



April 25, 2021
4th Sunday of Easter

The Risen Christ is our Good Shepherd.



Our Mission is to nurture each other in God's Word and spread the Good News of Christ to all.

We are celebrating the Lord's Supper today. It is a supper established by Jesus for his disciples. St. Paul further states that the supper is an expression of a oneness of belief and faith. If you are not a member of the WELS or ELS, we ask that you please speak with the pastor before coming to the altar. Thank you.

OPENING HYMN

Welcome Happy Morning

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1 "Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!" Age to age shall say;
 2 Mak - er and Re - deem - er, Life and Health of all,
 3 He, of life the au - thor, Death did un - der - go,
 4 Free the souls long pris - oned, Bound with Sa - tan's chain;

"Hell to - day is van - quished; Heav'n is won to - day!"
 God from heav'n be - hold - ing; Hu - man na - ture's fall,
 Trod the path of dark - ness, Sav - ing strength to show.
 All that now is fall - en Raise to life a - gain.

Lo, the Dead is liv - ing, God for - ev - er - more!
 Of the Fa - ther's God - head You, the on - ly Son,
 Come, then, True and Faith - ful, Now ful - fill your word;
 Show your face in bright - ness; Shine in ev - 'ry land

Him, their true Cre - a - tor, All his works a - dore.
 Man - kind to de - liv - er Man - hood did put on.
 This is your third morn - ing — Rise, O bur - ied Lord!
 As in E - den's gar - den When the world be - gan.

Refrain

“Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!” Age to age shall say;

“Hell to - day is van - quished; Heav’n is won to - day!”

Text: Venantius Fortunatus, c. 530-609, abr.; tr. John Ellerton, 1826-93, alt.
Tune: *Enchiridion Geistliche Lede und Psalmen*, Lübeck, 1545

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STAND

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Acts 4:23-33 (NIV84)

On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them. ²⁴ When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. "Sovereign Lord," they said, "you made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. ²⁵ You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David: " 'Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? ²⁶ The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the Lord and against his Anointed One.' ²⁷ Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. ²⁸ They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. ²⁹ Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. ³⁰ Stretch out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus." ³¹ After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly. ³² All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had. ³³ With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all.

PSALM 23

read responsively by the pastor and congregation

The LORD is my shepherd,*

I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures,*

he leads me beside quiet waters.

He restores my soul;*

**he guides me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.**

Even though I walk through the valley

of the shadow of death, I will 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;

my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and love will follow me

all the days of my life,*

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son*

and to the Holy Spirit,

as it was in the beginning,*

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

SECOND LESSON

1 John 3:1-2 (NIV84)

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

STAND

M: The Gospel is from John, chapter 10, beginning at verse 11.

C: **Glory be to you, O Lord!**

GOSPEL

John 10:11-18 (NIV84)

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³ The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴ “I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. ¹⁷ The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian 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.**

BE SEATED

SERMON

The Good Shepherd

John 10:11-18

OFFERING

GOOD NEWS FOR KIDS

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

C: Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

M: In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

C: Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.

M: Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory.

C: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.

M: Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.

M: Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

(Special prayers and intercessions may follow.)

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

(Silent prayer.)

M: Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up unto the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n 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, bless - ed is he, 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

BE SEATED

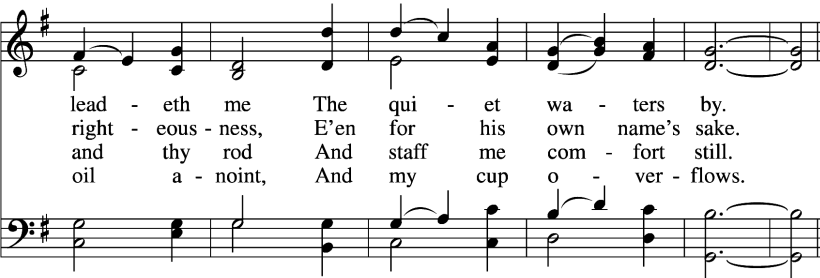
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1 The Lord's my shep - herd; I'll not want. He
 2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain And
 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet
 4 My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed In



makes me down to lie In pas - tures green; he
 me to walk doth make With - in the paths of
 will I fear no ill; For thou art with me,
 pres - ence of my foes; My head thou dost with



lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.
 right - eous - ness, E'en for his own name's sake.
 and thy rod And staff me com - fort still.
 oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.

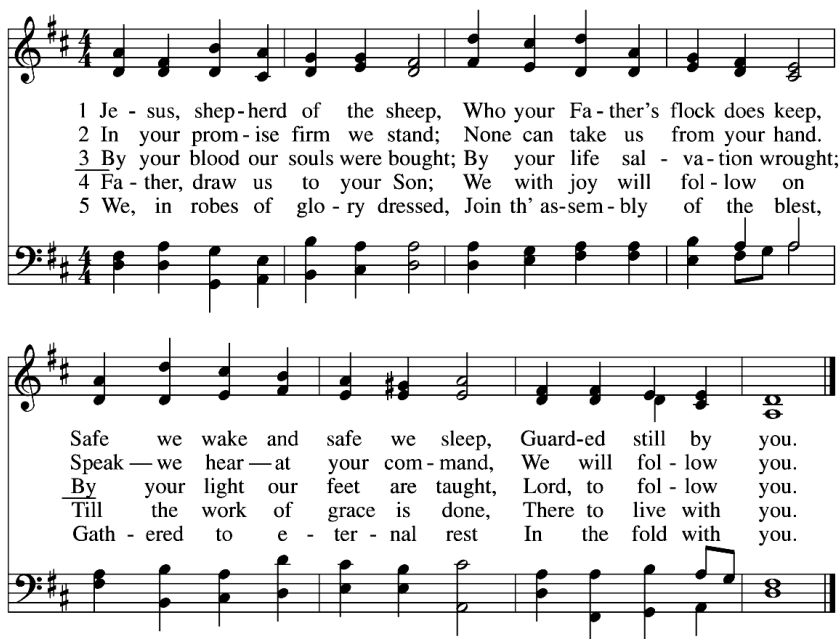
5 Goodness and mercy, all my life,
 Shall surely follow me,
 And in God's house forevermore
 My dwelling-place shall be.

