

April 26th, 2026  
10:30am



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# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Please Silence Your Phones & Devices*

## GATHERING

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

### PRELUDE

Jacob Wilson

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*You are invited to stand as able.*

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne  
and to the Lamb!

**Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.*

Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:

morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us.

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness

who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and  
resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

Break down barriers that divide us.

Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation.

We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,

now and forever.

**Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG ELW #807

### Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
2 Here I raise my Eb-en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.  
and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,  
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;  
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.  
he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

## GREETING

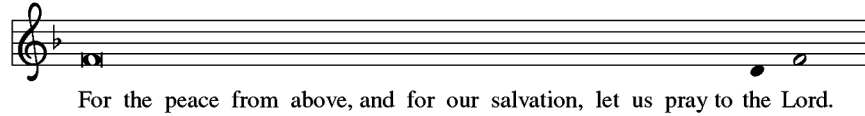
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

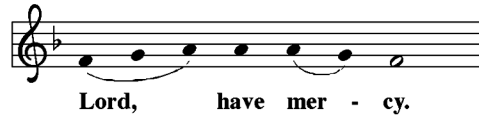
## KYRIE



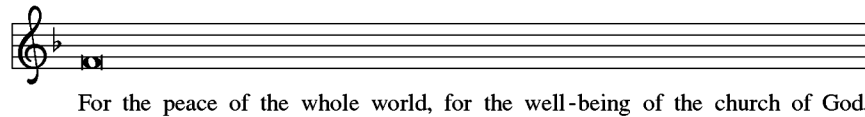
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



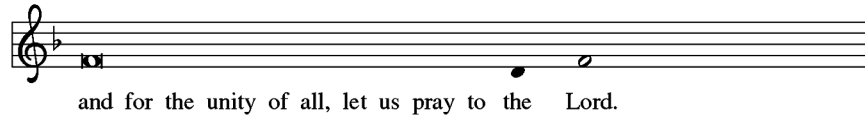
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



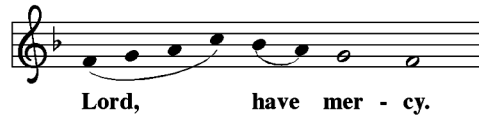
Lord, have mer - cy.



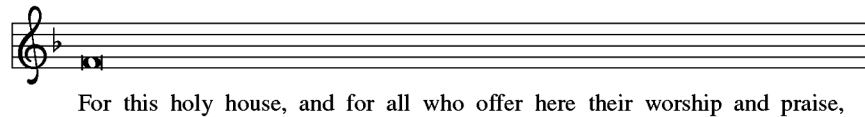
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



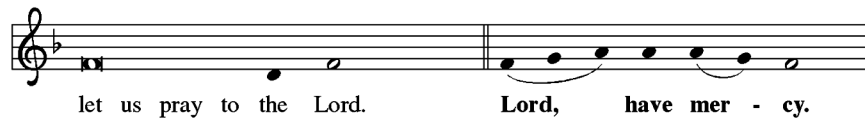
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



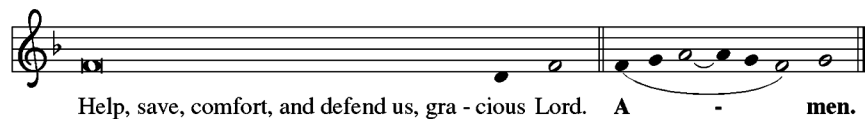
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*



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 blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 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-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 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.

*Refrain*

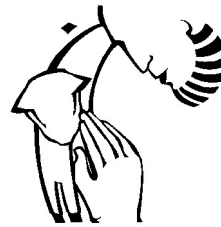
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was  
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*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.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.



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.

*Please be seated.*

## WORD

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

### FIRST READING

Acts 2:42-47

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM

Psalm 23

**Shepherd Me, O God**

**ELW #780**

### *Refrain*

**Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,  
beyond my fears, from death into life.**

- 1 God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,  
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,  
I walk by the quiet waters of peace. **Refrain**
- 2 Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,  
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,  
my spirit shall sing the music of your name. **Refrain**
- 3 Though I should wander the valley of death,  
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,  
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope. **Refrain**
- 4 You have set me a banquet of love  
in the face of hatred,  
crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold. **Refrain**
- 5 Surely your kindness and mercy follow me  
all the days of my life;  
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore. **Refrain**

