

Welcome to Worship for  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**



Sunday, April 26, 2026

# All Saints Lutheran Church

722 Rockbridge Road | Lilburn, GA 30047

Rev. Michael Schulte, Presiding  
John Womack, Director of Music



Welcome to worship! We are so glad that you are here. Please feel free to utilize this QR code using your smart phone to access our website, Facebook & Instagram pages, and to give online. Your generosity for God's church and presence is making a difference, both here in this ministry and throughout the community. Thank you!

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**---GATHERING---**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Kelly Kraus**

**PRELUDE**

**John Womack**

*During this time of meditation the assembly is asked to remain silent.*

*The congregation stands.*

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

**Rev. Michael Schulte**

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.**

Blessed are you, O God,  
maker and ruler of all things.  
Your voice thundered over the waters at creation.  
You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys  
to refresh and satisfy all living things.  
Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety.  
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom.  
In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock,  
and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.  
By the baptism of his death and resurrection,  
your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom.  
The floods shall not overwhelm us,  
and the deep shall not swallow us up,  
for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise.  
He sends us to make disciples,  
baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Pour out your Holy Spirit;  
wash away sin in this cleansing water;  
clothe the baptized with Christ;  
and claim your daughters and sons,  
no longer slave and free,  
no longer male and female,  
but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## All People That on Earth Do Dwell



1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the  
 2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our  
 3 Oh, en - ter then his gates with praise; ap - proach with  
 4 For why? The Lord our God is good: his mer - cy  
 5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the God whom



Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with mirth, his  
 aid he did us make. We are his folk, he  
 joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his  
 is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times  
 heav'n and earth a - dore, from us and from the



praise forth tell; come ye be - fore him and re - joice.  
 doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.  
 name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.  
 firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.  
 an - gel host be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.

Text: William Kethe, d. c. 1594  
 Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

**GREETING****Rev. Michael Schulte**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**



# CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Refrain*

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Rev. Michael Schulte**

*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.

**Amen.**

*The congregation is seated.*

### **---WORD---**

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

#### **FIRST READING: Acts 2:42-47**

**Sheila Wagner**

<sup>43</sup> Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup> they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> 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, <sup>47</sup> 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.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:19-25**

**Sheila Wagner**

<sup>19</sup> It is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup> If 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. <sup>21</sup> 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.

<sup>22</sup> "He committed no sin,  
and no deceit was found in his mouth."

<sup>23</sup> When 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. <sup>24</sup> He 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. <sup>25</sup> 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.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The congregation stands.*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **GOSPEL: John 10:1-10**

**Rev. Michael Schulte**

The holy gospel according to St. John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>“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. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. <sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The congregation is seated.*

## **SERMON**

**Rev. Michael Schulte**

*The congregation stands.*

## The Lord's My Shepherd



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.  
 My head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.  
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Text: *The Psalms of David in Meeter*, Edinburgh, 1650  
 Music: BROTHER JAMES' AIR, James L. Macbeth Bain

## APOSTLES' CREED

Rev. Michael Schulte

**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.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Sheila Wagner

*The congregation sits or kneels.*

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

*A brief silence.*

Shepherding God, draw all people to yourself and lead them in paths of righteousness. Embolden your church to enter the valleys of the world and guide us beside the still waters of your grace. We pray for military and prison chaplains serving near and far. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Creator God, by the resurrection of your Son, show us your steadfast love and instruct our hearts in your ways. Help us to revere and protect the wonders of your creation. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Righteous Judge, strengthen and uphold those who work for justice and advocate for human rights. Bring an end to oppression and save us from the temptation of violence or vengeance. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Great Physician, walk with those who are grieving, and anoint those who are ill or injured. Restore them to health of body, mind, and spirit.

We offer to you now the concerns of our hearts, either silently or aloud.

*A brief silence*

- We pray for Bob H; Charlie; Melanie; Robin and Cathy; Jim.
- We pray for Keren and her family.
- We pray for Roger and the Boyer family.
- We pray for Lisa, K Phillip; Kathryn; John, and Pat L.
- We pray for Pat, her son, and her grandson.
- We pray for Jeff and Doug

Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

- We pray for justice and peace among nations where war and violence rage, especially in Iran, Lebanon, Gaza, South Sudan, Ukraine, and Venezuela.
- We pray for schools everywhere, that all students and those who care for them may feel safe and free from fear.
- We pray for justice around the world and here at home, that God may delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion, and peace.

Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Good Shepherd, continually seek us out as lambs of your flock, and form us into a community where all are honored and cared for. Spread a feast before us and fill our cups to overflowing. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Living God, we praise you for the saints who have died in faith and now dwell in your love. At our end, bring us, with them, to our heavenly home. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

**Rev. Michael Schulte**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*If you are joining us online, reach out by phone, text, email, or social media this week to share the Peace of Christ.*

## **---MEAL---**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

## **OFFERING**

**Rev. Michael Schulte**

*We have several ways to receive your offering. There is a basket on the table by the sanctuary doors, or you can utilize the QR code on the front of your bulletin to submit your offering online. Mailing your offering to the church is also an option.*

*The congregation stands.*



Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful  
*Offering Song*

Let the vine - yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
 bless-ing. Gath - er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
 fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
 nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
 pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

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 Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923  
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**OFFERING PRAYER****Sheila Wagner**

*Let us pray.*

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,

**Amen.**

## +GREAT THANKSGIVING

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### +DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

