

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 12, 2026

2nd Sunday of Easter

Ann Knipping, Accompanist

Prelude: "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" *arr. by Lani Smith*

"Easter Joy" *by Peter Benjamin*

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 Chuck Hubbard

(You may stand, in body or spirit)

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne
and to the Lamb!

Amen.

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:

morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.
We thank you for the waters that nourish us.
Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.
Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.
Break down barriers that divide us.
Fill us with the breath of peace.
Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,
and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving
you honor and praise, now and forever.

Amen.



Opening Hymn: "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" Hymn 367



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring

in and praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
and with the heav'n-ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has

tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of the
tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the

an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly

here: "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!

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876–1947, alt.

Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623

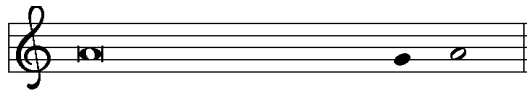
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Greeting

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.

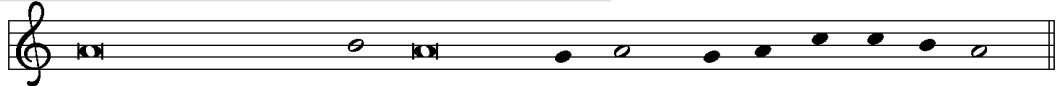
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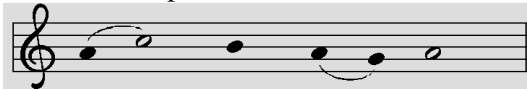
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



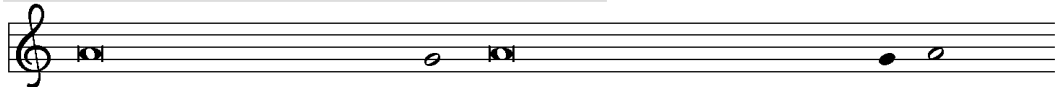
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



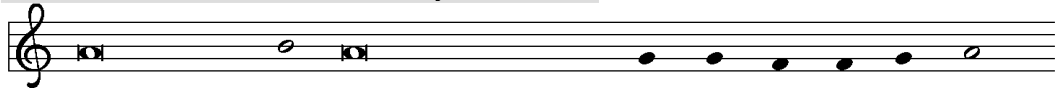
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Almighty and eternal God,

the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(You may be seated)

First Reading: Psalm 145:8-21

⁸The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. ⁹The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made. ¹⁰All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you. ¹¹They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power, ¹²to make known to all people your mighty deeds and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. ¹³Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The Lord is faithful in all his words and gracious in all his deeds. ¹⁴The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down. ¹⁵The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. ¹⁶You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing. ¹⁷The Lord is just in all his ways and kind in all his doings. ¹⁸The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. ¹⁹He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them. ²⁰The Lord watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy. ²¹My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.

(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 20:19-31

The holy gospel according to John Chapter 20.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen

me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(You may be seated)

Sermon: Pastor Chuck Hubbard

Sermon Notes:

Sermon Hymn: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" Hymn 759



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808–1887
Music: OLIVET, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

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

(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 Great Thanksgiving is presented in four staves of musical notation. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some phrases highlighted in a grey background. The lyrics are: "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."

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 musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn, the second staff the second line, the third staff the third line, and the fourth staff the fourth line. The music concludes with a double bar line at the end of the fourth staff.



Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy God,
you alone are holy,
you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:
beyond the stars; beneath the sea;
within each cell; with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness:
through the water; by night and day;
across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son:
at the heart of human life;
near to those who suffer;
beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

We thank you, O God.

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 love for us
on the way, at the table, and to the end,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:
in our gathering; within this meal;
among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God,
through Christ Jesus,
by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

