



“I came
that they may
have *life*
and have it
abundantly.”

John 10:10, NRSV





FAMILY OF GOD

LUTHERAN CHURCH

"Children by grace,
Extending Christ's embrace"

The Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 26th, 2026
9:30 am

Today we worship with the liturgy from
Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) setting three

Gather

Prelude "Sheep May Safely Graze" J. S. Bach

Welcome

*Opening Hymn "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" **ELW 502**

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 fail eth never.
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877
 Music: Irish tune

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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.

*Hymn of Praise

"This is the Feast"

Refrain § 140
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. | Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb
 who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

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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

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: O God our shepherd,

C: 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 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.

Young Persons Message

Pastor Erin Koster

Word

First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

42They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. 43Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. 44All who believed were together and had all things in common; 45they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46Day 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, 47praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



Psalm

23

P: ¹The Lord | is my shepherd;

C: I shall not | be in want.

P: ²The Lord makes me lie down | in green pastures

C: And leads me be- | side still waters.

P: ³You restore my | soul, O Lord,

C: And guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.

P: ⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no evil;

C: For you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.

P: ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies;

C: You anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

P: ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,

C: And I will dwell in the house of the | Lord forever.

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:19-25

¹⁹For it is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

²²"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

²³When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation

§ 142a

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 Announcement

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the 10th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

*Gospel

John 10:1-10

¹“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. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The 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

Pastor Erin Koster

*Hymn of the Day

“My Shepherd, You Supply My Need”

ELW 782

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;

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

RESIGNATION
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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.

*Apostle's Creed

C: 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.

Reception of new members

Barbara Poole—sponsored by Diane Tripp

Rylee, Leila, Logan and Sondra Ledin and Julie Kassera—sponsored by Rita and David Loos

Tom and Beverly Anderson—Sponsored by Nancy and Joe Rhinhart

P: People of God do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

P: Let us welcome these siblings in Christ to this community of faith.

C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

*Prayers of The People

P: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

*Peace

P: Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always.

Holy Communion

Offering

"He Shall Feed His Flock Like a Shepherd" from *Messiah*

G. F Handel

*Offertory Response

"Be Not Afraid"

ELW 388

Sing 2 times

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

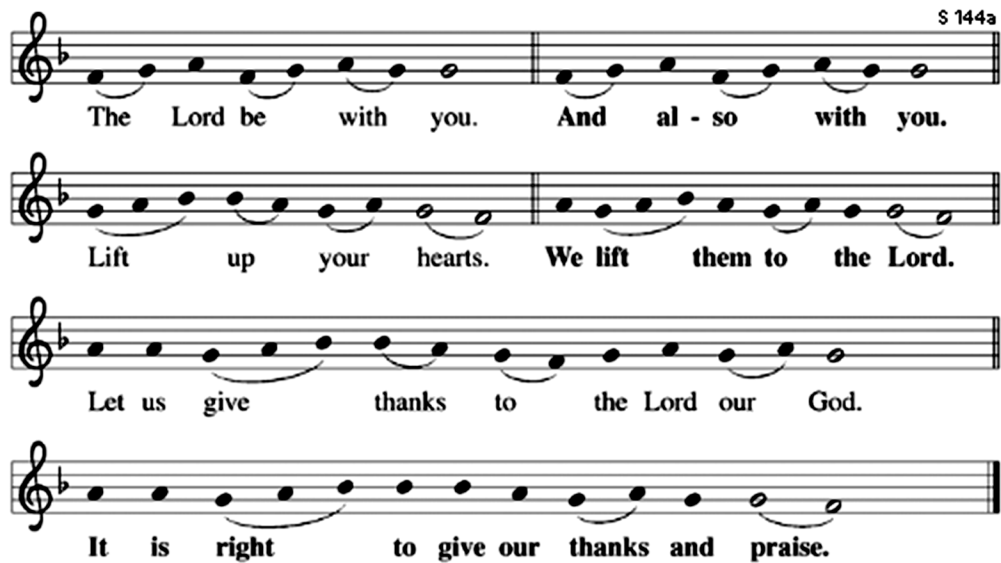
Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

*Offertory Prayer

P: Risen Lord, 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



§ 144a

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

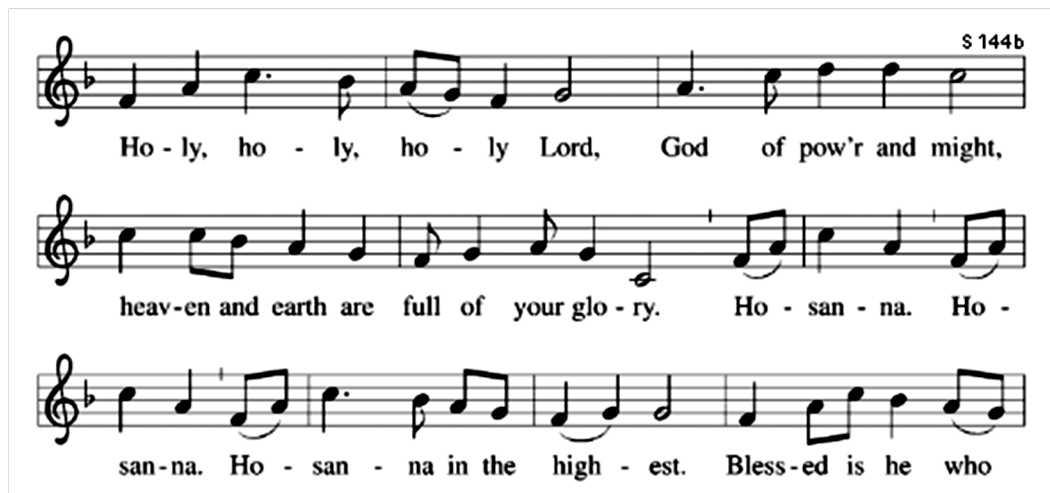
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Sanctus



§ 144b

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



*Words of Institution

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.

