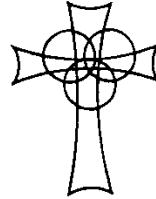




THE GOOD SHEPHERD  
LAYS DOWN HIS LIFE  
FOR THE SHEEP.

JOHN 10:11

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*Good Shepherd Sunday  
April 25, 2021*

***WELCOME TO WORSHIP!!!***

***Alleluia! Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!***

We are glad that you are joining us for worship today. We are an “Easter People.” As such, we celebrate Christ’s victory over sin and death not only one Sunday of the Year, but every Sunday! Jesus Christ is worshipped among us here as the Living Lord and He is seen alive as He comes to us through His Word and the Sacraments. We pray that you will see and meet the same Lord Jesus as you worship with us today.

***A PRAYER AS WE GATHER***

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. Amen.



**The Divine Service of Word and Sacrament  
in the Season of Easter**

*From Divine Service, Setting One  
Lutheran Service Book, Page 151ff*

✠ *In the Name of Jesus Christ* ✠

✠ **The Preparation** ✠

The Music for Meditation

The Prelude

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today, Alleluia”

The Words of Welcome

*The Congregation rises.*

The Opening Hymn

*Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 463*

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today, Alleluia”

- 1 Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!  
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!  
Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!  
At the Paschal Victim's feet. Alleluia!**
- 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!  
Sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!  
Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!**
- 3 Hail, the Victim undefiled, Alleluia!  
God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!  
When contending death and life, Alleluia!  
Met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!**
- 4 Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!  
All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!  
Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!**

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The Invocation and Easter Acclamation:

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The Confession of Sins and Absolution:

**P** All of us who were baptized into Christ have been clothed with Christ.

**C** **Alleluia!** *from Galatians 3:27*

**P** In Baptism we died with Christ, so that as Christ was raised from the dead, we might walk in newness of life. Confessing our sins in penitence and faith, let us receive through Christ's forgiveness new life in Him. *from Romans 6:4*

*Silence is kept for a time of reflection and self-examination*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### ✠ The Service of the Word ✠

The Introit of the Day

*Psalm 23; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b*

**P** I am the good shepherd.

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

**C** **The LORD is my shepherd;**

**I shall not want.**

**P** He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

**C** **He restores my soul.**

**He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

**P** Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

**C** **You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

**P** Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

**C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**P** I am the good shepherd.  
I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

The *Kyrie Eleison* Litany:

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for  
the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to  
the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



**C** A - men.

The Hymn of Praise

*This Is the Feast of Victory*



**C** 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  
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
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: *Stanza 4*  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



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



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

The Salutation and Collect of the Day:



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*The Congregation is seated.*

The First Reading

*Acts 4:1-12*

<sup>1</sup>As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, <sup>2</sup>greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. <sup>3</sup>And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. <sup>4</sup>But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

<sup>5</sup>On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. <sup>12</sup>And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Alleluia!*

<sup>16</sup>By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. <sup>17</sup>But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? <sup>18</sup>Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

<sup>19</sup>By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; <sup>20</sup>for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; <sup>22</sup>and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>Whoever keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual and Alleluia Verse:

*adapted from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6  
Romans 6:9 and John 10:14*

**P** Christ has risen from the dead.

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.

**C** **He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;  
he has put all things under his feet.**

**P** Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;

**C** **death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia.**

**P** Alleluia. I am the good shepherd.

**C** **I know my own and my own know me. Alleluia.**

The Holy Gospel

*John 10:11-18*

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

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

<sup>11</sup>[Jesus said:] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be

one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*The Congregation is seated.*

The Hymn of the Day

*Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 709*

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

- 1 **The King of Love my Shepherd is,  
Whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am His  
And He is mine forever.**
- 2 **Where streams of living water flow,  
My ransomed soul He leadeth  
And, where the verdant pastures grow,  
With food celestial feedeth.**
- 3 **Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
But yet in love He sought me  
And on His shoulder gently laid  
And home rejoicing brought me.**
- 4 **In death’s dark vale I fear no ill  
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
Thy cross before 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!**



*The Congregation rises.*

The Nicene Creed:

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and Giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- P** O God of peace, who has brought again from death the Great Shepherd of Your sheep by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip Your Church this day with everything good, that we may do Your will, working in us that which is pleasing in Your sight through Your Son, Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy:
- C** hear our prayer.

