

# Mt. Horeb Lutheran Church



## The Fourth Sunday of Easter April 21, 2024, 10am

**Welcome to Mt. Horeb Lutheran Church!** We greet one another as sisters and brothers in Christ and welcome all who may be visiting. We are delighted that you are here to worship, first time visitors, and encourage you to sign our guest book in the entry hall. Please fill out a visitor's card in the pew holders and place it in the offertory plate. HOLY COMMUNION is open to all who confess their faith in Jesus and acknowledge Him to be Lord. Those unable to partake of wine are assured the Church affirms our Lord's presence in, with and under the bread alone.

**PRELUDE:** *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

Henry Coleman

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P** Brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, we remember that through the paschal mystery we have died and been buried with him in baptism [*Romans 6:1-11*]. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore, I ask of you:

**P** Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

**C** **I reject them.**

**P** Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

**C** **I renounce them.**

**P** Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbor?

**C** **I repent of them.**

**P** Let us remember those sins which trouble and weigh heavily on us:  
Lord Jesus, you are risen from the dead: Lord, have mercy.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** You have destroyed death forever: Christ, have mercy.

**C** **Christ, have mercy.**

**P** You have opened for us the way to eternal life: Lord, have mercy.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C** **Amen.**

**ENTRANCE HYMN:** *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia! ELW 369*

## **EASTER GREETING**

**P** Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**C** **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**


## **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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


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

# FESTIVAL CANTICLE

## Refrain



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



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



*Women and Girls* 1. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
*Men and Boys* 2. Pow - er rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, \_\_\_\_\_ and  
*Women and Girls* 3. Sing with all the peo - ple of God, \_\_\_\_\_ and  
*Men and Boys* 4. Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
*All singing* 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*  
 gun his \_\_\_\_\_ reign. \_\_\_\_\_ Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

## 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.

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray.

**C** **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.**

**WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.*

*We sit*

**FIRST READING: ACTS 4:5-12**

<sup>5</sup>The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their 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 questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let 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. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is ‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.’

<sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

**L** The Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks Be to God!**

**PSALM: PSALM 23 (sung responsively by whole verse)**



<sup>1</sup>The LORD | is my shepherd;  
I shall not | be in want.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD makes me lie down | in green pastures  
and leads me be- | side still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>You restore my | soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways | for your name’s sake.

**4**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.

**5**You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

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

**SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 3:16-24**

**16**We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. **17**How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

**18**Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. **19**And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him **20**whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. **21**Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; **22**and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

**23**And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. **24**All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

L The Word of the Lord. **C Thanks Be to God!**

*We stand*

**CELTIC ALLELUIA (SING TWICE)**

Celtic Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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**HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 10:11-18**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10th Chapter.

**C Glory to you, O Lord! (*spoken boldly*)**

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

*We sit*

**PRESCHOOL CHILDREN SING**

**CHILDREN’S MOMENT**

**SERMON:** Rev. Ron Philabaum

*We stand*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* ELW 502

**NICENE CREED**

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

**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;**

**by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**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.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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**

#### **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

*After each portion of the prayers:*

**P** God of grace,            **C** hear our prayer.

#### **SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE**

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

**C** And also with you.

#### **LITURGY OF THE LORD'S TABLE**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM:** *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want*

Gordon Jacobs

*The Lord's my shepherd; I'll not want, he makes me down to lie  
in pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by.  
He leadeth me, he leadeth me the quiet waters by.*

*My soul he doth restore again, and me to walk doth make  
within the paths of righteousness, e'en for his own name's sake;  
within the paths of righteousness, e'en for his own name's sake.*

