

Bethesda on the Bay Lutheran Church

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Hymnal Supplement, *Now the Feast and Celebration*

April 21, 2024

10:00 AM

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE This is My Father's World Brian Chung

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***GATHERING SONG** Thine Is The Glory ELW 376

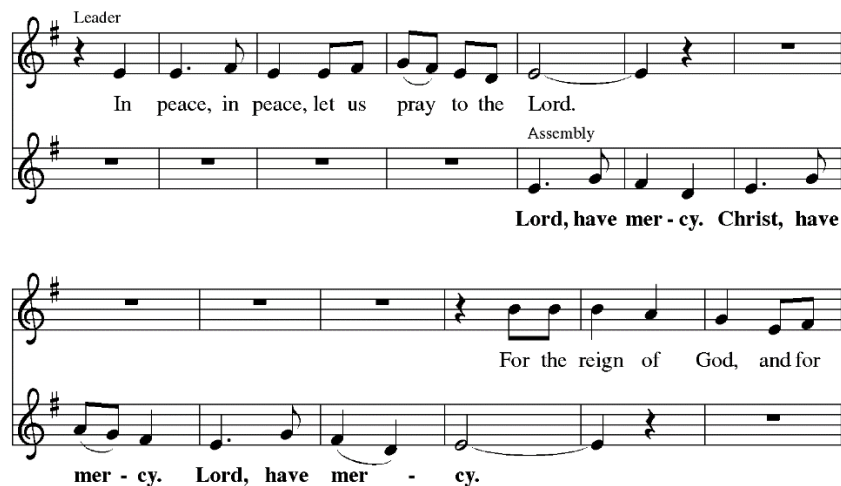
*GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

*KYRIE



Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de - fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

*NOW THE FEAST AND CELEBRATION

Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion

sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;

praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has

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

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

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

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of

Refrain
God; to make all things new.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

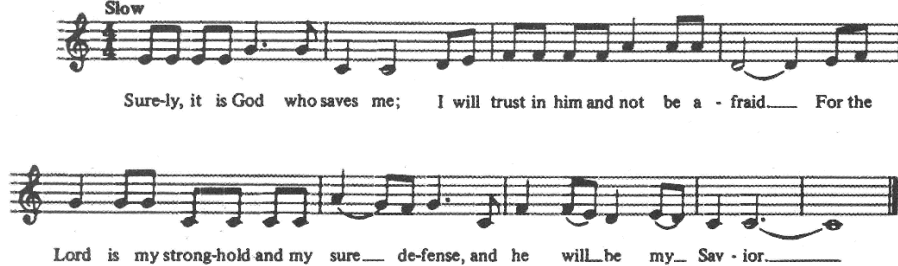
O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The congregation is asked to join the choir singing this refrain after each verse is sung:

ISAIAH 12: 2-6* JACK NOBLE WHITE

Slow



Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be a - fraid. For the

Lord is my strong-hold and my sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

Verse 1:

Therefore, you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say, Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Verse 2:

Make his deeds known among the peoples; see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, and this is known in all the world.

Verse 3:

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,
For the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

WORD

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

FIRST READING

Acts 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.”

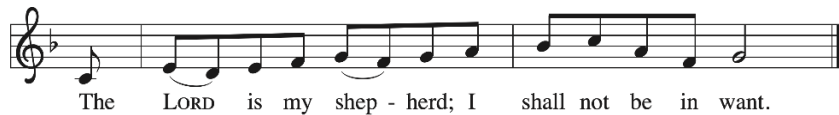
The reading may be concluded: The Word of the Lord.

The assembly responds: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 23

Refrain:



Tone:



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

²The 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.

⁴Though 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. R

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

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

SECOND READING

I 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 reading may be concluded: The Word of the Lord.

The assembly responds: **Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel

Congregation:

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

Optional Repeat

***GOSPEL**

John 10:11-18

The gospel is announced

The holy gospel according to St. 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 concludes: The gospel of the Lord.

The assembly responds: Praise to you, O Christ.

REFLECTION

The Rev. Angela Freeman

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

Lord of All Hopefulness

ELW 765

***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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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 INTERSESSION**

P: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

A: Shepherding God, gather your church whenever we wander from you and one another. Empower our church in ministries around the world to worship and serve alongside global companions as equal partners and coworkers in the gospel. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A: Nurturing God, preserve the health of biomes and ecosystems. Inspire scientists, researchers, conservation organizations, and all people entrusted with the task of caring for creation, that we may be better stewards of the world around us. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A: Almighty God, lead nations and communities to share resources, cooperate in solving conflicts, and listen to the wisdom of Indigenous peoples. Help all those with power to share it and to use such power for good. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A: Loving God, protect the very young and the very old, those living without housing, victims of domestic abuse, and all who live with chronic illness or compromised immune systems. Guide communities to actively care for people who are vulnerable. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A: Gracious God, help this and all communities of faith to listen for your voice. Call us away from things that distract us from following you. Invite us to more deeply love and serve people who are lonely, isolated, and on the margins. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A: Living God, we give thanks for our ancestors in faith (*including Anselm of Canterbury and all who labored to help generations understand the good news of the gospel*). Strengthen us to share the good news in our own day. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.
Amen.

***PEACE**

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Greet one another as you are comfortable sharing God's peace.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

OFFERING SONG

As the offering is brought forward to the altar, the congregation sings.

Refrain *Congregation:*



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;
so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be
gath-ered in - to one in you.

Verses



1. As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst
2. Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when
to Refrain
may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

*OFFERING PRAYER

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 presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.



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

*PREFACE

The presiding minister continues.

It is our duty and delight...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

The presider continues with the eucharistic prayer.

Presider sings: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come, come again.

Congregation Responds:

Congregation:
Christ has died. Christ is ris - en.
Christ will come, come a - gain.