- P** O God of peace, as the world has many false shepherds who seek to lead Your people astray, help us to know our true Shepherd's voice and listen only to Him; have mercy on all those who have been deceived; open their hearts once more to Your truth, that they may be returned to the safety of the Church's fold. Lord, in Your mercy:
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O God of peace, You have promised to give shepherds to Your people; bless the men who will receive their first calls into the Holy Ministry from our church's seminaries this week; give them strength and courage to proclaim Your Son's Name and salvation; grant them hearts that are filled with love for Your people and compassion for the lost; and form them into servants who have the mind and heart of the Good Shepherd. Lord, in Your mercy:
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O God of peace, send Your gift of peace to our world; bless our leaders with hearts and wisdom from above, that we may walk in Your ways and at peace with You and one another. Lord, in Your mercy:
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O God of peace, as Your Son of His own accord has laid down His life for His sheep, give us confidence in His continued care, that we may not doubt but believe that He will never fail us; strengthen the sick and suffering in this truth, especially as we remember \_\_\_\_\_. According to Your good and gracious will, grant them all Your help and healing. Lord, in Your mercy:
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O God of peace, as Your Son laid down His life and took it up again to prepare a place for us in Your house that we might live forever, comfort \_\_\_\_\_ and all those who grieve with the truth that our departed brothers and sisters truly are at home with You. Lord, in Your mercy:
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O God of peace, give us ever thankful hearts that always see Your loving hand at work in our lives; cause us to rejoice with \_\_\_\_\_ and all those who have received blessings from You; and enable us to ever render our thanksgiving for all Your gifts, acknowledging You as the Giver of every good and perfect gift. Lord, in Your mercy:
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O God of peace, we thank You that You are with us and bless each of our days with Your love. To Your Fatherly care we commit ourselves and all those who have asked to be remembered in our prayers. Especially we lift before You \_\_\_\_\_ and all of the needs and concerns for which we need to pray that are found within the silence of our hearts... Hear all of these prayers and grant them according to Your will for us. Lord, in Your mercy:
- C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O God of peace, as You gave Your Son to be our Shepherd that He might lead us to the green pastures and still waters of life, help us to listen to His voice as He invites us to eat His Body and drink His Blood this day, that we may know His peace now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy:

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O God of peace, all generations of faithful believers have looked to You in hope; receive our thanks for St. Mark, for Sts. Philip and James, and for the lives of all the faithful departed who in life followed Your guiding hand, received Your love, and were fed and nourished with Your Gifts. Give us faith and courage to also live as they did believing in You and Your promises that we too may come to dwell with them in Your heavenly home forever. Lord, in Your mercy:

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

The Sharing of the Peace:

**P** The Risen Christ came and stood among His disciples and said, “Peace be with you.” Then they were glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **And also with you.**

*The Congregation is seated.*

### ✠ The Service of the Sacrament ✠

The Hymn of Preparation

*Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 625*

“Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread”

**1 Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving Bread,  
May I in grace possess You.  
Let me with holy food be fed,  
In hunger I address You.  
Prepare me well for You, O Lord,  
And, humbly by my prayer implored,  
Give me Your grace and mercy.**

*The Hymn continues on the next page...*

- 2 To pastures green, Lord, safely guide,  
 To restful waters lead me;  
 Your Table well for me provide,  
 Your wounded hand now feed me.  
 Though weary, sinful, sick, and weak,  
 Refuge in You alone I seek,  
 To share Your cup of healing.
- 3 O Bread of Heav'n, my soul's Delight,  
 For full and free remission  
 I come with prayer before Your sight  
 In sorrow and contrition.  
 Your righteousness, Lord, cover me  
 That I receive You worthily,  
 Assured of Your full pardon.
- 4 I do not merit favor, Lord,  
 My weight of sin would break me;  
 In all my guilty heart's discord,  
 O Lord, do not forsake me.  
 In my distress this comforts me  
 That You receive me graciously,  
 O Christ, my Lord of mercy!