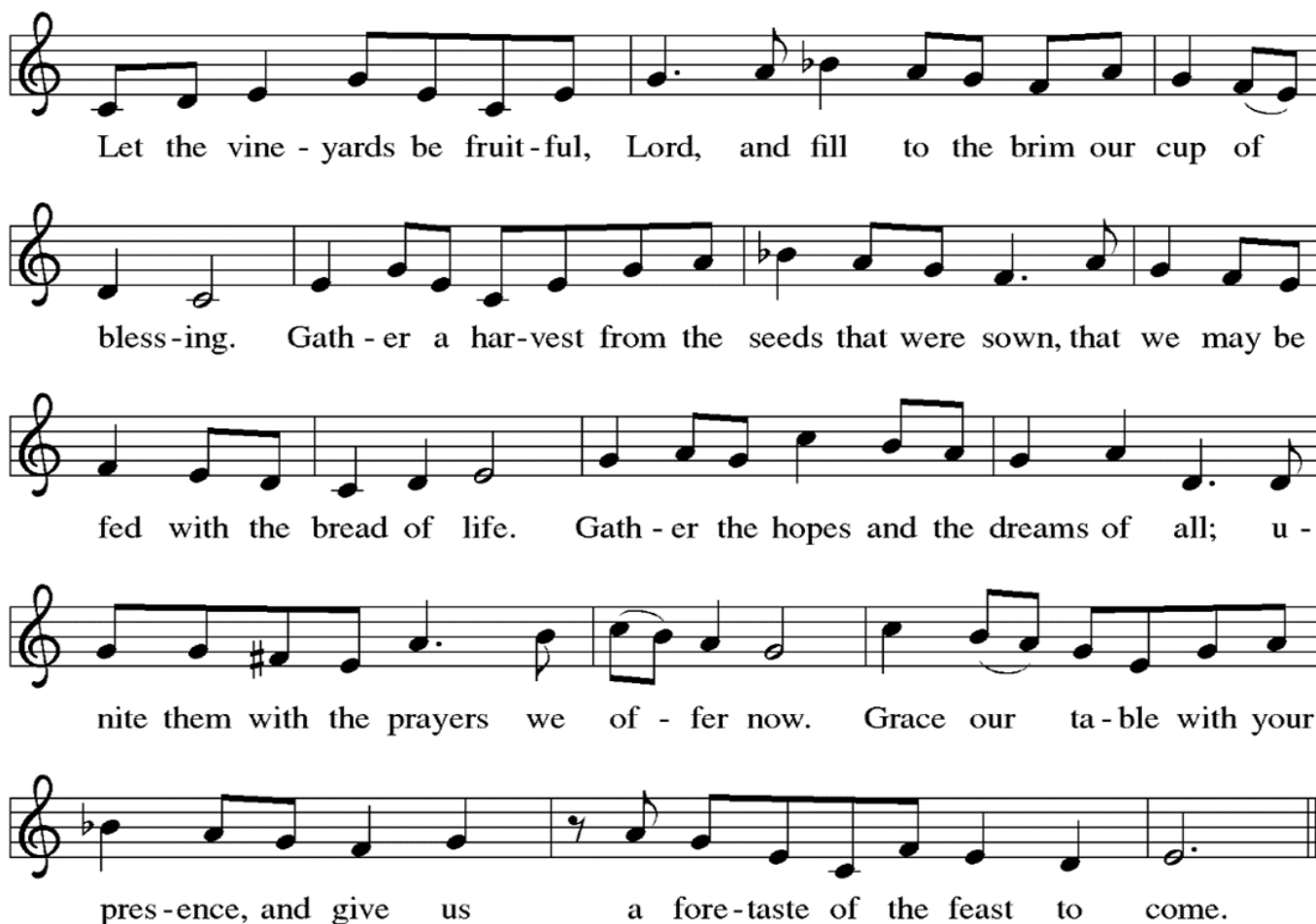
*Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;  
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still;  
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still.*

*My table thou hast richly spread in presence of my foes;  
my head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.  
My head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.*

*Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me,  
and in God's house forevermore my dwelling-place shall be;  
and in God's house forevermore my dwelling-place shall be.*

