

Luther Memorial Lutheran Church
13047 Greenwood Ave N, Seattle, WA 98133
Worship for Sunday, 26 April 2026
+ Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year A

Actively Sharing Christ's Love in Community

Prelude

Thanksgiving for Baptism:

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of ☩ the One, who was, who is, and who is to come.
Amen.

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 Hymn # 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.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.
Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

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 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.

C: Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

First Reading Acts 2:42-47

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

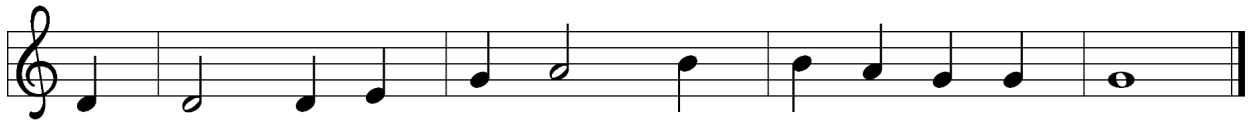
Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising 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.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

Sung Congregational Refrain



The LORD is my shep-herd; I shall not be in want.

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. **Refrain**

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. **Refrain**

Second Reading 1 Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If 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. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,

and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When abused, Christ did not return abuse; when suffering, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For 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.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Please Stand



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 10:1-10

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

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] “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. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for the shepherd, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run away because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

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

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day #780

Shepherd Me, O God

Refrain
All



Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be - yond my fears, from

to stanzas 1, 2, 3, 5 *to stanza 4*



death in - to life. life.

Leader or All



1 God is my shep-herd, so noth - ing shall I want, I
2 Gent - ly you raise me and heal my wea - ry soul, you
3 Though I should wan - der the val - ley of death, I



rest in the mead-ows of faith - ful - ness and love, I
lead me by path-ways of righ - teous-ness and truth, my
fear no e - vil, for you are at my side, your

Refrain



walk by the qui - et wa - ters of peace.
spir - it shall sing the mu - sic of your name.
rod and your staff, my com - fort and my hope.

Leader or All



4 You have set me a ban-quet of love in the face of




ha-tred, crown-ing me with love be-yond my pow'r to hold. *Refrain*

Leader or All



5 Sure-ly your kind-ness and mer-cy fol-low me all the days of my life;




I will dwell in the house of my God for-ev - er - more.

Final refrain
All



Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -



yond my fears, from death in - to life.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950, based on Psalm 23
Music: SHEPHERD ME, Marty Haugen
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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: 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,

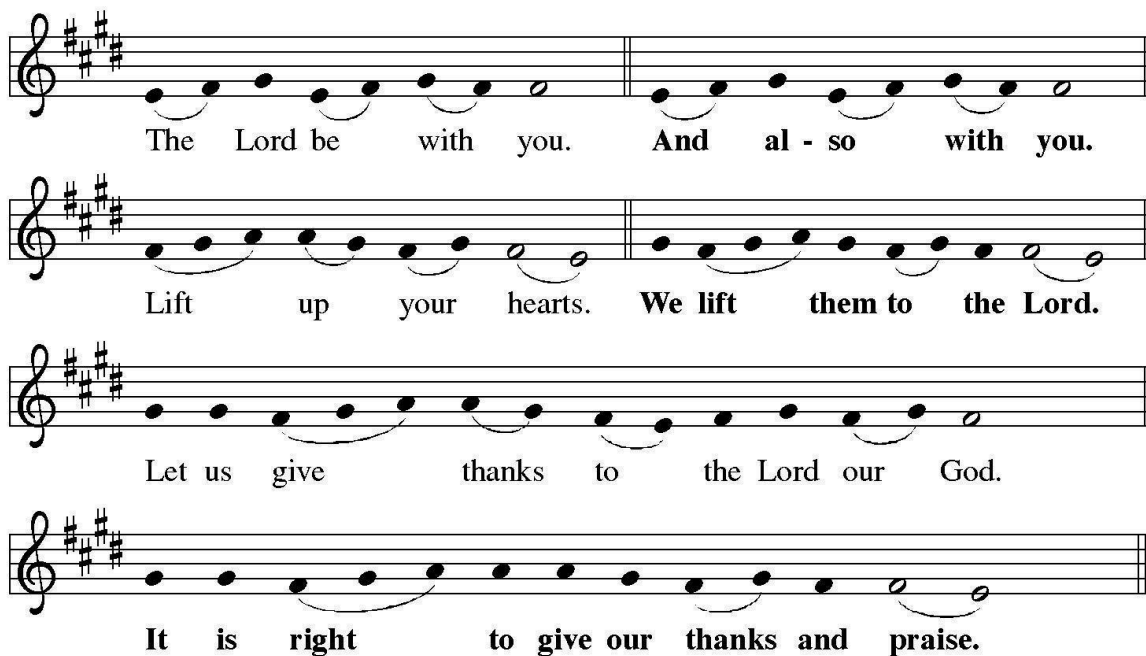
that goodness and mercy may follow us

and bless the world you love.

In the name of Jesus,

C: 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.

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'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.

Eucharistic Liturgy

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.
Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.
Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity,
now 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 and a glass of either wine or grape juice from the assisting minister.