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950, based on Psalm 23  
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**SECOND READING**

1 Peter 2:19-25

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

I Kow That My Redeemer Lives

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

*You are invited to stand as able.*

**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.

**GOSPEL**

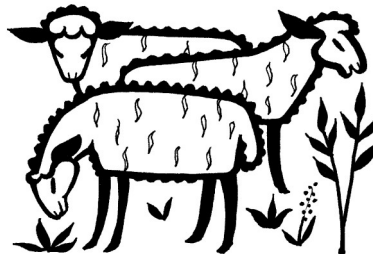
The holy Gospel according John, the 10th chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 10:1-10

The Gospel of our Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**



*You are invited to stand as able.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY      ELW #782**

**My Shepherd, You Supply My Need**



- 1 My Shep - herd, you sup - ply my need; most ho - ly is your name.
- 2 When I walk through the shades of death, your pres - ence is my stay;
- 3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days;



In pas - tures fresh you make me feed, be - side the liv - ing stream.  
one word of your sup - port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.  
oh, may your house be my a - bode and all my work be praise.



You bring my wan - d'ring spir - it back when I for - sake your ways,  
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread;  
Here would I find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers go and come;



and lead me, for your mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.  
my cup with bless - ings o - ver - flows, your oil a - noints my head.  
no more a strang - er or a guest, but like a child at home.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt., based on Psalm 23  
Music: RESIGNATION, North American traditional

## **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**

*Each portion of the prayers ends:*

Merciful God,

**Receive our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**Amen.**

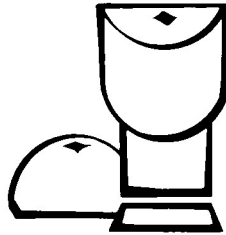
## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

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

*Please be seated.*



## **MEAL**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

## **OFFERING**

*An offering is received for the mission of the church.*

**SOLO** - Karen Linfor

"Christ Arose"

*You are invited to stand as able.*

## Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

*Offering Song*

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 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.

Merciful God,

**accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.  
You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day  
when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us  
with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and  
mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the  
name of Jesus,  
Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn titled "GREAT THANKSGIVING". It consists of four staves of music in a single system, all in a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has two measures: "The Lord be with you." and "And al - so with you." The second staff also has two measures: "Lift up your hearts." and "We lift them to the Lord." The third staff has two measures: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fourth staff has two measures: "It is right to give our thanks and praise." The music is written in a simple, melodic style with a mix of quarter and eighth notes.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...  
... We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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  
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You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.  
You are most holy,  
and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that whoever believes in him may not perish  
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for this coming into the world  
to fulfill for us your holy will  
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

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.

As often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim Christ's death until he comes.

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

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious  
resurrection and ascension,  
and the promise of his coming again,  
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,  
not as we ought by as we are able;  
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and  
thanksgiving  
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your  
servants,

and these your own gifts of bread and wine,  
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of  
Christ  
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,  
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,  
may be formed to live as your holy people  
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Creator, Savior, and Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory in your holy church,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

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

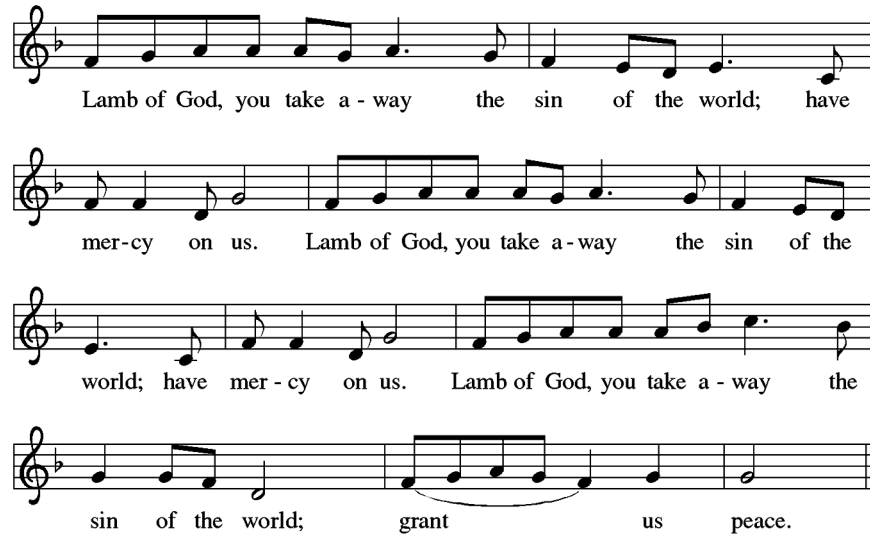
**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.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