*Lord's Prayer

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.

Communion

§ 146

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.

Communion Distribution

Communion Hymn

"The Lord's My Shepherd"

ELW 778

1 The Lord's my shep-herd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie
 2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain, and me to walk doth make
 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;
 4 My ta - ble thou hast rich - ly spread in pres - ence of my foes;
 5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly fol - low me,

in pas - tures green; he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
 with - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake;
 for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still;
 my head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
 and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell - ing - place shall be;

He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
 with - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake.
 for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.
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Text: *The Psalms of David in Meter*, Edinburgh, 1650
 Music: James L. Macbeth Bain; arr. Gordon Jacob, 1895-1984
 Arr. © Oxford University Press

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P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Sending

Ministry Opportunities

Blessing

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: 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

"Come Thou Font of Every Blessing"

ELW 807

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Come Thou Font of Every Blessing". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. Below the treble staff, there are three lines of lyrics:

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;

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

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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.

*Dismissal

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

"Come Thou Font of Every Blessing"

arr. Diane Bish

Today's Worship Participants

Lector: MaryLou Gorres
Soloist: Ginny Trogan

Chancel flowers

Alan and Sue Aleckson

Family of God Ministry Staff

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Claudia Peterson & Madison Benton, Nursery Staff

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Connie Young
Gen Loberg
David Loos' Father Robert in hospice
Connie Anderson, for health concerns

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR*

Rita Loos' sister Mary Swanson for health issues
Alan Aleckson, who is still recovering from surgery at home
Julie Johnson recovering from surgery

*Those on the prayer list will be named for 4 weeks in the bulletin. If you wish to have someone named longer, please notify us and we will extend them on the prayer list for another four weeks. We appreciate updates on all those for whom we pray. Thank you for your prayers.

Announcements

Minnesota Twins vs Houston Astros on Tuesday, May 19 at 6:40 pm. Tickets are \$52.

The New Church Website is coming along and we need pictures! If you have any *church related* pictures please send them to the admin email address.

Quarterly Donation Statements will be available upon request. Call or email the church office to arrange delivery.

Vacation Bible Study registration is now open! From Monday June 15 to Thursday June 18 we'll be going on a "Tropical Trek" There is no cost to sign up and it's open to all kids, from preschool age to middle school. Ask Pr. Erin if you have questions! You can register on our website.

Social Ministry—In April, we will be collecting for Champlin Park HS, The Shelf. They do not have room to store canned goods. Here is a list of their current needs:

-Clothing: Socks, variety of sizes, ankle or athletic in length. Black is preferred, white okay too

-Spices and pantry basics: salt, pepper, cumin, oregano, paprika, Italian seasoning, garlic powder, onion powder, sugar, vegetable cooking oil, etc.

-Hygiene: toothbrushes, large family-sized tubes of toothpaste. Shampoo/Conditioner

-Laundry Soap, pods, powder

There will be a blood drive on Friday, May 1st, 1 pm-7 pm. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Volunteers are also needed to sign people in for their appointments, bring and give out food and clean up afterwards. There is a sign-up sheet for that in the narthex as well.

A CPR class will be held on May 19th 7 pm-8:15 pm. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex. Contact David Loos at 612-532-4778 if you have questions.

May 2026 FOG Crafting

Thursday, May 7. Set up at 5:00, craft until 8:00

Friday, May 8. Craft all day 9:00am - 9pm

Saturday, May 9. Craft all day 9:00am - 9:00pm

Suggested donation: \$30.00, Our donations go to the church for overall expenses, lights, heat, etc as a thank you for letting us gather in the church.

Theme: Cinco de Mayo!

Please RSVP to Stephanie Statz stephstatz24@gmail.com or LeAnne Tietman Irtieman11@gmail.com

Rooted and Rising: Celebrating 40 Years Join the National Lutheran Choir under Artistic Director Jennaya Robison for Rooted and Rising: Celebrating 40 Years of the National Lutheran Choir. This grand finale of the 40th anniversary season features collaboration with the renowned St. Olaf Choir led by Anton Armstrong and guest organist David Cherwien, former NLC Artistic Director. The program features works by J.S. Bach, F. Melius Christiansen, Larry Fleming, David Cherwien, Earlene Rentz, and Jennaya Robison. A community ensemble of NLC alumni singers will join for the concert's conclusion.
Date & Location:

2:00 pm, Saturday, May 2, 2026
Central Lutheran Church, 333 S. 12th Street, Minneapolis 55404

Tickets at NLCA.com

Groups of 10 or more receive discounted tickets. Call 612-722-2301 for info on group rates.

North Hennepin Community College Orchestra concert, directed by Judy Blomgren. At North Hennepin Community College Fine Arts Center auditorium on May 4, 2026 7:30 pm. Admission: Free and open to the public (\$10 suggested admission)

Live stream link: <https://www.youtube.com/live/ZKM9r7xkeaU>

Travel across sweeping landscapes in Dvorak's New World Symphony, explore the realms of Middle-earth in music from The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring, and journey to distant galaxies with selections from Star Wars. The program also features a lively Salute to the Big Bands, a journey through American music history. The evening is highlighted by a sparkling performance of Carnival of the Animals featuring Dr. Grace Choi and Dr. Kevin Hobbs, NHCC music faculty.

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