*Text: The Psalms of David in Meeter, Edinburgh, 1650*

**OFFERTORY SONG:** *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful, Lord* [ELW 184]



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**P** Let us pray:

**C** **Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit.**

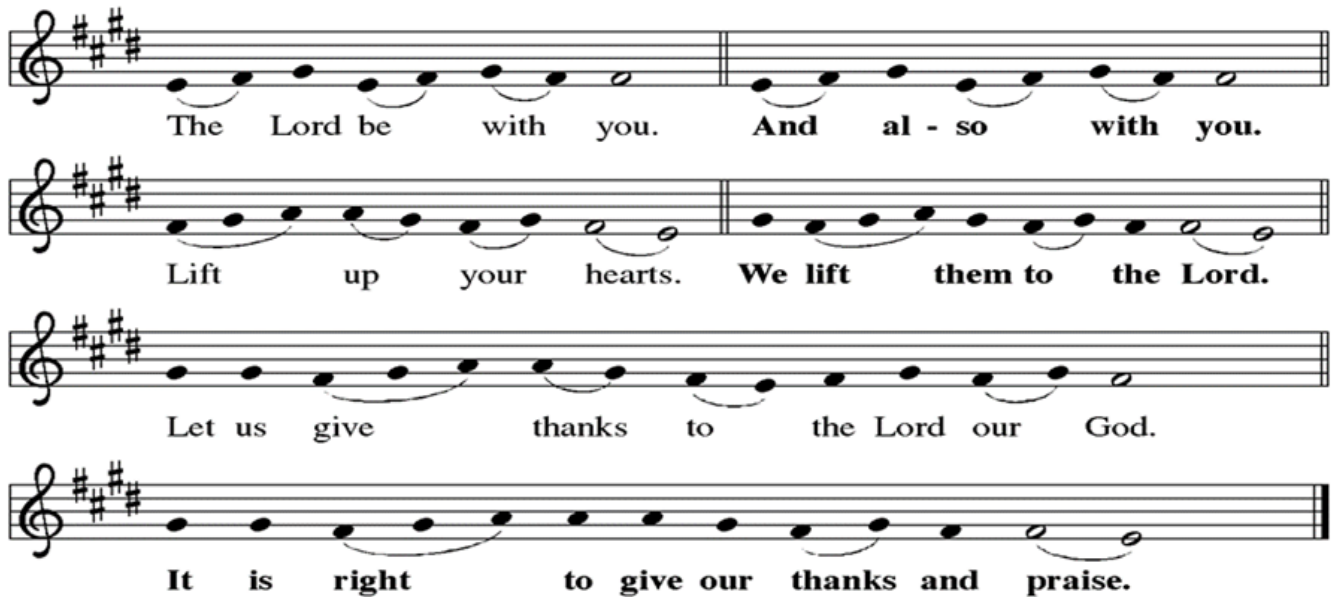
**May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love.**

**Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus  
Christ, our true vine. Amen.**



**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**  
*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**HOLY COMMUNION**

