

# The Season of Easter

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More Than Enough

*We Have the Same Mind as Christ Who Empties Himself*



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

We come to this place as walking contradictions,  
**Joyful, sorrowful, humble, proud, kind, frustrated.**  
God sees, knows, and loves us as we are.  
**We praise our God for God's loving grace.**

## 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



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



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



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

## 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

Exalted God,

**You set aside your glory and became one of us; not just a human being, but one who chose to live a life of poverty on the margins of society, and who ultimately died by state violence. In so humbling yourself, you destroyed sin and death and utterly transformed all of creation. Keep us ever mindful of your incomprehensible act of love and mercy for the sake of us all. Amen.**

*God speaks to us in scripture, preaching & song*

*Jesus was both humbled and exalted by God, a living testament to God's unfailing love.*

## Scripture Reading

Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,

<sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form,

<sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,

<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;

<sup>13</sup>for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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 6:43-45

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

<sup>43</sup>"No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit; <sup>44</sup>for each tree is known by its own fruit. Figs are not gathered from thorns, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. <sup>45</sup>The good person out of the good treasure of the heart produces good, and the evil person out of evil treasure produces evil; for it is out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks."

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

## + Children's Time +



### **Children's Church**

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



## Message

*(a moment of silence follows the message)*

## Song

***I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light***

ELW 815

**I want to walk as a child of the light.  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus.**

*Refrain*

**In him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**I want to see the brightness of God.  
I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,  
and show me the way to the Father. *Refrain***

**I'm looking for the coming of Christ.  
I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
we shall know the joy of Jesus. *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, 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, who on the cross joined with all creation in the fullness of suffering and death, and in rising brought new life to all. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, with angels and archangels, cherubim, and seraphim, 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, whose name is exalted above all names, humbly invites you to join him in this simple meal of bread and wine. With your siblings in his name, come as you are to be nourished in love. All are welcome at this table.



+ 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.

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### *Beautiful Savior*

ELW 838

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Beautiful Savior, King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,  
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,  
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,  
bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be thine!

## 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.**

## Musical Offering

*An Irish Blessing*

- McChesney

## Sending Song

***A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!***

ELW 393 vs. 1,2,3,5

**A hymn of glory let us sing!  
New hymns throughout the world shall ring: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Christ, by a road before untrod, ascends unto the throne of God.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**The holy apostolic band  
upon the Mount of Olives stand, Alleluia! Alleluia!  
and with his faithful foll'wers see, their Lord ascend in majesty.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**To whom the shining angels cry,  
"Why stand and gaze upon the sky?" Alleluia! Alleluia!  
"This is the Savior!" thus they say, "this is his glorious triumph day!"  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**O risen Christ, ascended Lord,  
all praise to you let earth accord: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
You are, while endless ages run, with Father and with Spirit one.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, 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  
Assisting Minister ..... Lisa Grimm  
Reader ..... Randy Updike  
Musical Offering ..... Chancel & Handbell Choir  
Communion Assistants ..... Betty Moody, Don Threlkeld  
Greeters ..... Pat & John Szkrumelak  
Usher..... Don Threlkeld  
Altar Guild ..... Donna Madsen  
Children's Church ..... Children's Church Team  
Worship Technology ..... Dan Mohrbacher, Mark Lee

*Blessings*

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## WORSHIP SERVICE NOTES

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**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*).

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## RELATIONSHIP BUILDING (FELLOWSHIP)

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

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## OFFERING

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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.*

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## KIDS

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**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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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