

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH @ SOUTH PARK

A PLACE OF GRACE WITH A CALL FOR ALL TO CONTINUE THE WORK OF JESUS

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**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**April 21, 2024**

## PRELUDE

*Partita on "Allzu Bist Du Schöne"*

Georg Bohm

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word, you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

### Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia! ELW 369

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| 1 Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!<br>Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!<br>offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!<br>at the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!      | 3 Christ, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!<br>God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!<br>when contending death and life, Alleluia!<br>met in strange and awesome strife.<br>Alleluia! |
| 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled,<br>Alleluia!<br>sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!<br>Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!<br>now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia! | 4 Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!<br>all your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!<br>Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!<br>now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!     |

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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.**

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE ELW p. 140

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## THE WORD

### FIRST READING: Acts 4: 5-12

A reading from Acts.

*Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he can proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.*

<sup>5</sup>The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their 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 questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is  
'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;  
it has become the cornerstone.'

<sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

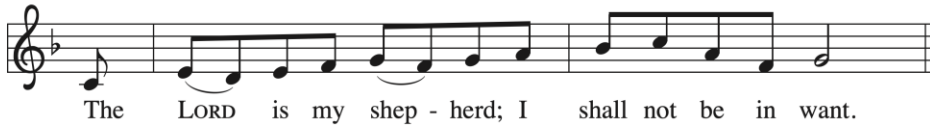
P: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 23

(First time through, organ; second time through, cantor; third time through, congregation)

### Refrain:



Psalm 23:1

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### Tone:



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- <sup>1</sup>The LORD<sup>1</sup> is my shepherd;  
I shall not<sup>1</sup> be in want.
- <sup>2</sup>**The LORD makes me lie down<sup>1</sup> in green pastures  
and leads me be-<sup>1</sup>side still waters.**
- <sup>3</sup>You restore my<sup>1</sup> soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways<sup>1</sup> for your name's sake.
- <sup>4</sup>**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall<sup>1</sup> fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they<sup>1</sup> comfort me. R**
- <sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence<sup>1</sup> of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is<sup>1</sup> running over.
- <sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days<sup>1</sup> of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the<sup>1</sup> LORD forever. R**

## SECOND READING: 1 John 3: 16-24

A reading from 1 John.

*Jesus' death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God's commandments.*

<sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

<sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

<sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW p. 142

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: John 5: 1-9**

P: The holy gospel according to John.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. <sup>3</sup>In these lay many invalids — blind, lame, and paralyzed. <sup>5</sup>One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. <sup>6</sup>When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" <sup>7</sup>The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." <sup>8</sup>Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." <sup>9</sup>At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

Now that day was a sabbath.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

*God loves me, Jesus is my friend, and church is a great place to be. Amen.*

## **SERMON**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

#### **The King of Love My Shepherd Is ELW 502**

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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.                   | 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. |
| 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.  | 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!    |
| 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. | 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.     |

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: ... God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: ... our resurrected and living Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM (Confirmation)

P: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for Felix Smith one with us in the body of Christ, who is making public affirmation of his baptism.

A: I present Felix Smith who desires to make public affirmation of his baptism.

Felix: *So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up.*  
*Galatians 6:9*

P: Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for this brother whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism.

You have called him to yourself, enlightened him with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished him in the community of faith. Uphold all your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

**C: Amen.**

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Felix: I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: 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.**



P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

### **AFFIRMATION IN THE PRESENCE OF THE ASSEMBLY**

P: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,  
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Felix: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P: People of God, do you promise to support this brother and pray for him in this life in Christ?

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

P: Let us pray.

Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in Felix the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm his faith, guide his life, empower him in his serving, give him patience in suffering, and bring him to everlasting life.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

**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.**

### **PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

### **MEAL**

### **MUSICAL OFFERING**

*All Things Are Yours, My God*

by Carl Schalk

## OFFERING PRAYER

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## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also, with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY ELW p.144

Musical notation for the Preface, consisting of four staves of music in a single system. The music is written in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: 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 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

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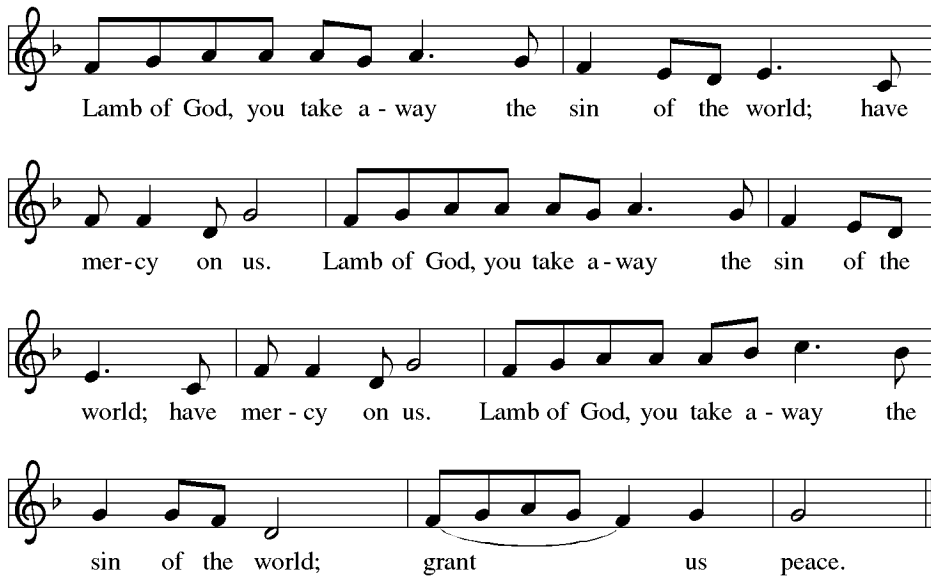
## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

*You may commune where you are seated with the elements you brought with you, or you may come forward from the center aisle and Pastor will place, in your open hand, a wafer which you may then dip into the chalice of wine held by the assisting minister. After you have dipped the bread into the chalice of wine, you may return to your seat by the side aisle, or walk up to the altar and kneel for more prayer and reflection.*

## LAMB OF GOD ELW p. 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.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

## SENDING

## BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

## SENDING HYMN

### Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing ELW 544

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| 1 Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing,<br>worship, thanks, devotion voicing:<br>glory be to God on high!<br>Christ, your cross and passion sharing,<br>by this eucharist declaring<br>yours the final victory. | by your blood new life receiving,<br>in your body, firm believing,<br>we are yours, and you the Lord.   |
| 2 Scattered flock, one shepherd sharing,<br>lost and lonely, one voice hearing,<br>ears attentive to your word;   | 3 Sins forgiven, wrongs forgiving,<br>we go forth alert and living<br>in your Spirit, strong and free.<br>Partners in your new creation,<br>seeking peace in ev'ry nation,<br>may we faithful foll'wers be. |

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## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

*Te Deum Laudamus*

Max Reger

## Readings and Psalm: Sunday, April 28, 2024

Acts 8: 26-40

Psalm 22: 25-31

1 John 4: 7-21

John 15: 1-8



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