

Luther Memorial Lutheran Church
13047 Greenwood Ave N, Seattle, WA 98133
Worship for Sunday, 21 April 2024
+ Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year B

Prelude

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Please Stand

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

P: We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing.

C: You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites.

P: Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through. In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety.

You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation.

C: Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.

P: To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever.

Amen.

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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.

Prayer of the Day

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

First Reading Acts 4:5-12

When the leaders, the elders and the scribes met the next day in Jerusalem, Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, Jochanan, Alexander and all who were of the high priestly class were there. They brought Peter and John before them and began to interrogate them: "By what power and in whose name have you done this?"

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, spoke up: "Leaders of the people! Elders! If we must answer today for a good deed done to a person who was unable to walk, and explain how this person has been made whole, then you and all the people of Israel must realize that it was done in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified and whom God raised from the dead. In the power of that Name, this person stands before you perfectly sound. This Jesus is 'the stone rejected by the builders which has become the cornerstone.' There is no salvation in anyone else, for there is no other name under heaven given to the human race by which we must be saved."

Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

Read Responsively

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

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

You restore my soul, O Lord,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

**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.

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

**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

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ died for us. And we, too, ought to lay down our lives for our sisters and brothers. If you have more than enough material possessions and see your neighbors in need yet close your hearts to them, how can the love of God be living in you? My children, our love must not be simply words or mere talk—it must be true love, which shows itself in action and truth. This, then, is how we'll know we belong to the truth; this is how we'll be confident in God's presence, even if our consciences condemn us. We know that God is greater than our consciences and that God knows everything. And if our consciences do not condemn us, my friends, then we have confidence before God, and we will receive whatever we ask from God's hand—because we keep the commandments and do what is pleasing in God's sight. The commandments are these: that we believe in the name of God's Own, Jesus Christ, and that we love one another as we were told to do. Those who keep these commandments live in God and God lives in them. We know that God lives in us by the Spirit given to us.

Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Please Stand



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

Holy Gospel **John 10:11-18**

P: The holy Gospel according to John, the 10th Chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd would die for the sheep. The hired hand, who is neither shepherd nor owner of the sheep, catches sight of the wolf coming and runs away, leaving the sheep to be scattered or snatched by the wolf. That's because the hired hand works only for pay and has no concern for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd. I know my sheep and my sheep know me, in the same way Abba God knows me and I know God— and for these sheep I will lay down my life.

I have other sheep that don't belong to this fold—I must lead them too, and they will hear my voice. And then there will be one flock, one shepherd.

This is why Abba God loves me—because I lay down my life, only to take it up again. No one takes my life from me; I lay it down freely. I have the power to lay it down, and I have the power to take it up again. This command I received from my Abba.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day #502

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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.

Blessing of the Lutheran World Relief Kits

Prayers and Peace

P: ...Hear us, O God,

C: Your mercy is great.

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

From your place in the congregation, feel free to share a sign of peace with other members of the assembly.