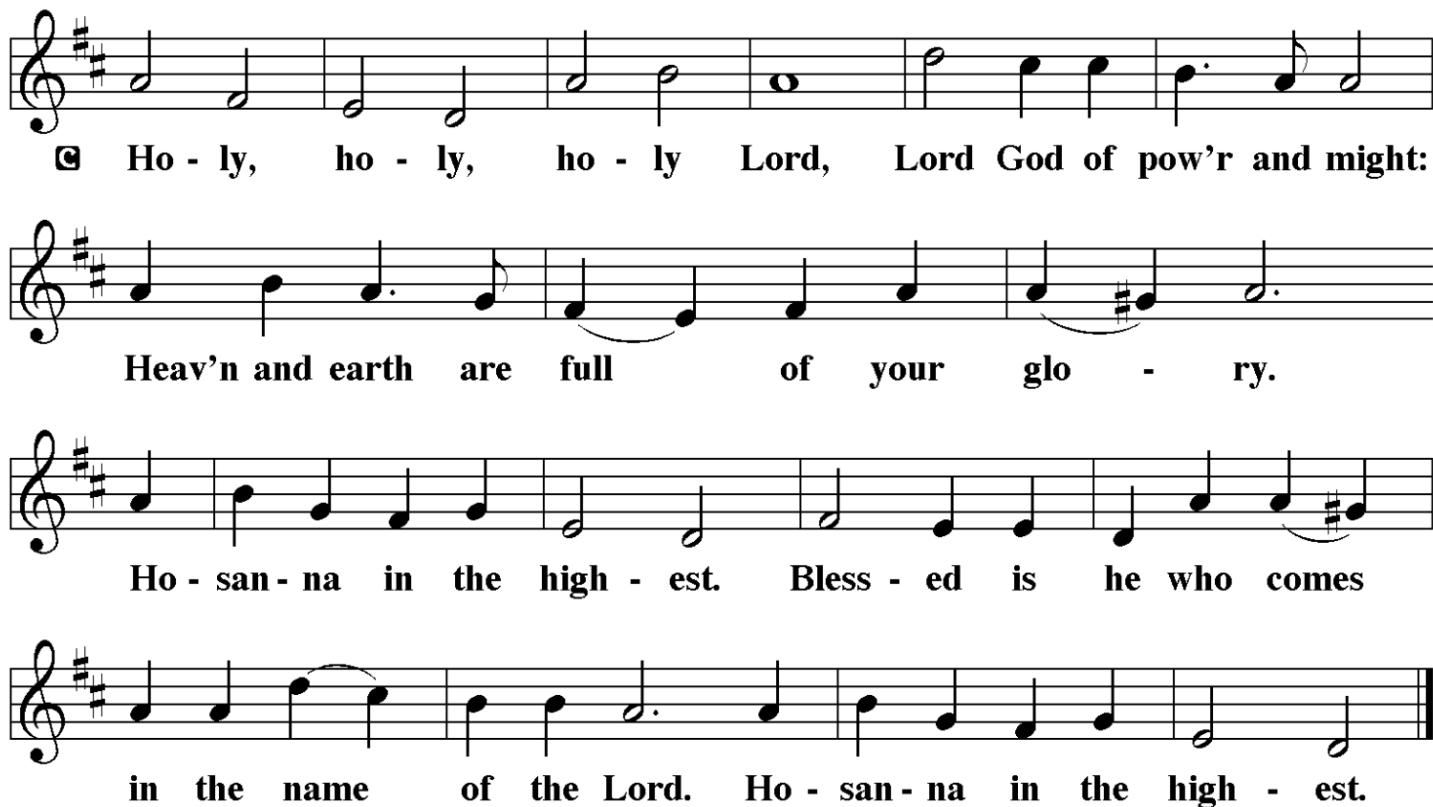


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P 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, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## SANCTUS

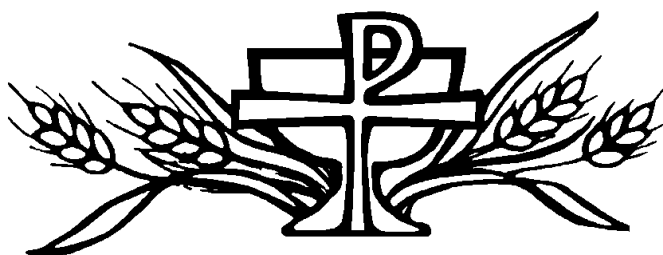


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P 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.



**I am the bread of life**

P 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. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

### COMMUNION HYMN: *Lamb of God*

*ELW page 154*

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, grant us peace.

*We stand*

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C Amen**

**SENDING**

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

**PRAYER**

P Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

**C Amen.**

**BLESSING**

P The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope † bless you now and always.

**C Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN:** *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*

ELW 789

**DISMISSAL**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE:** *Good Shepherd, May I Sing Thy Praise* Craig Seller Lang

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