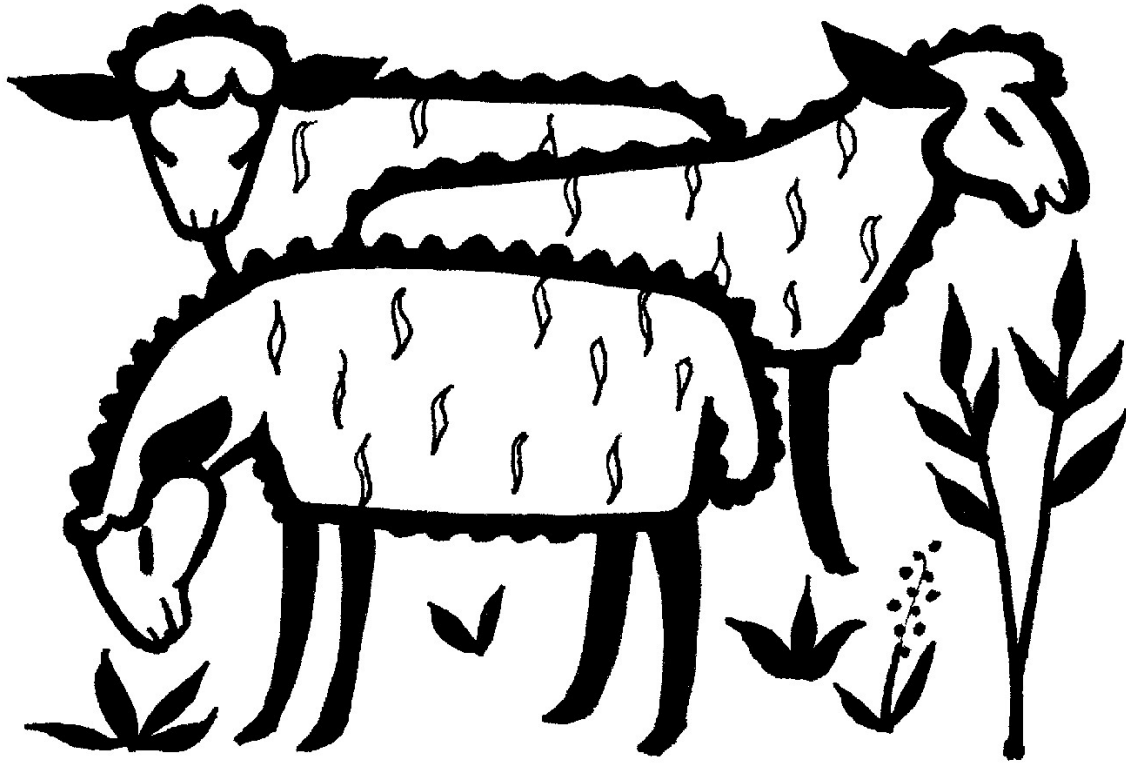


Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church
of the Erie Lutheran Parish



21 APRIL 2024
The Fourth Sunday of Easter
10:30 am

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.

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Holy Communion • LBW – Setting One • 10:30

GATHERING – “The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.”

PRELUDE – “Reflections on the Savior as Shepherd”

My Shepherd, You Supply My Need

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

arr. John Carter

arr. Bill Wolaver

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Please stand as you are able and face the font.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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

C Amen.

P Look, here is water!

C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P 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!

C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P 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.

C Amen.

P Look, here is water!

C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

ENTRANCE HYMN

The Day of Resurrection!



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 All praise to God the Fa - ther, all praise to Christ the 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,
 the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.
 all praise to God the 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;
 Let 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 glad re - frain.
 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!

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
 Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833

GREETING

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.


C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P The grace of our Risen Savior Jesus Christ, the love of the ever-living God, and the fellowship of the life-breathing Spirit be with you all.


C And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE


Refrain



All This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!




High Voices 1. Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, Whose
Low Voices 2. Pow- er, rich- es, wis- dom and strength, And
High Voices 3. Sing with all the peo- ple of God, And
High Voices 4. Bless- ing, hon- or, glo- ry, and might Be to
Low Voices 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: ... *to verse 4*
God and the Lamb for- ev- er. A- men. ... *refrain*
glorify his reign, Al- le- lu- ia! ... *final refrain*

Final Refrain



All This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

Text: Dignus est Agnus, tr. John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
Tune: FESTIVAL CANTICLE, Richard W. Hillert, 1923-2010

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray:

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.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD – “God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song.”