Offering

Offertory Anthem

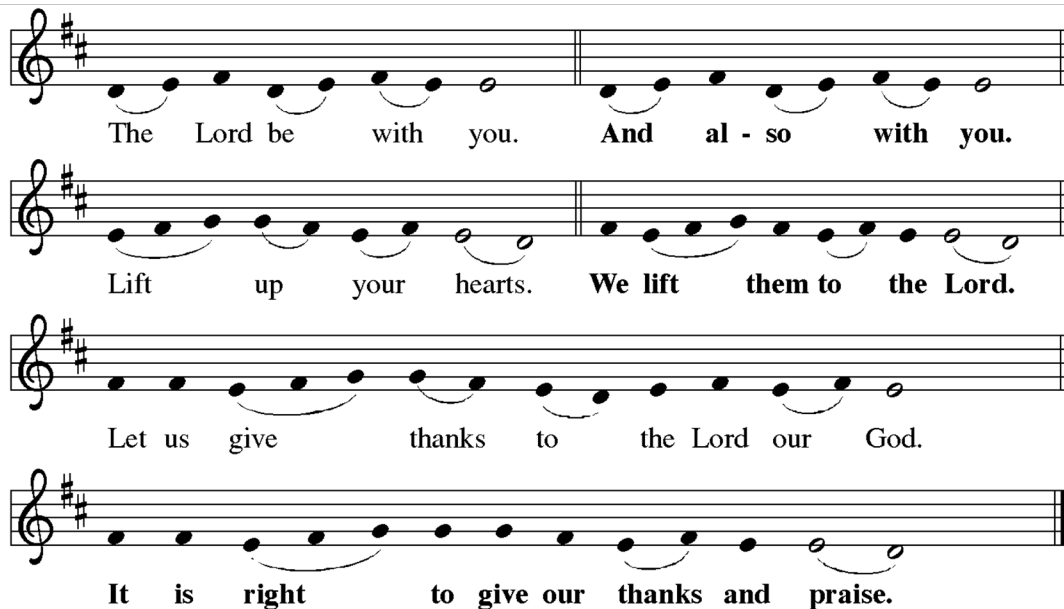
Offertory Prayer

Please stand

P: 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.

C: Amen.

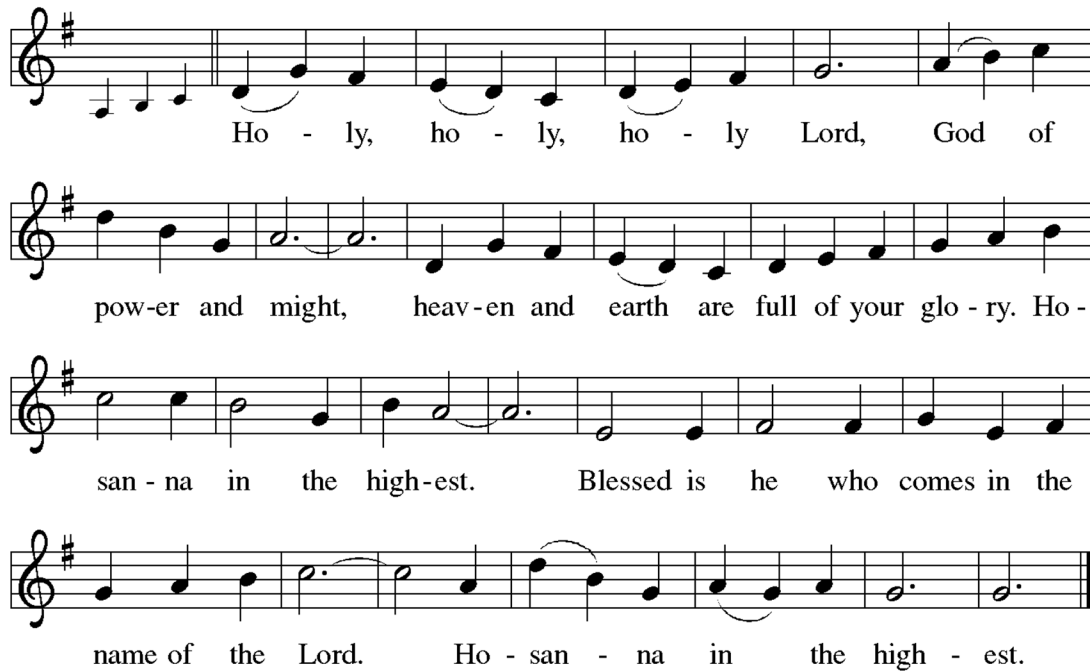
Great Thanksgiving



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, 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Liturgy

All praise to you, glorious God of grace.
Throughout the ages you have blessed us with foremothers of the faith.
With Sarah, we bless you for your gift of life.
With Ruth, we praise you for family and food.
With Miriam, we celebrate our escape from the foe.
Remembering Deborah, we honor the words of your prophets.
Remembering the woman at the well, we laud you for living water.
Remembering Junia, we thank you for those who minister among your people.
One with the daughter of Jairus, we wake to life in you.

