

## WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Good Shepherd Sunday



### WELCOME FAMILIES!

We are glad that you are worshipping with your children and want you to feel welcome.

There is a “**Pray Ground**” for quiet play in the front right of the sanctuary. We ask that families stay with their little ones and try to keep noise to a minimum.

If you or your little one needs “a break” or “louder play”, there is an “**Active Worship**” room on the West side of the sanctuary. You can see and hear the service from this room.

### GATHERING



The Holy Spirit gathers us together during this time of worship

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*Inviting All to Live the Gospel through Faith, Love, and Compassion*

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### Welcome to Family of Christ

You are welcome to participate in worship this morning  
the way you feel comfortable.

**All Are Welcome, No Exceptions!**

**Everybody Is Somebody Here**

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### PRELUDE

### WELCOME

### GATHERING HYMN

“Once Again”

Matt Redman

*1. Jesus Christ I think upon Your sacrifice  
You became nothing Poured out to death  
Many times I've wondered at Your gift of life  
And I'm in that place once again  
I'm in that place once again*

Chorus:

*Once again I look upon the cross  
Where You died I'm humbled by Your mercy  
And I'm broken inside Once again I thank You  
Once again I pour out my life*

*2. Now You are Exalted to the highest place  
King of the heavens Where one day I'll bow  
But for now I marvel at this saving grace  
And I'm full of praise once again  
I'm full of praise once again.*

Chorus.

Bridge:

*Thank You for the cross  
Thank You for the cross  
Thank You for the cross my Friend*

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### CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

L: In the light of the Resurrection, with humility we confess our sins before God and one another.

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

All young and young at heart are invited forward during the Children's time.

### THE WORD

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



L: Risen Lord,

**C: We long to live into the power of your resurrection promises, but we are slow to let go of all that keeps us in the grip of death: anger, regret, envy, stubbornness, self-righteousness, exclusion, fear, and despair.**

**Forgive us, work in our hearts, and show us the joy which comes in believing your word of life.**

L: People of God, hear the good news: Christ is arisen, and with him so are we! Receive and trust the word that in the name of Jesus Christ + you are forgiven.

**C: Amen.**

### HYMN OF PRAISE

**“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”**

**ELW #502**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Loving shepherd,

**C: You use your strength and power to protect those who cannot protect themselves. Lead us by your example, that we might also care for your children wherever we are able, for the sake of your name. Amen.**

### CHILDREN'S TIME

#### READING:

**Psalm 23**

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;

<sup>3</sup> he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths  
for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil;

for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff—  
they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
my whole life long.

L: The Word of our Lord    **C: Thanks Be to God**

**GOSPEL READING:****John 10:11-18**

<sup>11</sup>“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The 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. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I 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. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No 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.”

**L:** The Good News of our Lord   **C:** Thanks Be to God

**MESSAGE****Pastor Brent Erler****HYMN OF THE DAY****“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”****ELW #634****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.**

**PEACE****ANNOUNCEMENTS****NOISY OFFERING****Luther Park Camp****OFFERING**

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## THE MEAL

God feeds us with the forgiveness and presence of Christ.

All are invited to receive these gifts of God.

No Exceptions!

Children are welcome to come forward and receive communion or a blessing and Goldfish Crackers.



## THE SENDING

We are blessed and sent out into the world to share God's Love with all people.



## Serving Today

Pastor

Brent Erler

Assisting Minister

Dana Sahlin

Musician

Ann Mikiska

Sound and Video

Nathan Blilie

\*Thanks to all those who helped make worship possible.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: Lord, in Your Mercy

C: Hear our prayer

## HOLY COMMUNION

### THE 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.**

## BLESSING

### PRAYER OF GOOD COURAGE

**Lord God, you have called your servants  
to ventures of which we cannot see the ending,  
by paths as yet untrodden,  
through perils unknown.  
Give us faith to go out with good courage,  
not knowing where we go,  
but only that your hand is leading us  
and your love supporting us,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

### SENDING HYMN

**"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"**

**ELW# 773**

## SENDING

## POSTLUDE

Special THANKS to Nick, Haakon, Terran and Archer Hendrickson for helping with music today.

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