pr. Andrew Patty	
May 28	Parker Jackson, Ella Bosch	Howard Reece, Curt Lewis	Laurie Jackson	Marcy Carlson	Janeen Horton & Team 2	Ted Murphy	Pr. Andrew Patty	

OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS						
Date	General	Other	Total Weekly	Average Week-	Weekly In-	Attendance/
Apr. 6	\$55.00	\$0.00	\$55.00	-\$1,653.85	-\$1,598.85	19/--
Apr. 9	\$20,132.66	\$22.00	\$20,154.66	-\$1,653.85	\$18,500.81	107/78
Apr. 16	\$1,959.00	\$50.00	\$2,009.00	-\$1,653.85	\$355.15	24/23
Apr. 23	\$17,208.19	\$0.00	\$17,208.19	-\$1,653.85	\$15,554.34	37/33
			Income	Expense		
		Mar. 2023	\$6,338.00	-\$16,237.17	-\$9,899.17	
		Jan. - Mar.	\$29,473.16	-\$38,397.87	-\$8,924.71	



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### OFFICE HOURS

10:00AM-3:30PM, Monday through Thursday

**Together in Community**

**Living with Christ**

**Caring for Neighbors**

### **Caring for Our Neighbors**

Jesus commands us that when we care for the least of these; that we are in the presence of Christ (*Matthew 25:44-45*). As a congregation, we deeply care about serving those in need in our community. We hope to be a place of refuge and support for our neighborhood and to be a place to uplift those people that struggle around us. We also support ministries both local, national, and global as a church in the ELCA. As a congregation, we focus our efforts to partner with community organizations like Doorstep, while expanding opportunities to help our neighborhood through activities like our food ministry and community garden. We continue to be open to the ways that God calls us to be a presence in our community and to create a world where all are cared for in our society (*Philippians 2:4*).

### **CONGREGATION COUNCIL**

**President** Duane Pomeroy

**Vice-President** Curt Lewis (Maintenance)

**Secretary** Diane Bottorff (Community Relations)

Shelley Andrews (Administration)

Pam Kobbeman (Administration)

Carol Marker (Spiritual Care)

Dean McGinnis (Congregational Life)

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