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*The Congregation rises.*

The Preface Dialogue:

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so 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.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

The *Sanctus*:

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
 Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
 san-na. 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.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving:

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His Body and His Blood on the cross.

Gathered in the Name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His Body and drink His Blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

The Words of Our Lord:

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ Body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ Blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

The Proclamation of Christ and the Lord’s Prayer:

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your Body and Blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

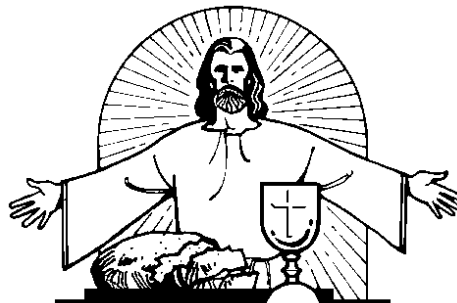
**C** **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

The *Pax Domini*:

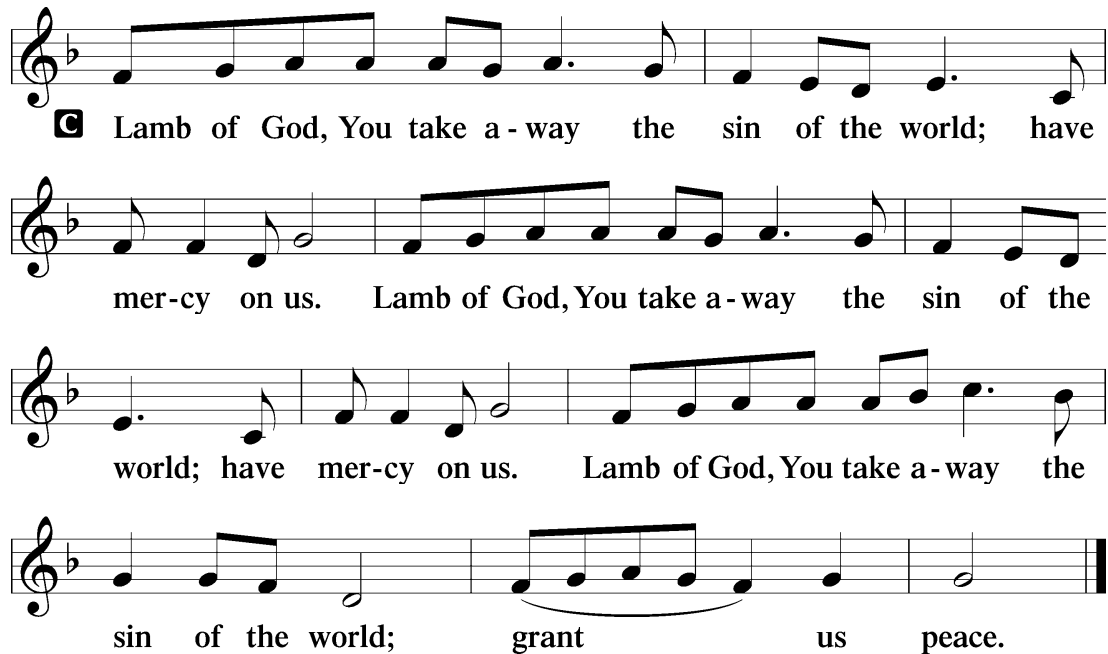
**P** The Peace of the Lord be with you always.



