

Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026



Trusting God + Loving the World

Worshiping and Growing Together in Christ | Serving and Reaching Out Joyfully to All!



Welcome! We're glad you're here!



If you are a guest and are interested in knowing more about this community and the ministries that Holy Shepherd is engaged in, please add your information on the clipboard located at the **Information Center** kiosk. You may add as much information as you'd like to share. We look forward to getting to know you!

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Today Christ is risen and we gather together in joy.
Christ is risen, and we have been set free from the bonds of death.
Christ is risen, and with the women we are amazed.
Let us rejoice! Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Song

Bless the Lord (Chancel Choir)

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Taize

Begin in silence – 8:30am



The Light of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**
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Prelude – 10:30am

Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Opening Song

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

ELW 365

**Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
now above the sky he's king, Alleluia! where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Prayer of Day

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

Risen God,

You call us by name, and the dawning truth of your resurrection breaks through the darkness of our grieving. Slow us down to savor this moment of unexpected wonder, that we might prepare our hearts to carry the good news to the world. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

Musical Offering

Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed

- Getty

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching & song

While the other disciples came, saw, and left, Mary remained to be still and grieve. It was into this stillness that the angels came, and then Jesus himself appeared.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 118:21-29

²¹I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

²⁶Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord.

²⁷The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

²⁸You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

²⁹O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Congregation:

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

Holy Gospel

John 20:1-

18

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

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around

and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

+ Children's Time +



Children's Church

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



Message

Song

1,4,5

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

ELW 364 vs.

**Christ has arisen, alleluia.
Rejoice and praise him, alleluia.
For our redeemer burst from the tomb,
even from death, dispelling its gloom.**

Refrain

**Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.
Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!
Jesus is living, alleluia!**

**"Go spread the news: he's not in the grave.
He has arisen this world to save.
Jesus' redeeming labors are done.
Even the battle with sin is won." *Refrain***

Christ has arisen to set us free.

**Alleluia, to him praises be.
Jesus is living! Let us all sing;
he reigns triumphant, heavenly king.** *Refrain*

Nicene Creed

Prayers of the People

With renewed confidence in your power and love, we pray for the church,
the world, and all in need.

Prayer response:

God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

Hear all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, and gather them into your loving arms,
for the sake of our risen savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sharing God's Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.
We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for
freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be
our Redeemer. We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the
sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world. Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ. We praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen**

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Invitation

Jesus, who is alive and present here with us, invites you to this festive table. Here is bread and wine in remembrance of him, prepared for you, his beloved siblings and friends. Come and be fed, that your joy may be complete.

+ *All Are Welcome at the Table* +

Options for receiving Holy Communion

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

“The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.”

If you would like communion served in the pew, please signal to a pastor.

You are invited... To bring **offering** forward during Holy Communion or before or after worship. The offering is gathered in front of the communion table where we are reminded of God’s gifts given to us in Christ and our response to these gifts.

Communion Songs

At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing

ELW 362 vs. 1,4,6,7

**At the Lamb's high feast we sing
praise to our victorious king,
who has washed us in the tide
flowing from his wounded side. Alleluia!**

**Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
paschal victim, paschal bread;
with sincerity and love
eat we manna from above. Alleluia!**

**Now no more can death appall,
now no more the grave enthrall;
you have opened paradise,
and your saints in you shall rise. Alleluia!**

**Easter triumph, Easter joy,
this alone can sin destroy!
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
newborn souls in you to be. Alleluia!**

Now the Green Blade Rises

ELW 379 vs. 1-3

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,

wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,
thinking that he would never wake again;
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!

ELW 377 vs. 1-3

**Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!**

Refrain

***Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
Give God the glory! Alleluia!***

**Walking the way, Christ in the center
telling the story to open our eyes;
breaking our bread, giving us glory:
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. *Refrain***

**Jesus the vine, we are the branches;
life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
heaven to earth, Christ to the people,
gift of the future now flowing to me. *Refrain***

Prayer after Communion

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✚ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Song

Thine is the Glory

ELW 376

**Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment, rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes, where thy body lay.**

Refrain

***Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won!***

**Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;
let his church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting! *Refrain***

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors, through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan, to thy home above. *Refrain***

Sending

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



Worship Leadership

- Pastors: Julie Brooks, Kim Gonia
- Organist: Chris Johnson
- Readers:
 - 8:30am: Lisa Grimm
 - 10:30am: Becca Mohrbacher
- Communion Assistants:
 - 8:30am: Gaylene Szaltzer, Dianne Watts
 - 10:30am: Diane Jowell, Barb Jacobson
- Greeters:
 - 8:30am: Reid Clark
 - 10:30am: Dottie Crepeaux, Lee Ann Hufford,
Linda & Wally Settgast
- Ushers:
 - 8:30am: Jeff Watts
 - 10:30am: Don Threlkeld
- Chancel Choir: Directed by Diane Klinkerfues
- Trumpet Trio: Larry Lagerberg, Sue Scott, Mike Madsen
- Altar Guild: Donna Madsen
- Technology: 8:30am – Dan Mohrbacher, Mark Lee
10:30am – Judy Ekberg, Mark Lee

WORSHIP SERVICE NOTES +

- **THANK YOU** for being considerate of disabled worshippers and their families. Please leave the pew cuts and several adjoining seats available for those with walkers & wheelchairs.
- **HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES** are located at the sound booth located in the back of the sanctuary on the east side. You can also download the app WaveCast Receiver which is designed for hearing aids with Bluetooth capability. See Diane Klinkerfues or our sound engineer Mark, in our sound booth. (Back of the sanctuary, SE corner).
- **PRAYER WALL/CANDLE STATION** is available during worship for candle-lighting and writing prayers and placing them in the prayer wall. Blue paper for writing prayers is available at the prayer wall or in the pews where the offering envelopes are located.

RELATIONSHIP BUILDING (FELLOWSHIP)

After worship, you are invited to get to know one another for the first – or 100th time, in the narthex (behind the sanctuary) or in the fellowship hall with coffee and snacks.

OFFERING



If you would like to make a donation to the mission of Holy Shepherd, which will be used to serve the community, neighborhood and the world, there is an offering plate located at the front of the sanctuary. Please make checks payable to: Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church or use the ***Tithely*** link at the left. *Thank you.*

KIDS AREA (Nursery)

The ***Kids Area*** (un-staffed) is available your family to use if you need a place to step out with kids during the service. It is located off the hallway west of the sanctuary and has a television available for watching the worship live-stream. Kid busy bags are also located in the narthex (outside the sanctuary).

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