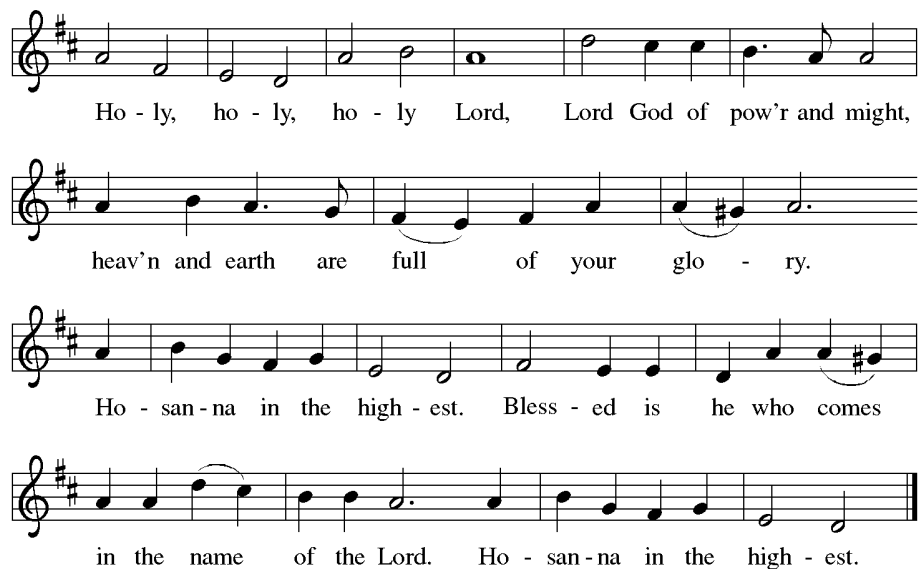
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### PREFACE

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:

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

## **+THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

**Rev. Michael Schulte**

O God most mighty,  
O God most merciful,  
O God our rock and our salvation,  
hear us as we praise,  
call us to your table,  
grant us your life.

When the earth was a formless void,  
you formed order and beauty.  
When Abraham and Sarah were barren,  
you sent them a child;  
When the Israelites were enslaved,  
you led them to freedom.  
Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath,  
and the psalmists cried out for healing,  
and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother.  
He was born among the poor,  
he lived under oppression,  
he wept over the city.  
With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

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.

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen. **[Amen.]**  
Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. **[Amen.]**  
Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. **[Amen.]**

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.  
O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.  
O God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one.  
O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

O God most majestic, O God most motherly,  
O God our strength and our song,  
you show us a vision of a tree of life  
with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations.  
Grant us such life,  
the life of the Father to the Son,  
the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior,  
life in you, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### **+LORD'S PRAYER**

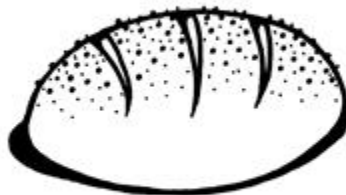
Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

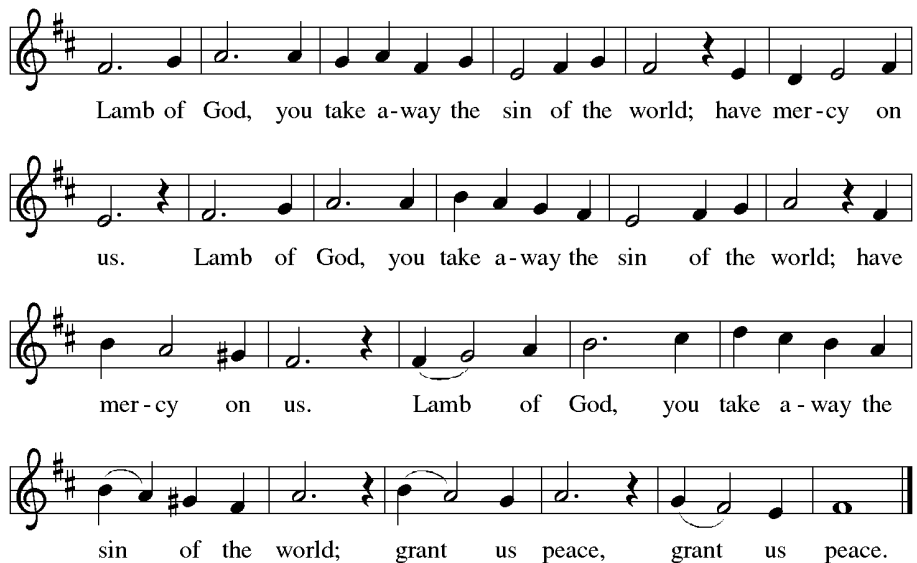
### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

*The congregation is seated.*



## COMMUNION SONG



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, grant us peace.

## MUSIC FOR COMMUNION

*The congregation stands.*

### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

**Rev. Michael Schulte**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace unto life everlasting.

**Amen.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Sheila Wagner**

*Let us pray.*

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,

**Amen.**

### ---SENDING---

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

### BLESSING

**Rev. Michael Schulte**

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.

**Amen.**

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine  
*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*



1 What a fel - low - ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -  
 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -  
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,  
 last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,  
 last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,



lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
 lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
 lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

*Refrain*



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839–1929  
 Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858–1924

**DISMISSAL**

**Rev. Michael Schulte**

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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