

The Resurrection of Our Lord

Fourth Sunday of Easter

(Year B)



Service of Holy Communion

April 21, 2024, at 10:30 am

**Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church
Stuttgart, KS**

Introduction to the day

The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The assembly stands.

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness with these or similar words.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds* (LBW 345)

GREETING

Alleluia! Jesus 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.

KYRIE

Refrain



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



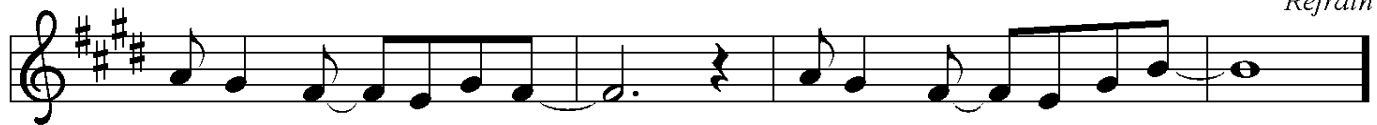
- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.


Refrain

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain




This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain* This is the feast of



vic - t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -



le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,




glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

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 assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Act 4:5-12

⁵The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let 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. ¹¹This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.'

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

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³You 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.**

⁵You 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: 1st John 3:16-24

¹⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How 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?

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

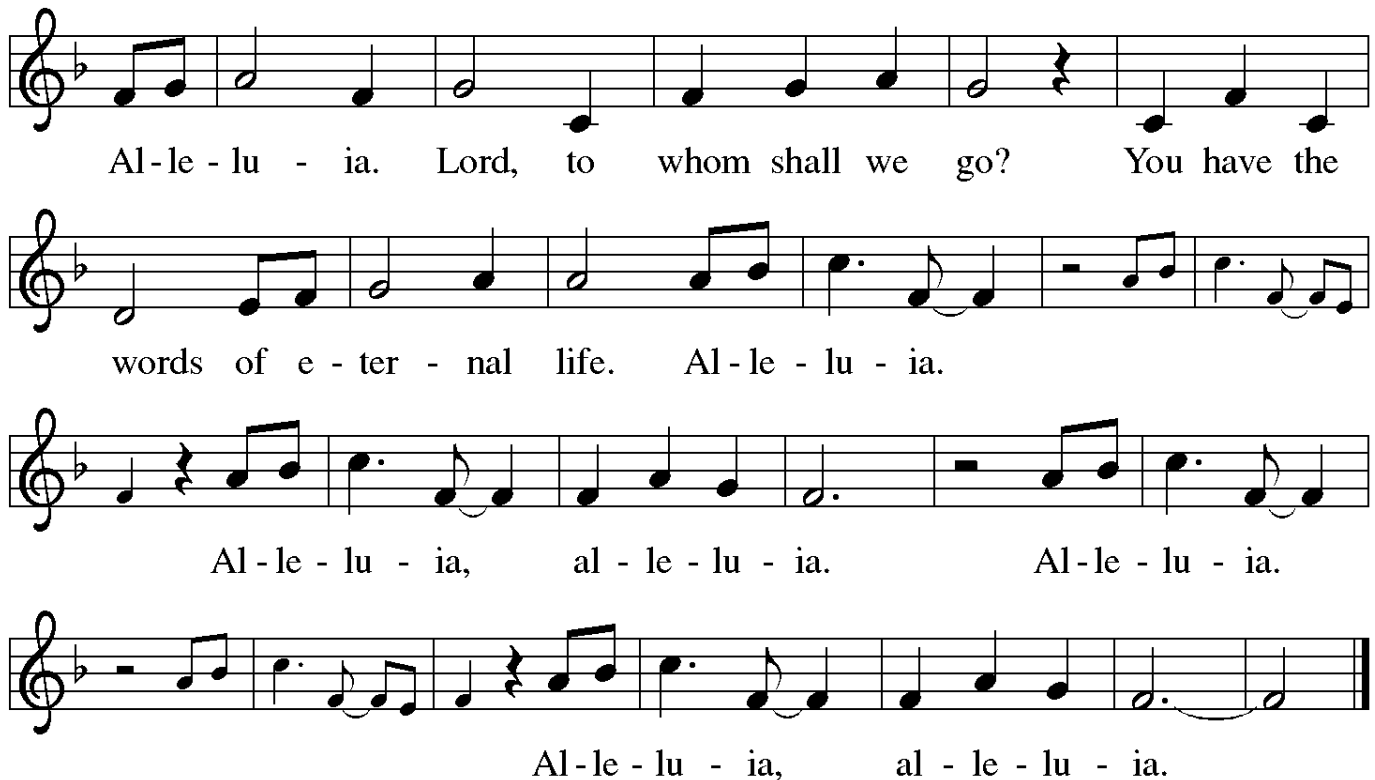
²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Because of the length of the passion reading, the assembly is invited to remain seated until indicated. .