**C** A - men.



The *Agnus Dei*:



**C** 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.

*The Congregation is seated.*

The Distribution of Holy Communion:

*Lutherans believe that in this Sacrament the very Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ are present in, with, and under the physical elements of bread and wine. And this Sacrament is distributed to the Baptized of the Church who believe in the Presence of Christ in the Sacrament, sincerely repent of their sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this Holy Meal. Those who are present at this celebration who are baptized, have been instructed in the meaning of this Supper, and believe likewise are welcome to commune with us at this Altar today.*

*Holy Communion is distributed to the congregation in a continuous manner in front of the altar. Please follow the direction of the ushers to make your way to the Altar. The Sacrament is distributed in the following way...Please extend your hand to the Pastor to receive the Body of Christ. Christ's Blood is then received from individual cups from the assistant (wine and white grape juice are available). After receiving, please place your empty cup into the tray at the end of the communion rail and return to your seat by way of the side aisle. Children and those not wishing to receive the Sacrament are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing from the Pastor.*

Music During the Distribution: "Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread"

*After all have communed, the Pastor continues:*

The Eucharistic Blessing:

- P** The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart  $\text{✠}$  in peace.
- C** Amen.

*The Congregation rises.*

The Post-Communion Canticle

*Thank the Lord*



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy

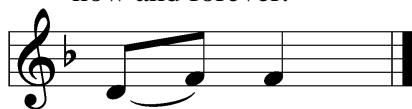


with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

The Post-Communion Collect:

**P** Let us pray.

We give You thanks, almighty and merciful God, that You have refreshed us with Your Holy Sacrament; and we beseech You to pour upon our hearts the spirit of Your love, and to unite in peace those You have fed with the true Paschal Lamb, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

The *Benedicamus* and Benediction:

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

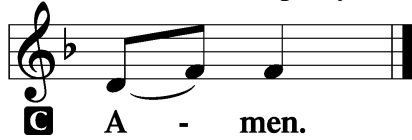
**C** The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.



The Hymn to Depart

*Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 711*

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

- 1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us;  
Much we need Your tender care.  
In Your pleasant pastures feed us,  
For our use Your fold prepare.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
You have bought us; we are Yours.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
You have bought us; we are Yours.**
- 2 We are Yours; in love befriend us,  
Be the guardian of our way;  
Keep Your flock, from sin defend us,  
Seek us when we go astray.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
Hear us children when we pray.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
Hear us children when we pray.**
- 3 You have promised to receive us,  
Poor and sinful though we be;  
You have mercy to relieve us,  
Grace to cleanse, and pow’r to free.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
Early let us turn to You.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
Early let us turn to You.**
- 4 Early let us seek Your favor,  
Early let us do Your will;  
Blessèd Lord and only Savior,  
With Your love our spirits fill.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
You have loved us, love us still.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
You have loved us, love us still.**

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The Silent Worship

The Parish Announcements

The Postlude

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

✘ *To God All Praise and Glory!* ✘

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**NOTES AND NEWS**

*PERSONAL SCRIPTURE STUDY* ... Even though we are not able to hold our Sunday Morning Bible Class at this time doesn't mean that you can't continue to be "in the Word" on your own. Pastor has provided parts of our Bible Study guide, "A Longer Look at the Lessons", for your use. The guide for the Easter Season is now online. These materials are posted on the church website, and can be found at: <http://tlcmr.org/our-ministries/christian-education/online-bible-study-materials/> (The link can also be accessed off of our church website home page.)

*MIDWEEK DEVOTIONS AND BIBLE STUDY* ... During these days of the Easter Season, join Pastor online for a study of the First Epistle of St. Peter. Having spent the Lenten Season in reflecting on Baptism and what it means as it leads us back to God, this study through the Apostle's words will help us to remember what our Baptized life in Christ looks like and what that life is all about.

Join us **Wednesday afternoon at 4:00 PM**, when Pastor will livestream from Trinity on the church's Facebook Page. The study will then be available afterward for viewing at anytime by visiting the video archive, also on the church's Facebook Page. Looking forward to being in the Word together with you!

