

Trinity Lutheran Church



April 30, 2023
Good Shepherd Sunday

WELCOME

LITANY

Beloved church, behold the victory of our God:
Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave!
Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Sin and death shall reign no more!
Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Let this place resound with joy!
Christ is risen! Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

GATHERING HYMN:

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia! (ELW 369)



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Chris-tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

CONFESSION OF BELIEVING

Blessed be the God of our Savior, Jesus Christ!
God has given us a new birth in the living hope of the resurrection.
God has given us an inheritance that is imperishable and unfading.
In this we rejoice, even when we suffer trials.
For although we have not seen Jesus, we love him;
and although we have not seen him, we believe in him.
For the outcome of our faith is the salvation of our souls.

CALL TO CONFESSION

God has been made known to us
in deeds of love, compassion, grace, and now in resurrection.
He is Risen.
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We pray together,
**God, you have made known to us the ways of life.
Yet, too often, we put other things above you
and turn away from the ways of life
and toward the ways of death.
Forgive us and guide us back into your presence,
that we may know the fullness of joy.
Let us be the sheep who follow only you
because we know your voice.
Amen.**

PRAYER OF ABSOLUTION

My friends, God is our refuge and will not abandon us.
As we prayed on Good Friday,
“To tell you that we believe is easy. To prove our belief is hard,”
so help us to love you and each other more through your grace.
As we struggle to understand and comprehend
the gift of new life in your Son,
keep surprising us with your grace and presence.
Show us in faith your resurrected body,
and breathe into us the Peace you shared with the disciples.
Amen.

CONFESSION HYMN:

The King of Love My Shepherd Is (ELW 502)

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
com - fort still; thy cross be - fore 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray together.

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 2:42-47

⁴²[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM:

The Lord Is My Shepherd (Keith and Melody Green)

Please join the cantor in the bolded refrains.

The Lord is my Shepherd I shall not want
He makes me lie down in green pastures
He leads me beside the still waters
He restoreth my soul
And guides my path in righteousness
For His name's sake

Refrain

Surely goodness and loving-kindness
Shall follow me all the days of my life
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord
Forever and ever and ever
**Surely goodness and loving-kindness
Shall follow me all the days of my life
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord
Forever and ever and ever**

Though I walk through the valley
Of the shadow of death
I will not fear Thou art with me
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me
Thou preparest a table
Before me in the presence of my enemies

Refrain

Surely goodness and loving-kindness
Shall follow me all the days of my life
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord
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The Lord is my Shepherd I shall not want

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:19-25

¹⁹It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

²²“He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

²³When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly.

²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 10:1-10

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

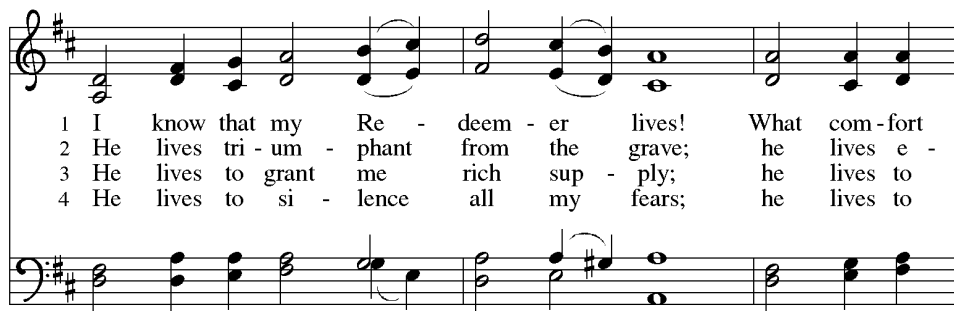
The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY:

I Know that My Redeemer Lives (ELW 619)



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to
4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,
guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort
wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.
me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

5 He lives to bless me with his love;
he lives to plead for me above;
he lives my hungry soul to feed;
he lives to help in time of need.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
he lives, and I shall conquer death;
he lives my mansion to prepare;
he lives to bring me safely there.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
he lives and loves me to the end;
he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;
he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!

8 He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Savior, still the same;
what joy this blest assurance gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

As the lector closes each petition:

Hear us, O God.

The people respond:

Your mercy is great.

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

Please place offering in one of the Bulletin Stand offering plates at the end of worship as you leave the church.

OFFERTORY HYMN:

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful (ELW 181)

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. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE 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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.

LAMB OF GOD



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.

COMMUNION

White grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond

Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN:

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart (ELW 484)

Refrain



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.




Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



- 1 As when the shep-herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres-ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your-self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,

Refrain



so when you call your fam-'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - jice.
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav'n-ly food.
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Serving in Worship

TODAY: April 30, 2023

Altar: Conyers Family

Reader: Lisa Guarnieri

Communion Assistant:

Stuart Guarnieri

Fellowship: OPEN

NEXT SUNDAY: May 7, 2023

Altar: OPEN

Reader: OPEN

Communion Assistant:

OPEN

Fellowship: OPEN

SENDING HYMN:

The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done (ELW 366)



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



- 1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's
- 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst; Je - sus their le - gions
- 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es glo - rious
- 4 Christ closed the yaw - ing gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high
- 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound-ed you, from death's sting free your



tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
has dis - persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!
por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!
ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!

After the final stanza



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

DISMISSAL

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

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

DAYS IN MAY

May 7th,
Tarje's
Goodbye!



May 14th,
Mother's
Day Sunday!

May 21st,
New Member
Sunday!



May 28th,
Pentecost
Confirmation!



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God's work. Our hands.

IN-PERSON and ZOOM WORKSHOP

BREADITATION:

*a bread baking workshop at
Messiah Mountain and online*
**Saturday, May 6 from 9:00am to
1:00pm**

plus **FRIDAY PREP** for **ZOOM** participants:
required the day before

IN PERSON is at **Messiah Mountain Retreat Center**: no prep needed the day before

COST: \$20 for Zoom participant (providing your own ingredients); **\$40 in person** (includes all ingredients and lunch)

Bread is beautiful because it is simple and nourishing. It nourishes our body. It unites us in community. Join us in person or online to meditate on the beauty and mystery of bread while gaining experience, confidence, and know-how. We'll bake together **fougasse**, which is a light, open textured bread typically associated with the Provence region of France. While the fougasse is rising, we'll bake a nicely textured flat **gluten free communion bread**—a taste of the Bread of Heaven with honey, molasses, and more. Your workshop leaders are **Pastor Ron Glusenkamp** and **Pastor Kent Mueller**.

Monday, May 1 registration deadline. Limited to 12 participants in person.

Zoom registrants will receive ingredient list, instructions, and Zoom link several weeks before the event.



BREADITATION

**MORE INFORMATION
AND REGISTRATION AT**

<https://rmselca.org/bread>



A DEVOTIONAL REFLECTION

Composting and carbon farming turn a major problem into a major climate solution

Landfilling organic matter like food and yard waste is healing the planet. When buried in a landfill, organics decompose anaerobically (without oxygen) and in the process become the number one source of human-caused methane, a greenhouse gas that traps 84 times more heat in the atmosphere than carbon dioxide in the short term.

That is a major problem...but we can transform it into a major climate solution. If we turn these organic discards into compost instead of landfilling them, we can prevent methane emissions at landfills. If we then apply compost to landscapes we can build healthy soils. Healthier soils grow healthier plants which absorb more carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and store it safely in the soil where it belongs. Applied broadly and across the globe, carbon farming creates four global SOLUTIONS:

- Restoring lost topsoil,
- Increasing soil resilience to drought,
- Restoring food nutrition, and
- Reversing climate change.

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