

Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church

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Mission Statement:

Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church is a community of faith grounded in love for God and love for our neighbors.



April 05, 2026

Easter

Julie Varilek, Accompanist

Dr. Deb Bialeschki, Trumpeter

Prelude: "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" *arr. by Larry Shackley*

"The Day of Resurrection" *arr. by Gilbert M. Martin*

"Rejoice! Jesus Reigns!" *arr. by Larry Shackley*

Piano duets by Julie Varilek and Ann Knipping

Welcome, Friends in Christ,

*To assist in worship, this bulletin includes all portions of our service; prayers, readings, hymns, congregational responses in **bold**.*

We also provide activity bags for children. You may request these from an usher to use during the service. Parents, please note, these contain a snack.

Please know that EVERYONE is invited to receive communion, where we are all guests at God's table.

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Welcome and Introduction: Pastor Todd Bertani

Assisted by

Lector: Josh Young

Ushers: Josh Young & Mike Wold

Altar Care: Tara McConnell

Audio/Visual: Robbi Telfer

Call to Worship: “Easter Alleluia” by Jay Althouse

(You may stand, in body or spirit)

Spoken Call to Worship:

Christ is Risen!

Alleluia, He is Risen Indeed!

The Stone has been Rolled Away.

Tell Everyone What God has done.

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!



Opening Hymn: "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" Hymn 365

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!

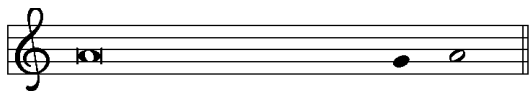
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Greeting

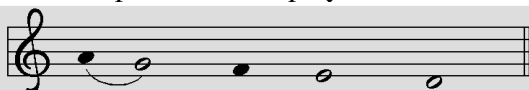
The grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

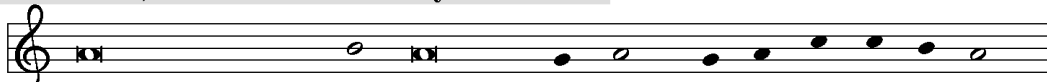
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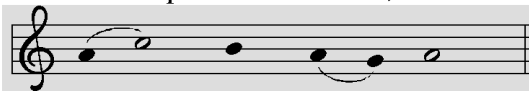
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



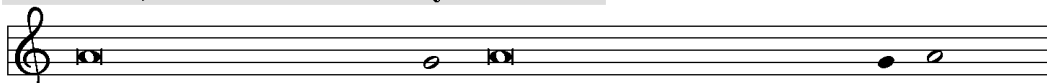
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



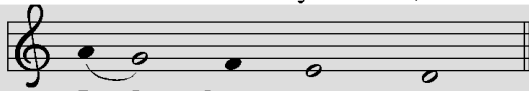
Lord, have mer - cy.



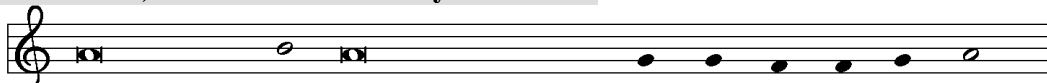
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men.

Hymn of Praise: "Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing" Hymn 389

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: TRURO, T. Williams, *Psalmody Evangelica*, 1789

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Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

O God,

you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

(You may be seated)

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:1-6

¹ At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

² Thus says the Lord:

The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest,

³ the Lord appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

⁴ Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall adorn yourself with your tambourines and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.

⁵ Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant and shall enjoy the fruit.

⁶ For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: "Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God."

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

¹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

² **Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."**

¹⁴ The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

¹⁵ **There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;**

¹⁶ the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly."

¹⁷ **I shall not die, but I shall live and recount the deeds of the Lord.**

¹⁸The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

¹⁹**Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.**

²⁰This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹**I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.**

²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³**This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

¹So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God

(You may stand, in body or spirit)

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 20:1-18

The holy gospel according to John Chapter 18.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus’s head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, ¹²and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, “Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father,

to my God and your God.' ” ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(You may be seated)

Sermon: Pastor Todd Bertani

Sermon Notes:



Sermon Hymn: "This Joyful Eastertide" Hymn 391

1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
3 Death's flood has lost its chill since Je - sus crossed the

sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has
riv - er. Lov - er of souls, from ill my

sprung to life this mor - row.
pass - ing soul de - liv - er.

Refrain

Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our

faith had been in vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -

ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en.

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.**



Intercessory Prayer

Each petition ends: “Merciful God,”
Response is “**receive our prayer.**”

Sharing of the Peace

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

Offering

Online
Giving



Offertory: “Sound the Trumpet” *by Charles Wesley & Dale Peterson*

Trumpet accompaniment by Dr. Deb Bialeschki

(You may stand, in body or spirit)

Receiving of Gifts



Offering Prayer

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

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.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first two staves have a grey background for the second half of the line. The third staff is white. The fourth staff has a grey background for the entire line.

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.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy". It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "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." The music ends with a double bar line.

Thanksgiving at the Table

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.

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.