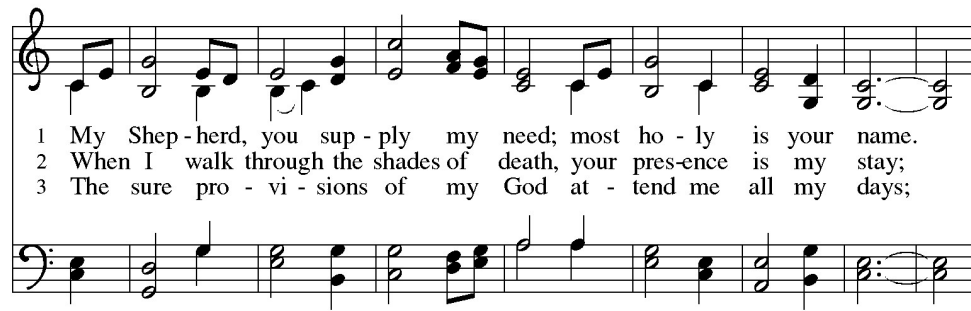
FIRST READING: Acts 4:5-12

⁵The next day the rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners Peter and John stand in their 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 questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are being asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let 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. ¹¹This Jesus is ‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.’ ¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

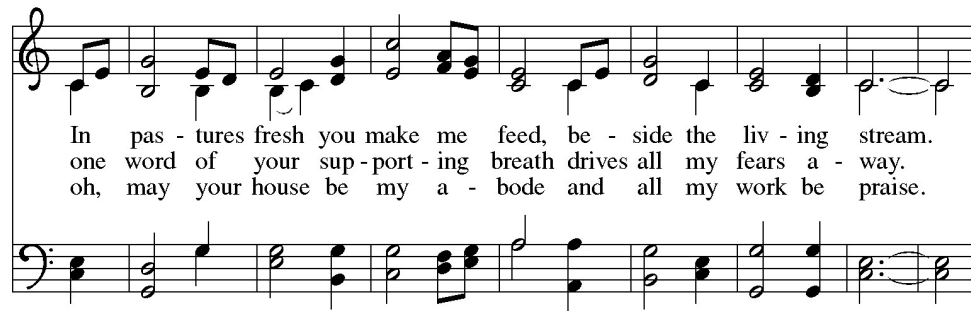
L Word of God, Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God.

My Shepherd, You Supply My Need



1 My Shep-herd, you sup-ply my need; most ho-ly is your name.
2 When I walk through the shades of death, your pres-ence is my stay;
3 The sure pro-vi-sions of my God at-tend me all my days;



In pas-tures fresh you make me feed, be-side the liv-ing stream.
one word of your sup-port-ing breath drives all my fears a-way.
oh, may your house be my a-bode and all my work be praise.



You bring my wan-d'ring spir-it back when I for-sake your ways,
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta-ble spread;
Here would I find a set-tled rest, while oth-ers go and come;



and lead me, for your mer-cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
my cup with bless-ings o-ver-flows, your oil a-noints my head.
no more a strang-er or a guest, but like a child at home.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt., based on Psalm 23
Music: RESIGNATION, North American traditional

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24

¹⁶We know love by this, that Jesus Christ laid down his life for us— and we ought to lay down our lives for the members of the community. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees someone in need and yet refuses help? ¹⁸Little children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before God ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us, for God is greater than our hearts, and God knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God, ²²and we receive from God whatever we ask, because we obey

the commandments and do what pleases God. ²³And this is God's commandment, that we should believe in the name of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and love one another, just as Jesus has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey God's commandments abide in God, and God abides in them. And by this we know that God abides in us, by the Spirit that God has given us.

L Word of God, Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able to greet the gospel.

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. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

P The Holy Gospel according to John.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: ¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The 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. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care 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. ¹⁶I 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. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No 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 The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Mary Louise McCullough

Please stand as you are able to proclaim the Word of God in song.

Savior, like A Shepherd Lead Us

1 Sav - ior like a shep - herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
 2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard - ian of our way;
 3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;

In your pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use your fold pre - pare.
 keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
 you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow' r to free.
 bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.

Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.

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Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779–1847
 Music: BRADBURY, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

NICENE CREED

A With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C 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.

THE PRAYERS

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,

C 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,

C 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,

C hear our prayer.

A 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. God of grace,

C 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,

C hear our prayer.