Presider sings: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Congregation Responds:

Congregation:
A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.
A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.

Presider sings: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come, come again.

Congregation Responds:

Congregation:

A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.

A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and forever.
 Amen.**

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

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

You are invited to either come forward to the altar or remain in your seats today to receive communion. You can decide your own comfort level. Pre-filled elements available at the ushers stand when you came in.

If you come forward, you are invited to stand or kneel at the altar railing. The pastor and assisting ministers will come to you and serve you the sacraments. If you need gluten free, indicate to the pastor.

***LAMB OF GOD**

Congregation: *Congregation or Assistant:*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 you break the chains of ha - tred and
 you are the way of jus - tice and
 you are the way of mer - cy and

Congregation:

world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
 fear:
 peace:
 love.

Final Stanza
Congregation or Assistant:

mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

Congregation:

take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS The King of Love My Shepherd Is ELW 502
 Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal ELW 464

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A: 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.**

SENDING

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

***BLESSING**

The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
 The God of resurrection power,
 the Christ of unending joy,
 and the Spirit of Easter hope
 † bless you now and always.
Amen.

***SENDING HYMN**

Hail Thee, Festival Day

ELW 394 v.I-2; 5-6

***DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Come Thou Almighty King

Brian Chung

Leading Worship Today

The Rev. Angela Freeman	Senior Pastor
Deacon Marla Wood Kay	Interim Minister of Christian Formation
Eric Richardson	Minister of Music
Dr. Matt Chiu	Organist
Laura English	Assisting Minister
Chris Kiel	Lector
Maddie Eaton	Acolyte
Dave Johnson, Tom Kelly	Ushers
Ladonna Woods	Altar Guild
Bill & Lynne Zeidler	Tech Team
Emerson Emser	Sound

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Next week’s readings: First Reading: **Acts 8:26-40**; Psalm: **Psalm 22:25-31**; Second Reading: **1 John 4:7-21**; Gospel: **John 15:1-8**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by the Solloways in memory of Bob Miller whose birthday would have been tomorrow.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO NEED THEM. SPEAK WITH AN USHER OR PASTOR FOR ASSISTANCE.

SPRING FUNDRAISER WALK IN SALE

May 1 - June 15th at Dean's Greenhouse in Westlake

It's time to start thinking spring! Dean's Greenhouse, 3984 Porter Road, Westlake, will be offering a Walk-in Fundraiser this summer. Shop at Dean's for all your spring and summer gardening supplies; flowers, vegetables, pots, mulch, soil, decorative items. Just mention Bethesda on the Bay Lutheran Church at check out, and 30% of your order total will come back to support the Youth Ministries of Bethesda. Shop any time between May 1st and June 15th! Thank you for supporting this fundraiser.

PROJECT ISAIAH 43 Bethesda hosting our synod friends!

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2:00 PM

Project Isaiah 43 events are occurring throughout the Northeastern Ohio Synod and include a brief presentation time but will be heavily focused on conversations as we think together about the future of Lutheran Christianity. Each congregation is invited to send at least four people who may or may not include a rostered staff person - in fact, we are especially desiring the insights of congregation members! Bethesda is hosting an event on Sunday, May 5 at 2pm. If you are free to attend on behalf of Bethesda ~ and/or ~ if you can help with a few hospitality needs for that day, please reach out to Pastor Angela.

COFFEE HOUR – Today after worship! Please stay and spend time in fellowship.

LORAIN COOPERATIVE MINISTRY FUNDRAISER

Explore your community. Love your neighbor. Lorain Cooperative Ministry is holding a Spring Destination Raffle on May 5th at Christ Lutheran Church. Check out our great prize packages. Tickets are 1 for \$5 or 5 for \$20. All money raised will support our programs.

Tickets are available online on the website loraincoopministry.com, or after worship April 21 and 28. Contact Michele Gillum at michelegillum@gmail.com or 440-864-4156 with questions. You do not need to be present to win.

LOST AND FOUND

There are three pairs of glasses that have been found. They are in the church office on the counter – if you have lost your glasses, please take a look. There is also a mostly blue Easter basket which is in the church office.

LUTHER PILGRIMAGE

September 2024, join Pastor Angela and other fellow travelers to the Luther cities in Germany and beyond. Explore the heritage of the Lutheran Faith, learn about and from the early reformers, and deepen your understanding and experience of your faith today! Full brochures available at the welcome station or by reaching out to Pastor Angela. Final and full registration due by June 1.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

This year we would like to continue the Bethesda tradition of recognizing all graduates in the display near the welcome desk outside the sanctuary. If you have a high school or college graduate, or a graduate of a vocational or certification program and would like to be featured in the showcase, please email the following information to Deacon Marla at deaconessmarla@gmail.com:

- Name
- Where graduating from
- Degree, if applicable
- Future plans
- Any special honors they would like highlighted
- A current photo. 5x7 is preferred but we will use whatever they provide. Photo does not have to be a professional photo and it can be mailed or dropped at church, or emailed.

Please note emailed photos will be printed from church copy machine so will not be photo grade.

The display will begin in late May or early June, so please submit graduate information as soon as possible. Thank you! We hold in prayer all who are in these last days of Spring classes and finals!

FIRST MUSIC CONCERT

At First Lutheran Church, Lorain, on April 28 at 3 pm

Acclaimed pianist Peter Takacs performs the eight Impromptus by Schubert. Admission is free.

LUTHERAN WIND ENSEMBLE CONCERT

At Jochum Center at Lutheran West High School, Rocky River, April 28 at 2 pm

Lutheran Wind Ensemble presents "Marching to the Stars." Tickets are \$10 and proceeds benefit instrumental music in Lutheran schools. For more information, email lutheranwinds@gmail.com.

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