*Please be seated.*

### **COMMUNION**

*All are welcome at Christ's table. Come forward by the center aisle at  
the usher's invitation. Bread will be placed in your open hands. Grape  
juice is in the pink glasses in the center of the tray encircled by wine in  
clear glasses. Those who wish can instead receive a blessing.  
Individual communion packets are available near the entrance for  
those who prefer them.*

## COMMUNION SONG



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.

*You are invited to stand as able.*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Holy One,

**Through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

## SENDING

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

## BLESSING

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,  
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,  
And the Spirit, our advocate and peace,  
+ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG ELW #544**

**Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing**



1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -  
2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,  
3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -



vo - tion voic - ing: glo - ry be to God on high!  
one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;  
lert and liv - ing in your Spir - it, strong and free.



Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this eu - cha -  
by your blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your bod - y,  
Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in



rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.  
firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.  
ev - 'ry na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - l'wers be.

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Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

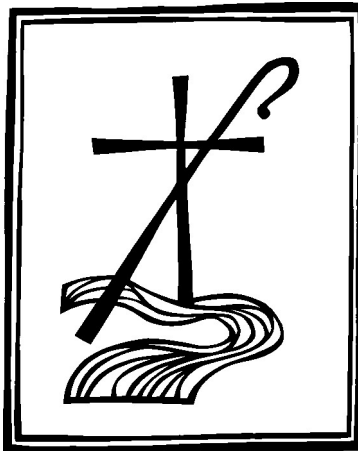
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

Jane Fanucci

## **Worship Assistants**

Announcements:	Chet Madison
Altar Care:	Caro Carney
Acolytes:	Daniel Laryea & Shirley Prouty
Communion Servers:	Faith Thomas, Bob Behr, & Scott Kelly
Prayer Leader:	Bob Behr
Reader:	Faith Thomas
Song Leader:	Karen Linfor
Ushers:	Linda Duffek & Phil Peterson
Refreshments:	Triss & Holly Hoppman



### **NEXT WEEK AT ST. LUKE'S April 27th - May 3rd 2026**

Monday	Soul Sisters—Room 4	12:00 pm
Tuesday	Bible Study on Zoom	10:00 pm
Thursday	Game Night	6:00 pm
Sunday	Holy Communion	10:30 am
	Adult Forum	12:00 pm

Interested in the good of the community? Concerned  
about the state of the world?  
Then join us at



**LUTHERAN OFFICE  
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# Lutheran Lobby Day

**Wednesday, May 20th  
St. John's Lutheran Church  
Sacramento, CA  
8:30-4:00 pm**



Last year Faith, Peggy, and Pr. Rob attended; this year you can too! Be part of a group of Lutherans from all over our state who meet with legislators and their aides to advocate for issues that align with the values we profess as followers of Christ. Search online for Lutheran Lobby Day or go to **[lutheranpublicpolicyca.org](http://lutheranpublicpolicyca.org)** to sign up. Worried about speaking? Don't be! You'll be part of a group, and even your presence makes a difference. Lunch and transportation from St. John's are provided for attendees. Come be part of something amazing! Registration is open through May 12th

## **W-ELCA Mother's Day Luncheon**

The St. Luke Women of ELCA (W-ELCA) cordially invites you to join us in celebrating Mother's Day on May 9, 2026, at 11:30AM with a special luncheon.



This event is organized by W-ELCA, and your confirmation of attendance, along with the number of accompanying guests, would be greatly appreciated to ensure appropriate meal planning for all attendees. Kindly register by signing up on the sheet provided in the Church narthex.



Community Concerns is pleased to announce that St. Luke's will be supporting the Lions In Sight International Eyeglass Collection Program. The program assists veterans, unhoused, and low-income individuals who require vision correction but cannot afford eyeglasses.

Elk Grove Lions Club has provided an eyeglass collection box which we hope will inspire you to donate your old eyeglasses. Eyeglasses, sunglasses, and broken eyeglass parts are all acceptable.

*Please, no cases.*

Your donation will make a difference to someone whose poor vision is a way of life. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile cause.