A Living God, we give thanks for our ancestors in faith, especially those of the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Strengthen us to share the good news in our own day. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A 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.

C Amen.

THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you.

C And also with you.

Please be seated.

MEAL – “*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*”

THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED

An Individual Silent Prayer as We Prepare to Make our Offering:

God of abundance, you have poured out a large measure of earthly blessings. Teach us to set our hearts on you and not these material blessings. Keep us from becoming captivated by prosperity, and grant us in wisdom to use your blessings to your glory and to the service of humankind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

ANTHEM – “Loving Shepherd”

J. S. Bach (arr. Mark Schweizer)

(Barb Moore, flute)

Loving shepherd, comfort and guide us, keep us in thy tender care.

And in thy mercy stay beside us, safely thy lambs now gather,

Bring us in faith together, and thy pastures now prepare.

And when I walk with darkness around me, Thou art near and I will fear no ill.

So with thy love and kindness surround me, goodness and mercy bringing,

From living water springing, Lord of Love grant me thy comfort still.

Please stand in body or spirit.

OFFERTORY

Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded

ACS 933



1 Day of de - light and beau-ty un - bound-ed, tell the news, the gos - pel



spread! Day of all won - der, day of all splen - dor, praise Christ



ris - en from the dead! Sing of the sun from dark - ness ap -



pear - ing; sing of the seed from bar - ren earth green - ing;



sing of cre - a - tion, al - le - lu - ia! Sing of the

stream from Je - sus' side flow - ing; sing of the saints in
wa - ter made ho - ly; sing of sal - va - tion, al - le - lu - ia!

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 Music: IN DIR IST FREUDE, Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi, 1556–1622
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A** Risen One,...through Jesus Christ, our true vine.
- C** Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOG

- 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 him thanks and praise.

PREFACE

- P** It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy...join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord
 God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

- P** O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life.
- P** When the earth was a formless void, you formed order and beauty. When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child; When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom. Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath, and the psalmists cried out for healing, and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.
- P** You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother. He was born among the poor, he lived under oppression, he wept over the city. With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

*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.*

P Remembering his death, we cry out Amen.

C Amen.

P Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen.

C Amen!

P Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen.

C Amen.

P O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal. O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself. O God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one. O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

P O God most majestic, O God most motherly, O God our strength and our song, you show us a vision of a tree of life with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations. Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior, life in you, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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 Alleluia! Christ our Paschal Lamb has been sacrificed for us!

C **Therefore, let us keep the feast! Alleluia!**

P Those communing at home: take and eat, the body and blood of Christ given and shed for you.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

*This is Christ's Table and all Christians are welcome to the feast!
We believe that this is the Body and Blood of Christ for you.*

Please come forward from both sides by the center aisle.

Take a small empty cup from the trays at the head of the center aisle.

White grape juice is in pre-filled cups for those who cannot have alcoholized wine.

Gluten-free wafers are available for those who need them; please let the pastor know.

Receive the bread in your open palm, then hold your cup steady for the assisting minister to fill.

As you return by the side aisles, please place your empty cup in the tray.

*All are invited to the meal. If you would like to participate but not to receive the bread and wine,
please cross your arms in front of you for a blessing from the pastor.*

HYMNS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

ELW 502

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 thine unction grace bestoweth;
 and, oh, what transport of delight
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
 thy goodness faileth never.
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house forever.

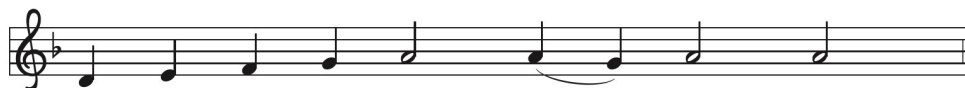
You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd



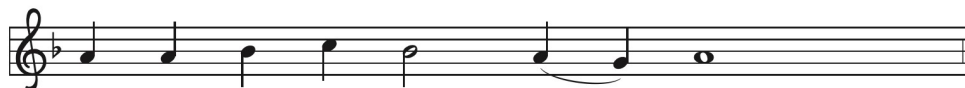
1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd.
 2 Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain,
 3 You, who walk each day be - side us,
 4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus!



You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
 stripped of might up - on the cross,
 sit in pow - er at God's side.
 Wor - thy is our cos - mic Christ!