Text: *The Psalms of David in Meeter*, Edinburgh, 1650
 Tune: William Gardiner, 1770-1853, adapt.

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Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep

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1 Je - sus, shep-herd of the sheep, Who your Fa-ther's flock does keep,
 2 In your prom-ise firm we stand; None can take us from your hand.
 3 By your blood our souls were bought; By your life sal - va-tion wrought;
 4 Fa-ther, draw us to your Son; We with joy will fol - low on
 5 We, in robes of glo - ry dressed, Join th' as-sem - bly of the blest,

Safe we wake and safe we sleep, Guard-ed still by you.
 Speak — we hear — at your com - mand, We will fol - low you.
 By your light our feet are taught, Lord, to fol - low you.
 Till the work of grace is done, There to live with you.
 Gath - ered to e - ter - nal rest In the fold with you.

Text: Henry Cook, 1788-1868, alt.
 Tune: Friedrich Filitz, 1804-76, alt.

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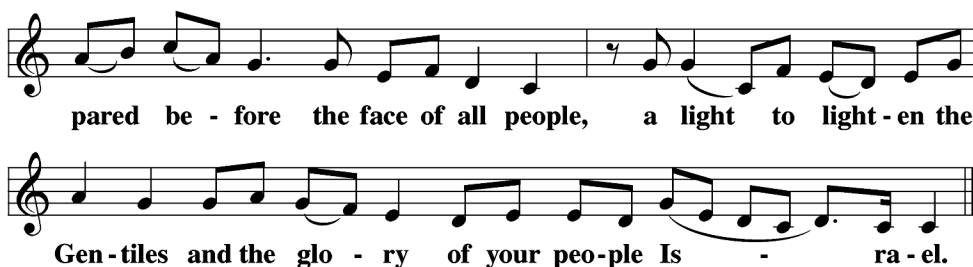
STAND

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
 to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-



M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: **And his mercy endures forever.**

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper.
We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love
for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
 2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil That we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful; Let earth her song be - gin.

The Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, The Pass - o - ver of God.
 The Lord in rays e - ter - nal Of res - ur - rec - tion light
 Let all the world keep tri - umph And all that is there - in.

From death to life e - ter - nal, From this world to the sky,
 And, lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, May hear, so calm and plain,
 Let all things, seen and un - seen, Their notes of glad - ness blend;

Our Christ has brought us o - ver With hymns of vic - to - ry.
 His own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, May raise the vic - tor strain.
 For Christ the Lord has ris - en; Our joy shall have no end.

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696-c. 754; tr. John M. Neale, 1818-66, alt.
 Tune: Henry T. Smart, 1813-79

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Announcements

In Our Prayers

The Lord is eager to hear the prayers of thanks and petitions for help from his people. Please keep these members and families in your prayers. Contact Pastor to add someone to this list.

Emily Nolte - expecting in October

Roma Gould and Judy Solem - shut-ins

Confirmation - May 2

The following students will be confirmed at the 10:30 service next Sunday:

Kasharmo Dalay, Samantha Jensen, James Norton III, Kyle Twelmeyer, Men Yar, Abel Mikele, and Jime Gebreab.

Wednesday Bible Class

Our study of the Psalms has resumed at 7:00 pm on Zoom.

Zoom ID: 808 954 8574

Building Fund Update

\$19,190 donated as of 4/18/2021.

Prepare for Next Sunday

For a simple devotional reading plan, review the reading for this week on Monday - Wednesday. Then read the Scripture for next Sunday on Thursday - Saturday. The Word for next Sunday:

Acts 8:26-40, 1 John 3:18-24, John 15:1-8

THIS WEEK AT LINCOLN HEIGHTS

April 25 - May 2

Today	8:00 am	Worship—Livestream
	8:45 am	Sunday School
	8:45 am	Bible Class
	8:45 am	Homeless Meal Delivery
	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Worship
	12:00 pm	Nuer Worship
	1:30 pm	Kunama Worship
Monday	4:00 pm	Catechism Tutoring
Wednesday	4:30 pm	Catechism Tutoring
	5:30 pm	Catechism Class
	7:00 pm	Zoom Bible Class
Saturday	8:45 am	Homeless Meal Preparation
Sunday	8:00 am	Worship—Livestream
	8:45 am	Sunday School
	8:45 am	Bible Class
	8:45 am	Homeless Meal Delivery
	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Worship - Confirmation

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