



**St. PETER**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

# Order of Worship

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

*(Please stand, as you are able)*

### Confession and Absolution

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C Who made heaven and earth.**

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

### Opening Hymn, 490 Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

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| 1 | Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won!<br>Death no longer can appall me;<br>Jesus lives! Death's reign is done!<br>From the grave will Christ recall me.<br>Brighter scenes will then commence;<br>This shall be my confidence. | 2 | Jesus lives! To Him the throne<br>High above all things is given.<br>I shall go where He is gone,<br>Live and reign with Him in heaven.<br>God is faithful; doubtings, hence!<br>This shall be my confidence |
| 3 | Jesus lives! For me He died,<br>Hence will I, to Jesus living,<br>Pure in heart and act abide,<br>Praise to Him and glory giving.<br>All I need God will dispense;<br>This shall be my confidence.                       | 4 | Jesus lives! I know full well<br>Nothing me from Him shall sever.<br>Neither death nor pow'rs of hell<br>Part me now from Christ forever.<br>God will be my sure defense;<br>This shall be my confidence.    |

5 Jesus lives! And now is death  
But the gate of life immortal;  
This shall calm my trembling breath  
When I pass its gloomy portal.  
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense:  
Jesus is my confidence!

### Easter Greeting

**P** Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**C** Christ is Risen indeed, Alleluia!

### Kyrie



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

### Gloria in Excelsis



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shi - ped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*(Please be seated)*

### First Reading, Acts 4:1-12

And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, <sup>2</sup> greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. <sup>3</sup> And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. <sup>4</sup> But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

<sup>5</sup> On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup> with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup> And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" <sup>8</sup> Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup> if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup> let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. <sup>11</sup> This Jesus<sup>[a]</sup> is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone.<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>12</sup> And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men<sup>[c]</sup> by which we must be saved."

**L** This is the word of the Lord **C** **Thanks be to God!**

### Second Reading, 1 John 3:16-24

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. <sup>17</sup> But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? <sup>18</sup> Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

<sup>19</sup> By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; <sup>20</sup> for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup> Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; <sup>22</sup> and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup> And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup> Whoever keeps his commandments

abides in God,<sup>[a]</sup> and God<sup>[b]</sup> in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

**L** This is the word of the Lord **C** **Thanks be to God!**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

## **Alleluia — II**

*(Sung once by Solo, then by the Worship Team, then by the congregation)*



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## **The Holy Gospel, John 10:11-18**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord**

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup> He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing 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> And I have other sheep that are not of 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 that I may take it up again. <sup>18</sup> No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ!**

*(Please be seated)*

## Hymn of the Day, 709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is Text: Text: Public domain Used

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| 1 The King of love my shepherd is,<br>Whose goodness faileth never;<br>I nothing lack if I am His<br>And He is mine forever.                   | 2 Where streams of living water flow,<br>My ransomed soul He leadeth<br>And, where the verdant pastures grow,<br>With food celestial feedeth.    |
| 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,<br>But yet in love He sought me<br>And on His shoulder gently laid<br>And home rejoicing brought me.     | 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill<br>With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,<br>Thy rod and staff my comfort still,<br>Thy cross before to guide me. |
| 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;<br>Thine unction grace bestoweth;<br>And, oh, what transport of delight<br>From Thy pure chalice floweth! | 6 And so through all the length of days<br>Thy goodness faileth never;<br>Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise<br>Within Thy house forever!      |

## Sermon – by John Albers

*(Please stand as you are able)*

### Nicene Creed

**☩ I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,**

whose kingdom will have no end.

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

## Prayers

### Peace of the Lord

*(Please greet the people in your family group with God's peace, and extend to those near to you the peace with a wave.)*

### Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him. Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating his body give into death and drinking His life's blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal.

## Lord's Prayer

**P** Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**C** **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.**



## Verba

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{†}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*(Please be seated)*

## **Celebration of the Lord's Supper, Jesus Our Gentle Shepherd** Lyrics by Linda Lemond, Tune

based on "As the Deer"

1 Jesus, Lord, You're my gentle Shepherd;  
You provide my every need.  
You guide me to the greenest pastures;  
I will follow where You lead.  
You guide me with Your loving voice.  
You are the Gate. Let my soul rejoice!  
You guide me to the greenest pastures;  
I will follow where You lead.

2 You lead me in the path of goodness.  
I know I need never fear.  
I am safe; I am well-protected  
When Your rod and staff are near.  
You have come to give me full life.  
You'll help me journey through days of  
strife.  
I will live in God's house forever  
Safe within my Shepherd's arms.  
Safe within my Shepherd's arms.

## **All We Like Sheep** Music and Lyrics by Katie Hill

1 Each lamb is precious to Jesus our  
Shepherd  
We can't wander out of His Love.  
He gave His life for the least of His children,  
But everyone needs Him because

**(Chorus) All we like sheep have gone  
astray All we like sheep have wandered  
away. All we like sheep must learn to  
obey, And follow Him, follow Him, follow  
Him each day.**

2 God proved His love for us when He sent Jesus  
To show us the way we should live.  
We prove our love for Him when we obey Him,  
And keep the commandments He gives. (Chorus x2)

*(Please Stand, as you are able)*

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to  
life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

**C Amen**

## **Post-Communion Collect**

**P** Let us pray

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy  
Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of  
pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the  
marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our  
Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen**

## Easter Blessing

**P** May Almighty God, who through the death and resurrection of his Son has redeemed us, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.

**C Amen**

**P** May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in our Lord Jesus Christ, bring you to eternal life.

**C Amen**

**P** And the blessing of the almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and go forth with you this day and always.

**C Amen**

*(Please be seated)*

## Announcements

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

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Verse 1

If you're alive and you've been redeemed  
Rise and sing rise and sing  
If you've been touched by the Mercy King  
Rise and sing rise and sing

**Chorus**

**Our God is risen and reigning  
And we're elevating  
The glory of our God and King  
Ev'rybody rise and sing**

Verse 2

If you were bound but now you're free  
Rise and sing rise and sing  
Lift up a shout of victory  
Rise and sing rise and sing

Verse 3

If in your heart rings a melody  
Rise and sing rise and sing  
If you have tasted and you have seen  
Rise and sing rise and sing  
(Chorus x2)

*(Bridge)*Let the redeemed of the Lord  
Sing hallelujah (hallelujah)  
Let the redeemed of the Lord  
Sing our God reigns (our God reigns)  
(REPEAT)

**Final Chorus (x3)**

**P** Alleluia! Christ is Risen, Alleluia!

**C** **Christ is Risen indeed, Alleluia!**

**P** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**