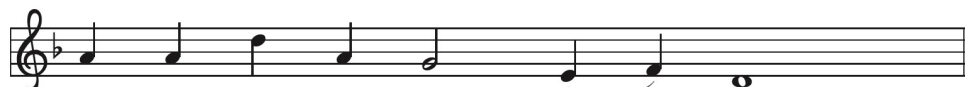
You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er
 shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,
 You, who preach a way that's nar - row,
 Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - t'ry;



of the way you took and gave.
 beg - gared by a sol - dier's toss,
 have a love that reach - es wide.
 wor - thy still your peace and strife.



You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
 you, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;



you, whom we both scorn and crave.
 you, who are both gift and cost.
 you, who are our pil - grim guide.
 you, who are our death and life.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993
 Music: PICARDY, French folk tune, 17th cent.
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TABLE BLESSING

☐ The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you, keep you in all goodness and health, and bring you to everlasting life.

☑ Amen.

Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded

2 Day of de - light and beau-ty un - bound-ed, tell the news, the gos - pel
spread! Day of all won - der, day of all splen - dor, praise Christ
ris - en from the dead! Sing now of mourn - ing turned in - to
danc - ing; sing now the mys - t'ry, hope of our glo - ry;
sing with thanks - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia! Sing now of
fast - ing turned in - to feast - ing; sing the Lord's fa - vor
last - ing for - ev - er; sing, all things liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- A** Shepherding God,...Jesus, our redeemer and friend.
C Amen.

SENDING – “God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.”


ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

- P** ... ✠ bless you now and always.
C Amen.

Have No Fear, Little Flock



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 in
 bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -
 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!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jillson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4
 Music: LITTLE FLOCK, Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930
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DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE

- A** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C** Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!
- A** Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- C** Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE – "The Day of Resurrection"

arr. Michael Burkhardt, Alfred V. Fedak

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— SERVING TODAY —

ACOLYTE – Jessica Copfer
 ASSISTING MINISTER – Pat Bellingham
 COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Ann Flick
 LECTOR – Mary Daniels
 INSTRUMENTALIST – Barb Moore, *flute*
 ALTAR GUILD – Pam Masiroff
 BREAD BAKER – Cathie Dugan
 USHERS – Diane Banks, Eric Hedlund, Jane & Dave Kinzig
 VIDEO STREAMING – John Bartlett



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of departed members of the Women of the ELCA by the Women of the ELCA of Luther Memorial Church.

Front altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Emily and Leo Hokaj on their birthdays and wedding anniversaries on April 22, 1935 by Ed Hokaj.

We welcome Rev. Dr. Mary Louise McCullough to Luther Memorial this morning. She is a spiritual director and dream work facilitator, working from her home in Erie with clients from many faiths around the country. She is a retired Presbyterian pastor who served churches in western Pennsylvania and more recently, Nashville, TN for 10 years. She and her husband, Rev. Mike Wilson (pastor of two local churches) moved to Erie in November 2022 and are loving it. Two young grandchildren and family live in Nashville, so Mary Louise also spends time on the road for visits as often as possible.

Today's Events

Doors open for 80's Bingo today at 12:30pm; Bingo play begins at 1:00pm. Get back to the 80's and have some fun with a Chinese auction and tip boards, too. Tickets are \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door. See Beth Keller or Sarah Prylinski this morning with any questions.

Greeting cards can be found in the information rack located near the parlor area. A large variety of cards that will fit every occasion are available. Youth are offering these cards for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Proceeds will benefit our youth.

Worship Matters

Psalms serve as the first written songs used by the people of God for worship and for devotion. There are, of course, 150 psalms in the book of Psalm but there are numerous other psalms throughout the Bible. This morning we encounter perhaps the most widely known psalm...the 23rd. In whatever translation of the text you know best, this psalm is quite familiar. Indeed, it is—besides the Magnificat—the most widely used piece of scripture in our hymnody. This morning we sing several versions of the 23rd Psalm in worship: *My Shepherd You Supply My Need* is a translation and metricalization (making it singable to a hymn tune with rhythm and rhyme) by Isaac Watts and sung to a traditional North American tune. Additionally, we sing *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* which uses imagery inspired by both Psalm 23 and the Sacrament of the Altar. If you would like to read through some other hymns based on Psalm 23, pick up the red *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (the primary worship resource of the ELCA) and read through hymns: 778, *The Lord's My Shepherd* and 780, *Shepherd Me, O God*.

Worship

A festival service celebrating the **Ascension of Our Lord** will be held at Luther Memorial on the evening of Thursday, May 9 at 7:00. All of the Erie County ELCA churches are welcome and Rev. Erik Young will be preaching. A reception will follow in our parlor.

