



Calvary

Service of Holy Communion

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026 • 10:00 AM





PRELUDE

ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

GATHERING HYMN **ELW 385** *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing
The assembly stands.*

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.
Amen.

Gracious God, **have mercy on us.**
In your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things done and left undone.
Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you
in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the beginning, we were created in God's image
and placed in a well-watered garden.
In the desert, God promised pools of water for the parched,
and gave us water from the rock.
When we did not know the way, God sent the Good Shepherd
to lead us beside the still waters.
At the cross, God washed us from Jesus' wounded side,
and on this day, God showers us again with the water of life.
God bathes us in forgiveness, in the name of † Jesus Christ.
Amen! Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

HYMN OF PRAISE


The assembly is sprinkled with water.



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



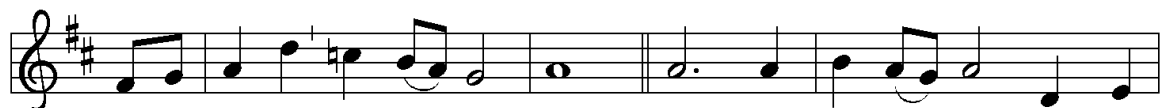
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who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



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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.



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al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



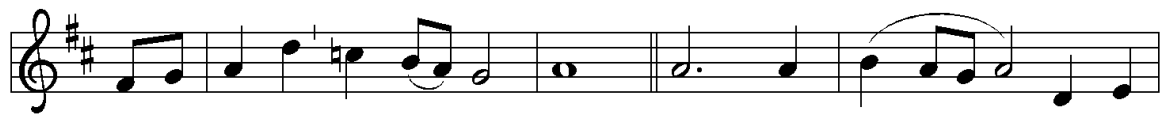
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon-or,



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



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al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



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



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GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

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 assembly is seated.

READING: EZEKIEL 34:7-15

⁷Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord: ⁸As I live, says the Lord God, because my sheep have become a prey and my sheep have become food for all the wild animals, since there was no shepherd, and because my shepherds have not searched for my sheep, but the shepherds have fed themselves and have not fed my sheep, ⁹therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord: ¹⁰Thus says the Lord God: I am against the shepherds, and I will hold them accountable for my sheep and put a stop to their feeding the sheep; no longer shall the shepherds feed themselves. I will rescue my sheep from their mouths, so that they may not be food for them. ¹¹For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. ¹²As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 100

1 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you lands!

2 Serve the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with a song.

3 **Know that the Lord is God, our maker to whom we belong; we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.**

4 Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving and the courts with praise; give thanks and bless God's holy name.

5 **Good indeed is the Lord, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from age to age.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands.



GOSPEL: JOHN 10:1-10

The holy gospel according John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

¹⁰ 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.

SERMON

The assembly is seated. Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY **ELW 773** *The Lord's My Shepherd*
The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

Shepherding God, draw us to you and lead us in paths of righteousness.
Embolden your church to enter the valleys of the world
and guide us beside the still waters of your grace.
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.
Bring an end to oppression and save us from the temptation of 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.
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.
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Living God, we praise you for the saints who have died in faith.
At our end, bring us, with them, to our heavenly home.
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

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

PEACE

The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

The assembly exchanges words and signs of peace, then is seated.

GATHERING OF GIFTS

The gifts of bread and wine are gathered.



Gifts of money are collected for the mission of the church.

Donations may be made using the QR code.

You are encouraged to give generously in response to God's love!

The gift of music is offered to the glory of God.

The Lord is My Shepherd, Sally DeFord

All are welcome to holy communion! This is God's table, and Jesus is host.

Gluten free wafers are available to those who request,

and white grape juice is available alongside red wine.

Then, the assembly stands.



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all



crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye



heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth.

Day by day you shower us with blessings.

As you have raised us to new life in Christ,

give us glad and generous hearts,

ready to praise you and to respond to those in need,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

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:

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might, heav - en 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."

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comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover
from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.
Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.
Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its
creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.
Amen.

**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.**

COMMUNION

*The assembly is seated. All are welcome to God's holy meal.
Music accompanies communion.*

ELW 744 *Lord, Be Glorified*

ELW 789 *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*

PRAYER

The assembly stands.

**Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection
you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life,
and the bread of life to nourish your people.**

**Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection,
that we may show your glory to all the world,
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.**

Amen.

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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.

SENDING HYMN **ELW 361** *The Day of Resurrection!*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Please take this paper with you or place it in the basket at the exit.

Announcements

Spring Cleanup

May 2, 9:00 AM

Volunteers needed for a few light special spring projects. Just show up!

Pew Decommissioning

May 3, 10:00 AM worship

After voting to get chairs at the annual meeting, we'll thank God for our pews as we bid farewell to all but six.

Flower Pickup

May 9, 11:00 AM

Did you order flowers in the spring fundraiser? Come pick them up!



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Today's Leaders

Lorraine Valenza *altar guild*
The Mansfield Family *usher*
Paul Elsener *organ & piano*
Ari O'Connell *vocalist*
Eva Decker *assisting minister*
The Rev. Zachary Dean *presiding minister & preacher*

In Our Prayers

To add or remove names, please notify the church office.

Art Schaeffler; Isabela Delgado (Cheryl Gittens); **Agnes Mulick, Ruth Elsener** (Paul Elsener); **Douglas Bird** (Laura Aupperle); **Eileen Hausle; Grayson Danielski** (Colleen Oriano); **Jay Kamean, Kwok Mak, Olivia Carone** (Jackie Narkiewicz); **John Stuerzel; Ed DiMarco; Seminarian June Bradshaw; Marion Buroker, Jennifer Hubbard** (Pat Sheridan); **Gail Riedell, Diane Toto, Nicholas** (Mady Riedell and Bob Munder); **Kim Lauricella, John Malley** (Paula DePaul); **Aleya Warner** (Barbara Morecraft); **J.R. Hoffman, Ellen Thompson** (Ellen Hoffman); **E.J. Beach, Barbara Hansen, Jim and Keith Hansen** (Marion Arnecke); **Carol Manganaro** (Lewis family); **Beverly Strada-Bushley, Brooklyn Reed, Holli Phillips** (Pam Vanek); **Larry Shen** (Bob LaRocco), **Patty Cesaro; Easton Clarke** (Dianne Davis); **Holly Schank; Judy Boyle** (Patty Cesaro); **Nitza Greco** (Jeannine Comito); **Mark Dyer; Eileen Walter; June Buttner-Stransky, Heather Williams** (Holly Schank); **Ray Jackson; Doris Peterson**

Visited at Home

Larry Bomgardner, Paul Chmara, Arlene Pisano, Doris DeVoe, Flo Walsh, Joann Hansen

In the Military

Tom Juliano; William Downey, Jr. (Einsfeld); **Kyle Satterwhite** (Dyer); **Tram Walter**

Ministries & Organizations

Hauppauge Fire Department; United Lutheran Seminary; Pinecrest Lutheran Leadership Ministries; Metropolitan New York Synod; ReconcilingWorks