*THE LUTHERAN HOUR*... Speaking out against the prevailing culture might prompt ridicule but it could also produce repentance. Listen to the Lutheran Hour next Sunday May 2, 2021, for this message by Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, "Laughed At", on WMZQ 98.7 FM at 7:00 AM or on Sundays at 1:30 PM and 6:30 PM on WFAK 1220 AM. If you are out of the radio station's range you may listen on line to WFAK worldwide at WFAK.com.

*CROP WALK*...Our annual Crop Walk for the hungry is just around the corner, the first Sunday in May (May 2). Trinity will be participating with Redeemer and several dozen other churches in the area. Announcements will be in the bulletin between now and the May 2<sup>nd</sup> walk. If the pandemic rules won't allow our traditional walk, we can each substitute our own local walk. In that case it will be announced.

Brief announcements (or reminders) from the pews by Art Simon on Sundays will offer **sign-up sheets** for those who are willing to gather contributions from others for sponsoring your walk, and also **sheets with step-by-step instructions for those who may want to use the web to contribute**.

Questions? Ask Art after church or call him at 301-249-7132.

Thank you for whatever you are able and willing to do!

Jesus: "I was hungry and you fed me. . .When you did it for the most forgotten of my sisters and brothers, you did it for me" (Matthew 25). What an opportunity!

*FROM YOUR CHURCH'S PUBLISHER* ... Concordia Publishing House is assisting congregations and their members with materials to help sustain us spiritually during this time of quarantine that many find ourselves in. Please visit [www.cph.org](http://www.cph.org) and check out the new and free content available on their homepage which contains many free resources for devotion, learning, and worship.

*OUR PRAYER LIST* ... The weekly "O Christ, Hear Us" page in the bulletin is a listing of those we remember in prayer during worship at Trinity and for whom you are invited to pray for in your own personal prayers during the week. In the version of the weekly bulletin that is published online, we only list the persons we are praying for by their first names because of privacy concerns and laws, while we continue to lift them up by full name in our spoken prayers. Pastor continues to keep the list current and invites you to send him by email any new prayer requests, or to let him know of any changes or deletions which need to be made. The "full text" version of the Prayer List, as it would ordinarily be found in the bulletin, can be made available to Trinity members who request one by sending an email to Pastor.

*ALTAR FLOWERS* ... The flower chart for 2021 is now available for you to donate floral arrangements to adorn the Lord's Altar in honor of special occasions or in memory of loved ones. The chart can be found on the bulletin board in the narthex. The donation for a single arrangement is \$30.00. If you have any questions, please contact Rona by calling the church office or by email ([trinity-elc-office@verizon.net](mailto:trinity-elc-office@verizon.net)).



*COMPASSION CENTER NEWS...* Our Compassion Center is open and is once again serving members of our community with their needs for food and clothing. Please see the full page announcement in the bulletin for more information. If you are able to volunteer during the Center's open hours, please contact Elma. Thank you all for your continued help and support and prayers.

In an effort to keep the cupboards full at the Compassion Center during this time of great need in our community we will continue to need your generous donations of food. All non-perishable foods are welcome, and especially needed items include:

Peanut Butter; Pasta; Pasta Sauce; Macaroni & Cheese; Canned Tuna and Chicken;  
Canned Fruit; Soup.

There is also a need for diapers, especially sizes 4, 5, and 6.