Worship services are viewed online by many each Sunday. Volunteers to stream the 10:30am service are needed. Streaming the service is not difficult, and training will be given. If you are interested or have questions please contact the church office.

Our prelude begins at 10:25 each week and flows into the 10:30am worship time. We hope that this will draw us together and into our time of worship. Please remember to be mindful of those around you and those worshipping at home by keeping conversations and visiting to the lobbies once the prelude has begun. Thank you.

A reminder that our livestream runs from the beginning of the prelude through the end of the postlude. To maintain a worshipful space for those joining from home, please remember to leave the chancel area (the area around the altar) clear until after the postlude.

Opportunities for Fellowship

Magic Fingers Grace Group invites you to spend the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month with them for knitting, crocheting and any yarn project you may be creating. These are wonderful mornings of fellowship and laughter. Join us April 23 from 10:00am– 12:00 noon. Please contact Norma, in the church office, or Jan MacInnes if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions.

A **bowling party** will be held honoring our **First Holy Communion students** on Sunday, April 28 at Westway Bowling Lanes, Girard, PA beginning at 1:00pm. Please join us for this celebration. There will be no charge for our Holy Communion class. The cost of bowling is \$4.25/game; shoes are free. Pizza and beverages may be purchased at the bowling lanes.

Deborah and Tuesday W/ELCA circles will gather for their General Meeting on Tuesday, May 7 at 12:00 noon in the parlor.

CampBlast will be held at Camp Lutherlyn, Butler, Pa, on Saturday, May 11 from 11:00am – 4:30pm. Rain or shine, this is a day of fun for the entire family; archery, gaga ball, zipline, crafts, hiking, hay rides, kayaking, and so much more. The entire day is free. What a wonderful way to spend your day!

Support for our Youth

Flea Market will be held Saturday, May 4 from 8:00am – 12:00 noon in our parking lot. It's time to clean out the clutter and stop down to find some deals. Each parking space is \$10. Bring your own table to display items. Please see Sarah Prylinski to participate.

Car Washes will be held Sunday, May 5 and Sunday, May 19 following worship services; 9:00am and 11:30am. Our youth will be armed with buckets of suds to give your car a sparkling shine.

Congratulations

Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania is pleased to share that the **Rev. Karen Lundwall**, will be recognized on May 9 with the "Serve.Pray.Speak." award in recognition of her devotion to service and justice, following the example of Jesus. She was nominated by Bishop Lozano and will be recognized at our 45th Anniversary Celebration along with advocates from every synod in Pennsylvania on the evening of our annual Lutheran Day in the Capitol. We invite you to join us in Harrisburg for a day of education, advocacy and inspiration as we gather as church together for the sake of the world God loves. To register, go to www.lutheranadvocacypa.org.

Luther Memorial Academy

LMA Spring Program will be held Monday, May 6. Stop down for a very enjoyable program, view the artistic talents of our students and have some lemonade and cookies. A book fair, provided by Werner Books, will be open in the library following the Spring Program for a little shopping.

Bethany Outreach Center

A **tasty evening out** to support the Bethany Outreach Center is Thursday, April 25. Visit Texas Roadhouse, 7475 Peach Street, from 3:00 – 8:00pm and 10% of your bill will support BOC. Pick up your flyer at the welcome tables and present this with your order. Thank you.

Are you a Golfer who enjoys a Good Scramble? Join us at the 7th Annual Harbor Ridge Open, this year in Support of the Bethany Outreach Center! Join us **Sunday, June 30 at 10:00am** at the Harbor Ridge Golf Course, 3730 Harbor Ridge Trail, Erie. Highlights of this "Fun" Fundraiser:

- Several (last year we had 16) Teams will compete in two 9-hole "Scramble" Rounds
- 9 optional "Fun" Skill Contests, such as Hole-In-One, Closest-To-The-Pin, etc.
- ***Even if you're not a golfer***, you can still enjoy the Silent Auction, 50/50 Raffle, Pull-Tab Prizes/Games in the Club House during and after golf
- Hot dogs and drinks at the turn
- All Proceeds go to support the Bethany Outreach Center
- Cost is \$320 per Foursome

To sign up see the registration information at the Bethany Outreach Center website (www.bethanyoutreachcenter.org). Call, text, or email Eric Hedlund if you have any questions, at (814) 898-1233 or (814) 722-7732 or eric@bethanyoutreachcenter.org.