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:



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

GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The 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. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I 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. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No 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.”

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY —*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* (ELW 645)



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
 3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from
 4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
 hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,
 you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er
 to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
 ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.
 in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
 one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
 Music: WESTMINSTER ABBEY, Henry Purcell, 1659–1695; arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1802–1868

NICENE CREED:

**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**

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(...) God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Last petition:

Into your hands (...) and living Lord.
Amen.

PEACE

May the peace of the Lord be with you all.
And also with you.

The assembly is seated.

OFFERTORY — *Now the Green Blade Rises – verse 3 (LBW 148)*

*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.*

The assembly is invited to stand as able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

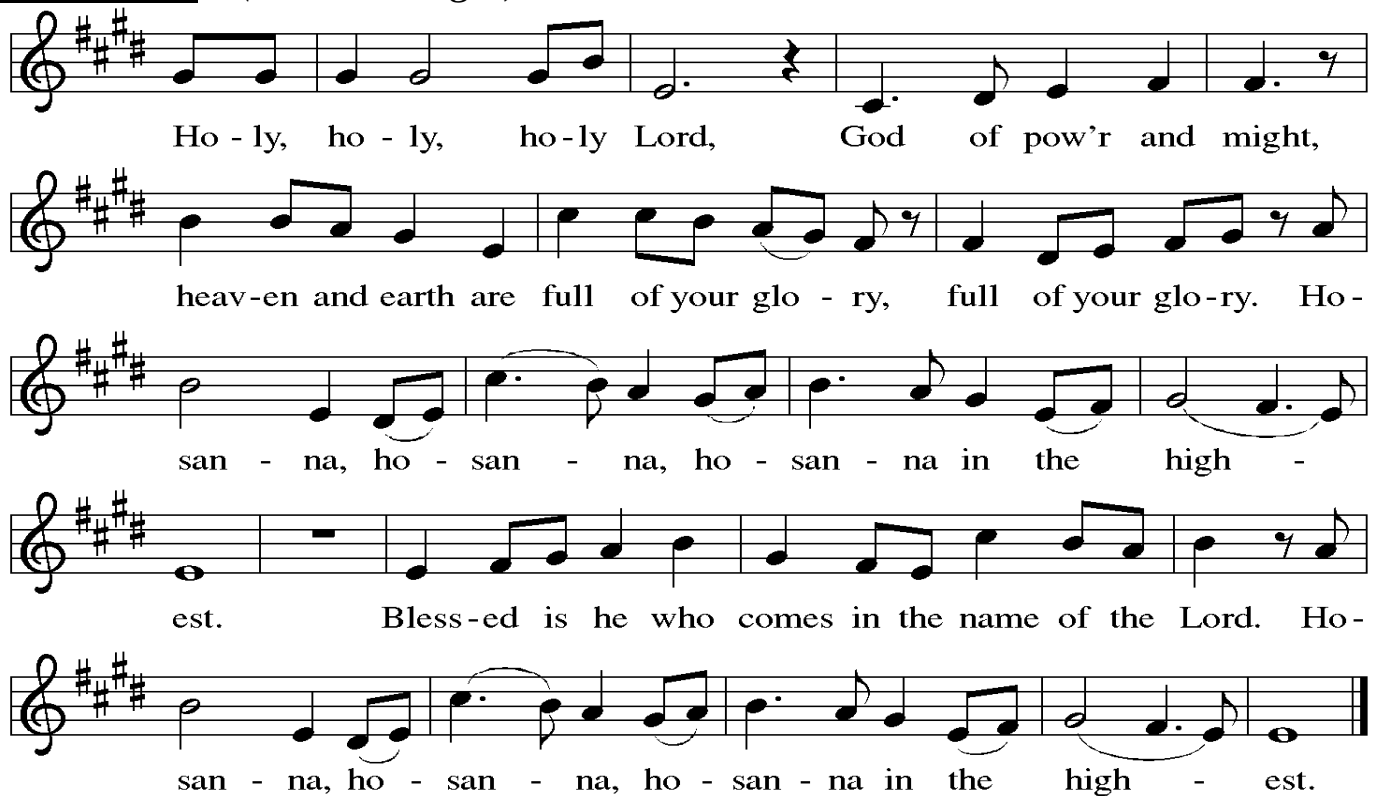
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right (...) join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS—(ELW setting 8)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, 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, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Holy, living, and loving God (...) the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore (...) both now and forever.

Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

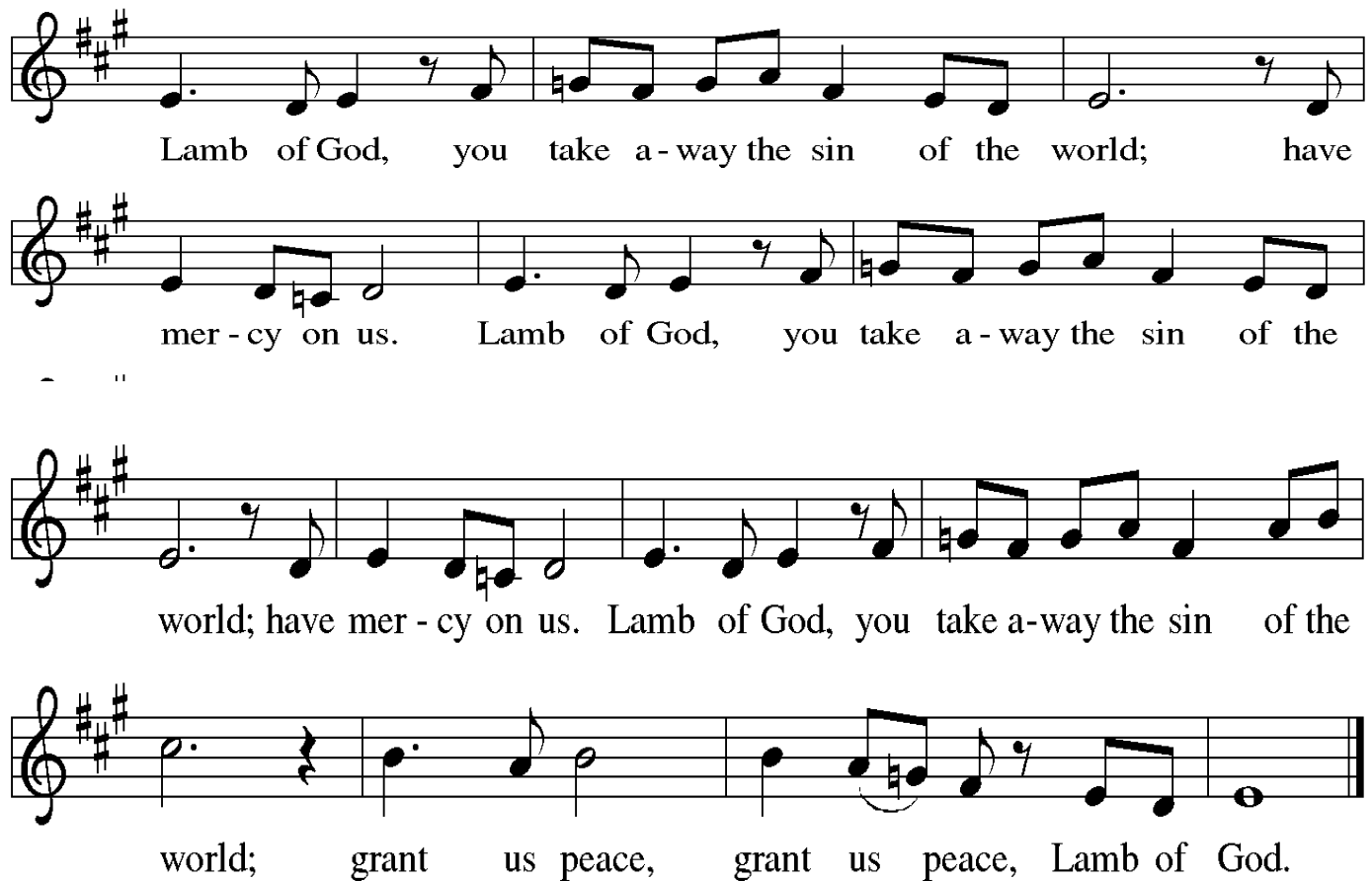
**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

AGNUS DEI – (ELW setting 8)



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, Lamb of God.