There will be a basket 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 NCH #247

My Shepherd is the Living God

C G C G7 C F G F C

1 My shep-herd is the liv - ing God, I there-fore noth-ing need;
 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;

Am G C F G Am G7 C G C

In pas - tures fair, near pleas - ant streams you set - tle me to feed.
 A word of your sup - port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.
 O may your house be my a - bode, and all my work be praise.

C F C Dm G C Am Dm Am FM7

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

Em C Am Dm Am Em C G7 C

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.

Isaac Watts, London's leading Congregational minister, wrote more than 600 hymns. His paraphrase of Psalm 23 has been altered here by combining a few phrases from Thomas Sternhold, a sixteenth-century English hymnwriter who also wrote metrical psalm texts.

Tune: CONSOLATION C.M.D.
 Southern Harmony, 1835
 Harm. Erik Routley, 1976
 Alternate tune: CRIMOND (Each stanza above becomes two stanzas.)

Communion Hymn #484

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart



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,



so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.
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.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997
Music: BICENTENNIAL, Robert E. Kreutz, 1922–1996
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Post-communion Prayer

P: 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,

C: Amen.

Blessing

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn #536

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

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
till we meet, till we meet a-gain,

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

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

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828-1904
Music: GOD BE WITH YOU, William G. Tomer, 1833-1896

Postlude

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!
C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Today's Worship Leaders:

Pastor Sara Funkhouser
Chrissie Goldstein
Laurie Meade
Mark Chapman and Christine Lawson
Gorden Trombley (1st)
Allene Steinberg (2nd)
Mary Hinderliter
Vicki Cook

Presider/Preacher
Musician
Communion Assistant
Ushers
Lectors

Broadview Transport
Altar Care

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: *Acts 7:55-60*
Psalm: *Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16*
Second Reading: *1 Peter 2:2-10*
Gospel: *John 14:1-14*

Announcements:

Lynne Greenup and Leia Smith are inviting you to view our current photo exhibit at La Copa Cafe on 2410 NW 80th St (near Larsen's Bakery). We will have a Friends & Family meet-up at the Cafe on May 1 (Friday) from 4:30-6:30pm. Our artworks will be on display until May 31. We hope you can stop by!

April Grief Group:

Our grief group will be gathering during the following times in April. As always, if you are interested in the grief group, but are unable to attend any of these sessions, please talk to Pastor Sara.

- Tuesday, April 28th at 11:00am



NWWA Synod Gathering: Every 3 years, the Northwest Washington Synod has a gathering instead of a formal assembly. This year is a gathering year, and folks are invited to join together around the theme of **Life in God's Garden: Seeds of Generosity** at Trinity Lutheran in Lynnwood on Saturday, May 30th from 9a-5p. ***"This is generosity rooted in God's abundant love for God's creation. Generosity of time, space, talents, money - and generosity of our hearts."***

If you are interested, please use the link to look at the different workshop options, as well as lunch options. Pastor Sara will register everyone, so please do not register yourself, but she will need to know which workshops you would like to attend and what you would like to eat. Talk to her if you have any questions, but we hope you will consider joining her there! [Synod Gathering | Northwest Washington Synod](#). She will be registering the group on Thursday, April 30th, so please let her know by then if you would like to attend.

Seekers: Seekers Bible Study has resumed on Wednesday mornings in the Sunday School room at 9:30 A.M. They are currently studying the book of Romans. Talk to Donna or Vicki if you would like to know more! All are welcome to join this time of study and fellowship!

Read-a-Rama Dinner Volunteers Needed:

We still are looking for a few people to provide dinner for the Read-a-Rama after school events happening here on Tuesdays from March 31st through May 26th. As a reminder, you do not need to be here to prepare the food, and it can be kept quite simple, but we would be happy to heat something up that you made or brought to church! Some suggestions from Read-a-Rama include mac and cheese, chicken nuggets, spaghetti, etc. There are approximately 15 students and 5 adults that we are feeding each week. All donations are greatly appreciated!

Shoe Drive for Broadview-Thomson: The Broadview-Thomson PTA is seeking donations for the students. NEW shoes or socks for our students in need. All sizes needed (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10). You can either order using their Amazon wishlist or bring your donations to church and Pastor Sara will deliver them. Our neighbors have greatly appreciated all of your donations to this point, so thank you!

Upcoming Events

19	APR, SUN	● All day	Pastor Sara on Continuing Education (Day 7/10) LMLC Office
		● 10:30 – 11:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship Sanctuary
		● 4 – 6pm	Skandia Society Rehearsal Celebration Hall
20	APR, MON	● All day	Pastor Sara on Continuing Education (Day 8/10) LMLC Office
		● 6:45 – 7:45pm	NA - Afterparty Group Celebration Hall
21	APR, TUE	● All day	Pastor Sara on Continuing Education (Day 9/10) LMLC Office
		● 1 – 3pm	Quilting Group - Elaine Celebration Hall
		● 7 – 8pm	Church Council Meeting Zoom
22	APR, WED	● All day	Pastor Sara on Continuing Education (Day 10/10) LMLC Office
		● 9:30 – 11am	Seekers Bible Study Library
23	APR, THU	● 6 – 9:30pm	Sound Harmony Sanctuary
24	APR, FRI	● 12 – 1pm	Pause for Prayer Zoom
		● 6 – 8pm	NAMI Library
		● 6:30 – 7:30pm	NA Pink Progress Club Fellowship Hall

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