Community Events

World renowned German organist Paul Fey will perform a free concert on the magnificent Aeolian Skinner pipe organ at St. Luke Episcopal Church, 410 North Main Street, Jamestown, NY on Friday, April 26 at 7:00pm. All are invited to attend.

First Annual Day of Learning will be held Saturday, May 4 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 3108 Sterrettania Road, from 9:30am – 3:00pm. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Teresa Smallwood, United Lutheran Seminary Associate Professor of Public Theology. Dr. Smallwood will share her deep interest in public theology. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. We will welcome Dr. Smallwood as our guest preacher at Luther Memorial on Sunday, May 5.

Items to Note

In case of an emergency and unable to reach Pastor Jay, please contact our church office at 454-0106, ext. 221 during weekday business hours of 8:00am – 4:00pm to speak with Norma. During the weekend and evening you are welcome to contact Norma Buerk at 450-7162. Thank you.

Readings and Commemorations This Week

April 22 – Day of the Creation – Job 38:1-11, 16-18; Psalm 104:13-35; I Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19; Luke 12:13-21 -- *This observance invites us to notice and give God thanks for the wonders of the created universe. As stewards of that creation, we are also challenged to be careful in our use of it.*

April 23 – Toyohiko Kagawa, renewer of society, 1960 – Hosea 2:1`8-23; Psalm 94:1-14; Romans 12:9-21; Luke 6:20-36 -- *Born in Kobe, Japan, Kagawa was orphaned as a young child. Later, when he became Christian, he was disowned by the rest of his family. Wishing to bring Christian principles into society, he worked among poor people, established schools and hospitals, and worked for peace.*

April 24 – Psalm 95; Micah 7:8-20; Mark 14:26-31

April 25 – Mark, evangelist – Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 2; II Timothy 4:6-11, 18; Mark 1:1-15 -- *He was not numbered among the twelve apostles, yet Mark was probably a member of the early church community. The gospel that bears his name is the shortest and most direct, and many scholars think it was the first to be written.*

April 26 – Psalm 22:25-31; Amos 8:1-7; Acts 8:1b-8

April 27 – Psalm 22:25-31; Amos 9:7-15; Mark 4:30-32

– PRAYER LIST –

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:			
Our Members:			
Lois Fobes	Dave Parsh	Rose-Marie Rose	Phil McAfee
Cathy Beck & Jim			
Friends and Family:			
Kate Collins & family	Lorraine Melms	Jeannette Bowers	Doug Blum
Jeff Granger & family	Janice Carpenter	Heather Keaster	Russ Wiest
Nikki & Ayden Moyer & family	Paul Gustafson	Marky Stein	Jonah Allgeier
Pam (Battersby) Latronca	Tony B.	Betty M.	Kay Kaberline
Mary & Mike Collins	Stephanie Voland	Betty Peters	Marlo
Jessica Bulos Grubb	Lily	Jean Peterson	Amy Roschy
Katja Mestrom	Thomas Cocis	Sherry Johnson	
Grief:			
Florence Holden family	Cheryl Lucht family		
Our Military Service Men & Women:			
Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown
Ben Dixon			

CALENDAR

MONDAY, APRIL 22

TUESDAY, APRIL 23 8:30am Gr. 2 / Grandparent Celebration
 10:00am Magic Fingers Grace Group
 3:00pm School Board

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24 11:30am LMA Dismissal / Teacher Meeting

THURSDAY, APRIL 25 1:00pm Grief Support Group
 5:30pm Handbell Rehearsal
 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, APRIL 26 3:00pm Prayer Group

SATURDAY, APRIL 27 10:00am Quilt Gathering

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024 **THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Worship services at 8:15am in Faith Chapel and 10:30am in the main church.

Bowling at Westway Lanes celebrating our First Holy Communion class at 1:00pm.

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Assisting Minister	8:15am	Cathie Dugan
	10:30am	Julie Ditz
Communion Assistant (<i>1 needed</i>)	10:30am	Pam Masiroff
Lector	10:30am	Bill Lasher
Altar Guild	8:15am	Donna Sedelmyer
	10:30am	Jessica Copfer , Mary Daniels
Greeter	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	(<i>1 needed</i>)
Video Streaming	10:30am	Nick Lang
Counters	10:30am	Mike Hedlund, Liz Stroup
Ushers (<i>4 needed</i>)	10:30am	Diana Alvaro, Cathy Beck Linda Graffius, Carl Moore