The assembly is seated.

COMMUNION SONGS:

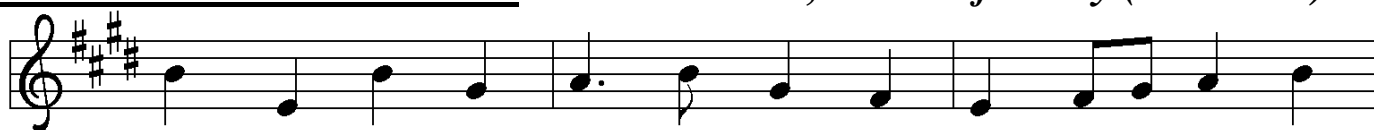
- *The Church's One Foundation* (LBW 369)
- *Christ, Our Hope* (LBW 300)

After all have communed, the assembly is invited to stand as able.

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

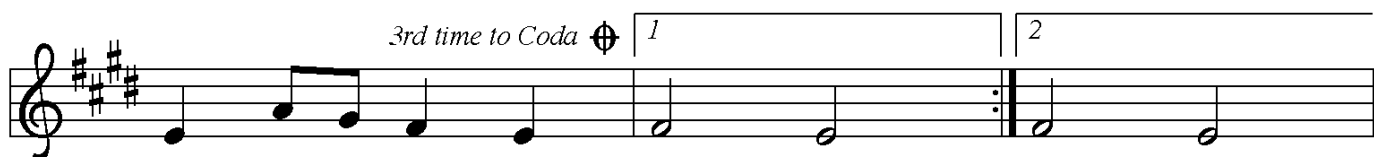
POST COMMUNION SONG— *Praise to You, O God of Mercy (WOV 790)*



1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -
 2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -
 3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:
 ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:
 ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



thanks be to you for - ev - er!
 thanks be to you for - ev - er!
 thanks be to you for -



Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.

⊕ *Coda*



ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

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.

Amen.

BLESSING

God the Father of resurrection power, God the Christ of unending joy, and God the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN: *God Be with you Till We Meet Again* (ELW 536)



- 1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun-sels guide, up - hold you,
- 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,
- 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con - found you,



with a shep-herd's care en - fold you;
dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.
put un - fail - ing arms a - round you;

Refrain



Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Je - sus' feet;



till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828–1904

Music: GOD BE WITH YOU, William G. Tomer, 1833–1896

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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UPCOMING LESSER FESTIVALS AND COMMEMORATIONS

Sunday, April 21, 2024

This eleventh-century monk was one of the greatest theologians of the Middle Ages. He is remembered for emphasizing the maternal aspects of God, and for the theory that the Son of God became human in order to make the necessary payment for our sin.

Toyohiko Kagawa, renewer of society, died 1960

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

Born in Kobe, Japan, Kagawa was orphaned as a young child. Later, when he became Christian, he was disowned by the rest of his family. Wishing to bring Christian principles into society, he worked among poor people, established schools and hospitals, and worked for peace.

Mark, Evangelist

Thursday, April 25, 2024

He was not numbered among the twelve apostles, yet Mark was probably a member of the early church community. The gospel that bears his name is the shortest and most direct, and many scholars think it was the first to be written.

COMBINED ZION & EMMANUEL PRAYER LIST

Sick, injured, or grieving: Irene Brocka, Shawn Cole, Jessica Gooder, Mike Leivan, McKain Kellerman, Howard King, Sharon Krafft, Jayme Merklein, Lisa Merklein, Brynn Newman, Robyn Patton, Cindy Pugh, Eldon Preuss, Ron Sidman, Bret Still, Ivan Wagner, Connie Winter.

Military - Jared Dillon, Jessica Kreller, Bryan Lenker, Anthony Swarts, Major Monica Riggs, Brady Sunley, Col. Lisa Mullinax, Col. Mark Mullinax, Tiler Peveani, Hunter Toler, Owen Sheneman.

Homebound or in care facilities: Ehrhart Merklein, Dorothy & Wayne Hanke, Duane Huiting, Ray & Donna Zillinger, Betty Zillinger, Wilma Beckman, Charles Kearns, Dean Dillon, Troy Blubaugh.

