

The Season of Easter

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More Than Enough

Paul and Silas are imprisoned, so they sing and witness.



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!*

Trusting God + Loving the World

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

All are welcome in this holy house.

We come together in Jesus' name.

Blessed are you who have faith even through challenges.

Jesus is here, bringing us healing and wholeness.

Confession & Forgiveness

We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

Merciful God,

Give us the willingness to be honest with ourselves, with one another, and with you about the ways in which we have caused harm in this world. Give us the openness to see where our actions or failures to act have led to pain in those closest to us and in those far away. Do not let us sink further into self-harm through self-blame and hatred, but give us the courage to set right our wrongs, and to return to you again and again for forgiveness.

The risen God has raised you to newness of life in Jesus' name. You are in Christ a new creation, and God forgives you every wrong. Celebrate with all of creation a world redeemed, and lavish the love you have received on all that is. Amen.

Hymn of Praise

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



Refrain
freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



Refrain
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

Greeting

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

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.**

Prayer of Day

God of radical welcome,

Challenge us to hear your gospel in new and different ways, that our faith might be enriched and deepened as we struggle to find its meaning for us today. In the name of Jesus, who crossed boundaries and ministered to the marginalized, even to his own condemnation, we pray. Amen.

Musical Offering

Easter Rejoicing

arr. Helman

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching & song

Paul and Silas were imprisoned for casting out a spirit of divination against the wishes of the spirit's owners. While there, they used the opportunity to convert the jailer.

Scripture Reading

Acts 16:16-34

¹⁶One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling.

¹⁷While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." ¹⁸She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. ¹⁹But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." ²²The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." ²⁹The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³²They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house.

³³At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

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

Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!**

Holy Gospel

Luke 6:18-19, 22-23

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

¹⁸They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²²"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets."

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

(a moment of silence follows the message)

"I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
 All who dwell in dark and sin, my hand will save.
 I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
 Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"

Refrain

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
 I have heard you calling in the night.
 I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
 I will hold your people in my heart.**

"I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
 I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

"I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
 Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

Proclamation of Faith

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**God – who created the light and separated it from the darkness
 – I Believe**

**Jesus – who is the light and shines in the darkness yet is not overcome by it
 – I Believe**

**Spirit – who spreads the light into the darkness of our world
 – I Believe.**

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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy

ELW 191

**Holy, holy, holy are you, God of power and might;
heaven and earth are filled with your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in your name.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

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 sets prisoners free, also sets a table of grace and mercy before us in the presence of one another. Come and be nourished on his body and blood, that you might be strengthened to carry the good news into the world. This invitation is for you!



+ All are welcome at the table +

Options for receiving Holy Communion

Please come forward to the front where the pastors are standing. Come forward starting with the front pews, there will be no ushers. After you have received communion please exit by the side aisles and put your empty cup in the basket. There are kneelers on each side where you are free to kneel and pray before you return to your seat. Bread (gluten-free) and wine or grape juice (center of the tray) will be given to you 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 or let the usher in the back know.

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

Communion Songs

- Haugen

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world
have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you are the way of mercy and love.
have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world
Grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

-Tomlin

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see.

Tw'as grace that taught my heart to fear
and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear,
the hour I first believed.

Refrain

*My chains are gone I've been set free.
My God my Savior has ransomed me,
and like a flood His mercy reigns.
Unending love amazing grace.*

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures. *Refrain*

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine.
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine. Will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.

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.

God blesses us and sends us out in mission to the world.

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.

Sending Song

When in Our Music God is Glorified

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**When in our music God is glorified,
and adoration leaves no room for pride,
it is as though the whole creation cried:
Alleluia!**

**How oft, in making music, we have found
a new dimension in the world of sound,
as worship moved us to a more profound:
Alleluia!**

**And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night
when utmost evil strove against the light?
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight:
Alleluia!**

**Let ev'ry instrument be tuned for praise;
let all rejoice who have a voice to raise;
and may God give us faith to sing always:
Alleluia!**

Sending

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude



Worship Leadership

Pastors	Julie Brooks, Kim Gonia
Pianist/Organist	Chris Johnson
Musical Offering	Handbell Choir
Reader	Joan Meister-Bridges
Communion Assistants	Del Holz, Gaylene Szaltzer
Greeters	Kurt & Darlene Mader
Usher.....	John & Lee Ann Hufford
Altar Guild	Susie DiPaolo
Children's Church	Children's Church Team
Worship Technology	Mike Madsen, 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 our sound engineer Mark, in the sound booth if you have any questions. (*Back of the sanctuary, SE corner*).

CANDLE STATION is available for candle-lighting. (*In the back of the sanctuary*).

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



Your financial gifts support Holy Shepherd and its vision to nurture trusting relationships with God and with one another, along with its vision to engage in generous activities that serve to love the world as Jesus has shown us. Cash, or checks made out to Holy Shepherd, can be placed in the front bowl by the front pews on your way to communion. (Envelopes are available in your pews if you'd like.) You can also scan the QR code to the left and give through Tithely. *Thank you for your generosity.*

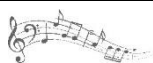
KIDS

Kids Zone (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 located in the narthex (outside the sanctuary) and contain kid friendly items for families to take into worship. Please return to the stand after worship.

Children's Church is offered after the kids, typically 3 years old to 4th grade, come up for *Children's Time* with the pastor. This optional activity is during the pastor's message and is led by an adult. It is located in the room just through the nursery off the west hallway of the sanctuary.

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