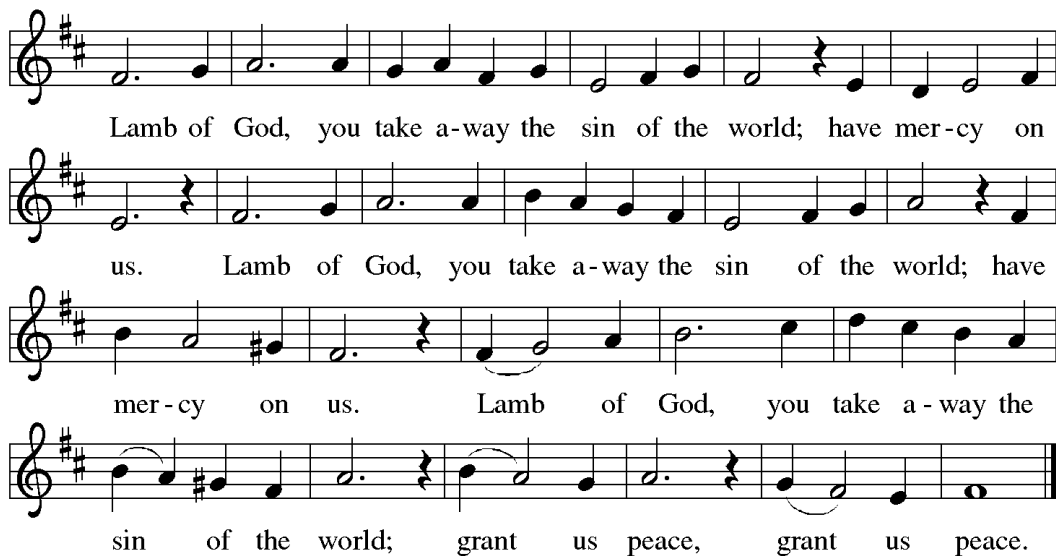
Invitation to Communion

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

*We commune by 'Intinction', by dipping the wafer in wine or grape juice. We are all guests at God's table. **Everyone** is invited to receive communion.*

(You may be seated)

Lamb of God



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.

Communion Hymn: "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" *Hymn 367*



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we
 and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



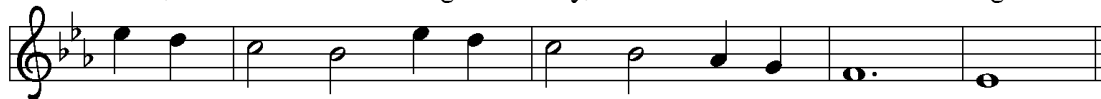
tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Post Communion Blessing

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

Post Communion Prayer

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.**

Ministry Highlights

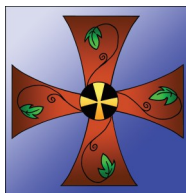
Easter Brunch. Please join us in the fellowship hall after the service. All are invited.

(You may stand, in body or spirit)

Blessing

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: "Thine is the Glory" Hymn 376

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
 out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con - qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain

where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
 to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude: “Hallelujah!” *arr. By Larry Shackley*



Easter Plant Dedications

<i>Bruce & Kris Adams</i>	<i>1 Pansy</i>	<i>In memory of our parents</i>
<i>Pastor & Jet Bertani</i>	<i>2 Pansies</i>	<i>In memory of Jack & Bonnie Boggs and Dick Bertani</i>
<i>Sallie Brackman</i>	<i>1 Pansy</i>	<i>In memory of Bruce Brackman</i>
<i>Gregg & Genie Burch</i>	<i>2 Pansies 1 Geranium</i>	<i>In honor of our friends at SMLC</i>
<i>Ralie & Miriam Deffenbaugh</i>	<i>1 Geranium</i>	<i>In memory of Aina & Roger Boraas and Ross Deffenbaugh</i>
<i>Jane Gardner</i>	<i>1 Pansy</i>	<i>In memory of Romaine Gardner</i>
<i>Roxy Hause</i>	<i>1 Pansy</i>	<i>In memory of my family</i>
<i>Randy Huber</i>	<i>1 Pansy</i>	<i>In memory of his wife, Nancy</i>
<i>Carolyn Jarmin</i>	<i>1 Pansy</i>	<i>In memory of George, Mike, Cheryl</i>
<i>Janet Keller</i>	<i>1 Pansy</i>	<i>In honor of blessings for Janet's family</i>
<i>Ann Knipping</i>	<i>2 Pansies</i>	<i>In honor of the choir</i>
<i>Keith Riedesel</i>	<i>1 Pansy</i>	<i>In memory of Margaret</i>
<i>Carol Rouse</i>	<i>1 Geranium</i>	<i>In memory of Homer Rouse</i>
<i>Lee & Linda Schlitt</i>	<i>5 Pansies 1 Geranium</i>	<i>In memory of Norval & Pauline Huff and Iroa & Henry Schlitt and our niece, Paulette</i>
<i>Paula Stensvaag</i>	<i>1 Pansy 1 Geranium</i>	<i>In memory of Jim Stensvaag and Janet Lindstrom</i>
<i>The Stoltes and Arnolds</i>	<i>1 Pansy</i>	<i>In memory of parents and grandparents</i>