TO ADD PRAYERS: If you wish to add someone to the printed prayer list, please email or call Janice Geidd at jgeidd@ruraltel.net or (785) 543-6705. Please make sure the person being added consents to being on a public prayer list. Names will remain on the list for six weeks unless otherwise notified. If you wish to have an emergency prayer request sent over text, please contact Pastor Lee at pastorleebennight@gmail.com or (785) 208-6633.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: 2024 Vacation Bible School is scheduled for the evenings of May 20, 21, and 22, at Zion Lutheran in Phillipsburg. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Pastor Lee, Alissa Krafft, Tina Terry, or Alyssa Stites if you are interested.

<i>Worship Leaders</i>	<i>Serving Today</i>	<i>Sunday, April 28 @ 10:30 am</i>
Presiding Minister	Pastor Lee Bennight	Pastor Lee Bennight
Assisting Minister	Sean Cravens	Brock Johnson
Musician	Patsy Maddy	Cynthia Clonch
Acolyte	Kinley Krafft	Wyatt Terry
Lector	Janice Giedd	Eric Krafft
Greeters	Virgil Ehm	Mike & Lynette Ehm
Bell Ringer	Glenn Weinman	Volunteer
Altar Guild	Jane Kirchhoff & Alyssa Stites	Jane Kirchhoff & Alyssa Stites

EMMANUEL CALENDAR

Sunday, April 21– Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 9:30 am – Sunday School
- 10:30 am – Holy Communion Worship

Wednesday, April 24

- 2:00 pm – PCRC Worship & Bible Study

Thursday, April 25

- 7:00 pm – Bible Study at Zion

Sunday, April 28– Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 9:30 am – Sunday School
- 10:30 am – Holy Communion Worship
- 2:00 pm – PCRC Holy Communion Worship
- 5:30 pm – Parish Council Meeting at Zion

Sunday, May 5 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

- Graduations at Phillipsburg & Logan
- 10:30 am – Holy Communion Worship

Wednesday, May 8

- 2:00 pm – PCRC Worship & Bible Study

Thursday, May 9 – Ascension Day

- 7:00 pm – Ascension Holy Communion Service at Zion

Sunday, May 12 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

- Mothers’ Day and Graduate Recognition
- 10:30 am – Holy Communion Worship
- 7:00 pm – Emmanuel Church Council

BUDGET GOAL PER WEEK FOR 2024: \$2132

- Average Giving for March: \$1,872
- April 7: \$1,250
- April 14 \$2054

DISCIPLES OF THE PLAINS WEBSITE AND INFORMATION:

(<https://www.disciplesoftheplains.com>) The website for Disciples of the Plains Lutheran Ministry contains links to the individual websites of the congregations who have web sites, links to congregational Facebook and other social media pages, links to Synod and ELCA pages, and links to sign-up or to change your settings for Textcaster. Textcaster is our service to get information out quickly via texts. You can customize what notification you want. Please contact Pastor Lee if you have any troubles or questions.

NEWSLETTER UPDATES & DELIVERY

Zion & Emmanuel's monthly newsletter will now be combined to help better use our limited administrative resources. For the same reason, newsletters will be emailed via a pdf document to those for whom we have an email on file. Those Zion & Emmanuel members and friends for whom we do not have an email address on file, must pick up a hardcopy of the newsletter in the respective narthexes when published. If you would like to continue receiving a printed newsletter in your church mailbox, confirm your correct email address, or submit the physical address of a shut-in, please fill out the form at <https://forms.gle/oMPXGcW645QZtFYJA>. This link was also sent to everyone for whom we currently have an email, is listed on Emmanuel and Zion's Facebook pages, and should be on the Zion & Emmanuel websites soon. If you do not have access to a computer, please call or text Pastor Lee at (785) 208-6633 with the information. Thank you!

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Clarification! – Although Pastor Lee does have a new phone number and email, it is still perfectly okay to contact him using the old ones as well. The only reason you were informed of the new ones is that Pastor Lee may call or email you from the new ones and we wanted you to be able to recognize who it was. And the only reason he began using new contact methods is to help him better keep records between ministry and private related messages and phone calls. So, feel free to use either. Both phone numbers go to the same voicemail and Emmanuel's office phone is forwarded to Pastor Lee's voicemail, too, if there is no answer.

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