With Mary, we magnify your name:
My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Remembering Martha and Mary, we join Jesus at this meal.
Living, he healed the bleeding woman;
dying, he cared for his mother;
risen, he sent Mary Magdalene in mission.

On the night before he died, he 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.

With Mary, again we magnify your name:
My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Mighty God of mercy,
as you heard the prayers of Hannah, so now hear us.
Send your Spirit on this bread and wine,
that sharing the body and blood of Christ we become his body in the world.
Send your Spirit on this assembly, that like Phoebe,
we serve one another with zeal.

Send your Spirit on the church, that like Anna, we tell others of your mercy.
Send your Spirit into our hearts, that like Dorcas,
we care for the poor and needy.

With Mary, once more we magnify your name:
My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

All praise to you, powerful God of peace.
We adore you, our God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
you who mother and feed and comfort us,
today, tomorrow, and forever.
Amen.

**C: 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.**

Distribution of Holy Communion

You may be seated

Please proceed up the center aisle to pick up a piece of bread from the Presiding minister. You will then take an already filled glass of either wine or grape juice from the tray the assisting minister is holding.

There will be baskets off to the side where you can dispose of your used cups. The communion bread is all gluten free, but does contain honey. All are welcome to receive from Christ's table.

You may also come forward with your arms crossed to receive a blessing.

Communion Hymn #484

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart



- 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,



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 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

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

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn #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.

Postlude

Dismissal

P: Alleluia! Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

Today's Worship Leaders:

Pastor Sara Funkhouser

Cynthia Dario-Good

Keiko Long

Lynne Greenup

Donna Smith (all readings, including Psalm)

Mary Hinderliter and Eric Zoeckler

Lollie Ellingson

Presider/Preacher

Musician

Communion Assistant

Usher

Lector

FOSS Transport

Altar Care

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*

Book Club: Book Club will be meeting on Zoom Saturday, May 4th at 10:30 A.M. to discuss the book *The Little Old Lady Who Broke All the Rules* by Catharina Ingelman-Sundberg. All are welcome to join us!

Book Sale: We had so much fun at the last book sale that we decided to host another one! This next Book Sale will be Saturday, April 27th from 12-4 P.M. We will continue to accept donations for this book sale as well, through Wednesday, April 24th. If you would like to help sort and prepare for the book sale, that will be on Friday, April 26th at 10:00 A.M.

Upcoming Events

21	APR, SUN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 10:30 – 11:30am ● 4 – 6pm 	<p>In-Person & Live Stream Worship Sanctuary</p> <p>Skandia Society Rehearsal Celebration Hall</p>
22	APR, MON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All day ● 5 – 8pm 	<p>Pastor Sara @ Bishop's Convocation (Day 1/3) LMLC Office</p> <p>Anne Marcus Cooking Class Kitchen</p>
23	APR, TUE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All day ● 1 – 5pm ● 7 – 9:30pm 	<p>Pastor Sara @ Bishop's Convocation (Day 2/3) LMLC Office</p> <p>Pastor Sara @FOSS Foss Home & Village</p> <p>Seattle Photograph Society - Leia Smith Celebration Hall</p>
24	APR, WED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All day ● 9:30 – 11am 	<p>Pastor Sara @ Bishop's Convocation (Day 3/3) LMLC Office</p> <p>Seekers Bible Study Library</p>
25	APR, THU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 9am – 1pm ● 11:30am – 12:30pm 	<p>Pastor Sara @FOSS Foss Home & Village</p> <p>Pause for Prayer Zoom</p>
26	APR, FRI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 10am – 12pm ● 4 – 8pm 	<p>Pastor Sara @FOSS LMLC Office</p> <p>Inside Health Institute Kitchen</p>
27	APR, SAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 12 – 4pm 	<p>Used Book Sale Celebration Hall</p>