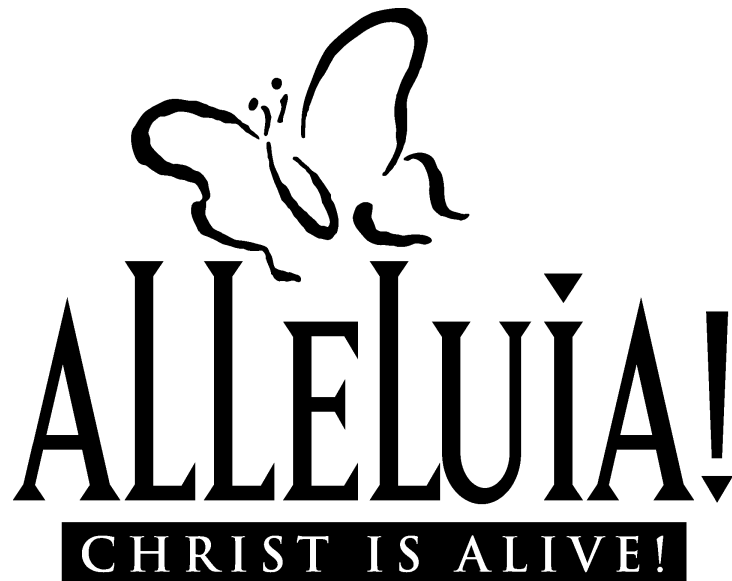
Donations can be dropped off at the Center during Center hours. And you can also leave your donations at church, and we will make sure that it is delivered to the Compassion Center. Thank you for your loving and generous support.

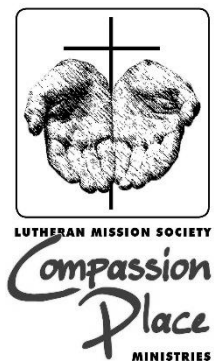
Elma Pervaiz, Coordinator, LMS Compassion Center, Hyattsville, MD

*PREPARING FOR THE COMING WEEK ...*

The Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 2, 2021

Acts 8:26-40; 1 John 4:1-11; John 15:1-8





## **Hyattsville Compassion Center**

*A shared ministry of  
Redeemer & Trinity Congregations  
and the Lutheran Mission Society*

**Ms. Elma Pervaiz, Center Coordinator**  
**Center Phone Number: 301-277-2302, ext. 23**

*We are happy to announce that our Compassion Center has reopened!*

Our operating hours are:  
**Monday: 10 AM – 4 PM**  
**Tuesday: 10 AM – 4 PM**  
**Wednesday: 10 AM – 2 PM**

Food and Clothing Ministry is available by appointment during the center's open hours.  
Please call Elma to make arrangements for us to assist you.

The thrift center will be open during our operating hours with the following safety guidelines:

- Masks must be worn at all times
- Please observe social distancing
- Number of persons in the center at a time will be limited

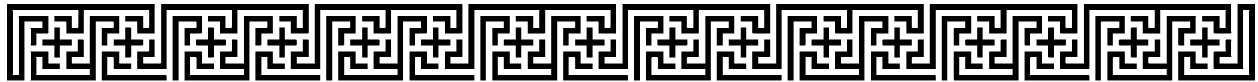
In-Kind Donations for the thrift center are limited at this time owing to reduced staffing at the center.  
If you have donations, please contact Elma at the center before bringing your items during center hours.

## **Trinity Stay-Safe Rules**

- ❖ If you are sick, PLEASE STAY HOME, and please get under a doctor's care.
- ❖ If you are over 65 or immunocompromised, please be careful, follow the rules here at church, or feel free to stay home with God's blessing and ours. (We'll be here when you are ready to come back to worship.)
- ❖ While in the church building, please wear a mask as much as possible for the sake of your neighbors.
- ❖ Please spread out in church in order to do the recommended distancing (six feet). In addition to the pews in the nave, you may also be seated in the balcony or church overflow. Of course, families who reside together may sit together.
- ❖ Wash your hands often. 20 seconds with soap and water. Hand sanitizer is available for you to use as well. Try not to touch your face.
- ❖ Cough and sneeze into a tissue or into your elbow.
- ❖ Please, no handshaking. Use an elbow bump or wave for now.
- ❖ Limit your socializing indoors after the service; or better yet, use distanced visiting with one another outside.
- ❖ All Worship materials are printed for each service. As we will not be reusing them, please take them home with you to recycle.
- ❖ Offerings will not be collected during the service. Please place your offering in the basket on the table in the rear of the nave, or continue to mail in your offering to the church office.
- ❖ Holy Communion will be distributed in a continuous fashion using individual wafers and cups. Please follow the direction of the usher to go forward and receive the Sacrament, and please keep a distance in line between persons.

**PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 25 – MAY 2**  
*May Be Subject to Change*

<b>Today</b>	<i>The Fourth Sunday of Easter: Good Shepherd Sunday</i>	
	9:30 AM	Worship Service with Holy Communion (at church in person and via Facebook Live)
<b>Monday</b>	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Compassion Center Open
<b>Tuesday</b>	9 AM—Noon	Church Office Open
	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Compassion Center Open
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Compassion Center Open
	4:00 PM	Midweek Devotions and Bible Study (via Facebook Live)
<b>Thursday</b>	9 AM—Noon	Church Office Open
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<i>The Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	
	9:30 AM	Worship Service with Holy Communion (at church in person and via Facebook Live)



**CHURCH STATISTICS**

Sunday, April 18, 2021

Worship Attendance: 23; Communed: 20.



## ✠ O Christ, Hear Us! ✠

### Intercessions for the Week of April 25, 2021

#### **Prayers for Continued Healing and Help**

*For Members of Our Trinity Family:*

John, Diane, Julie & Kenny, Elizabeth, Joseph, Diane, Evelyn, Waymond, Alan, August, Clara, David, Ernie, Paul, Sylvia, Angela, Priscilla, and David, Sr.

*For Those Who Have Asked of Our Prayers:*

Luke, grandson of Charlie & Jean; Betty, mother of Helen; Susan, relative of Gus & Betty;  
Joe, friend of Cullen; Britnany, niece of Lynda; Juliet, mother of Ras-I; Kristie, co-worker of Joyce;  
Linda, daughter of Gus & Betty; Sue, co-worker of Joyce; Rosemary, sister-in-law of Sylvia;  
Nicole & daughter, Anya, co-worker of Joyce; Alan, cousin of Kim; Danielle, neighbor of Kim;  
Lisa, neighbor of Peter & Kim; Dennis & Caron, former Concordia Teachers; Zoila, mother of David;  
Jeff, husband of Mary; Jari, former Concordia Teacher; Joyce, friend of the Peeles; Cora, aunt of Tracy;  
Catelyn, step-granddaughter of Ernie

All those affected by or who are in fear of the Coronavirus Outbreak.

For our Medical Community, First Responders, and other Workers who aid us in this time.

#### **Thanksgivings and Blessings**

Kristina Juhasz, August Kruelle, Robin Smith, Darla Yaun, Bonnie Priebe, and Emily Sahadeo, who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Gus & Noel Pratico, who celebrate their wedding anniversary this week.

#### **Those Who Mourn**

The family of Dina Bailey, niece of Sylvia Royal, who passed away on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

#### **We Keep In Our Prayers**

- ✠ Our Trinity family, our ministries, and our mission.
- ✠ For Pastor Gugssa Biru and the people of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus in Maryland
- ✠ For the Lord to continue to move the hearts of our Trinity members to a deeper realization of our part in His mission to the world and to be *Ablaze!* with a desire to tell the Good News about Jesus with those whom we come into contact in our lives.
- ✠ For Elma Pervaiz, our Center Coordinator, and for the work of our Compassion Center.
- ✠ Our government leaders, and for the members of our armed forces.
- ✠ For peace and justice among the residents of our nation's cities and towns where there is unrest from fear and distrust.
- ✠ For all those still affected and recovering from the effects of natural disasters.
- ✠ For our brothers and sisters in Christ who suffer persecution for the faith and Name of Jesus, even to the point of the shedding of their blood.
- ✠ Prayers for peace in our world, especially in those places that are affected by war, oppression, or by acts of terror, and for those who find themselves in harm's way in the war on terrorism.
- ✠ All those we know who are sick, who grieve, and who are in any need of prayer.