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.**

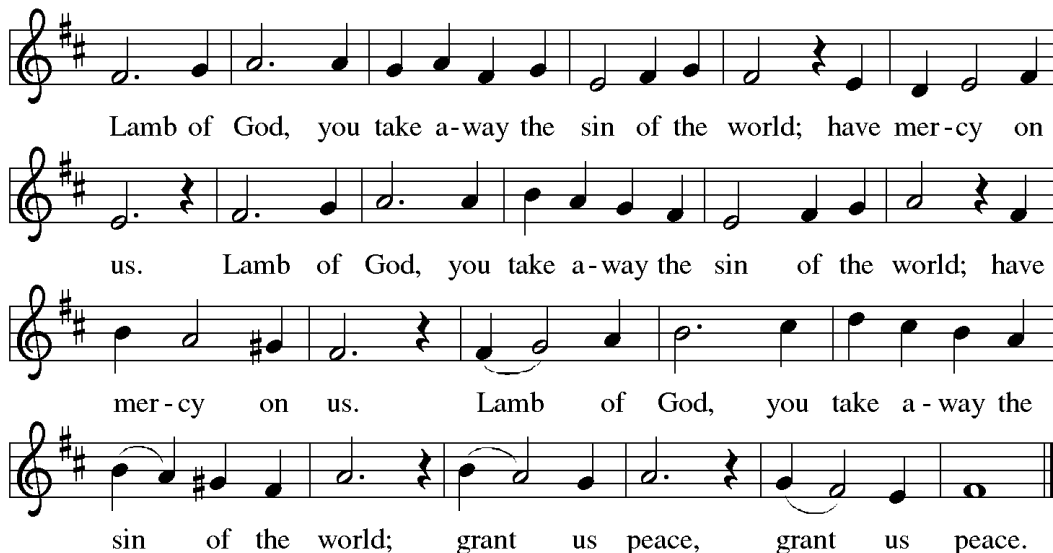
Invitation to Communion

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



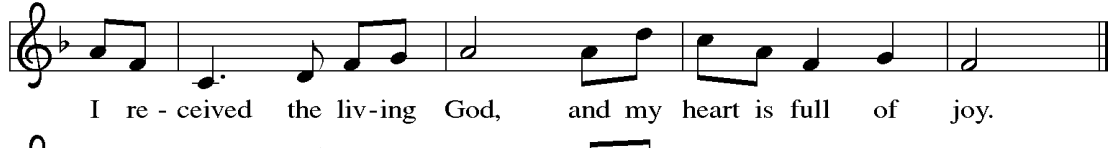
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymn: "I Received the Living God" Hymn 477

Refrain



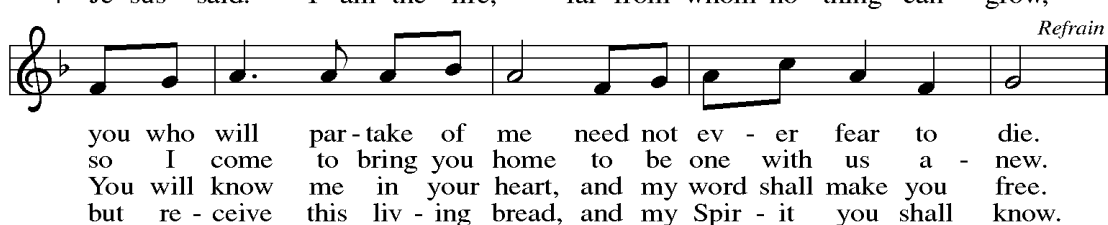
I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.

1 Je - sus said: I am the bread, knead - ed long to give you life;
2 Je - sus said: I am the way, and my Fa - ther longs for you;
3 Je - sus said: I am the truth; come and fol - low close to me.
4 Je - sus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,

Refrain



you who will par - take of me need not ev - er fear to die.
so I come to bring you home to be one with us a - new.
You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free.
but re - ceive this liv - ing bread, and my Spir - it you shall know.

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 Calendar

Welcome, Pastor Chuck Hubbard—Pastor Chuck Hubbard graduated from Capital University in 1970. He taught in the Williamsburg (Ohio) School District before beginning seminary training. He spent two years in Clinical Pastoral Education at Baylor Medical University Center before graduating from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago in 1981. Pastor Hubbard served two churches in the greater Dallas region: Holy Trinity, Irving (1981-1996) and Gloria Dei, Garland (1996-2019). He and his wife, Mary, have been married fifty + years and have two daughters.

THIS WEEK

Today, April 12—Sunday: (Bible passage to read: John Chapters 13 & 14)

10:30 a.m.: **Bible Study: “Defining Moments in the Gospel of John”**
Led by Robbi Telfer

April 13—Monday:

9:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m.: PEO Meeting, IU

April 15—Wednesday:

8:00 a.m.: Sacred Space (Zoom)
4:00 p.m.: Choir

April 16—Thursday:

9:30 a.m.: Worship and Music Meeting

11:00 a.m.: Council Meeting

1:00 p.m.: Quilting

April 18—Saturday:

2:00 p.m.: Peak to Peak Concert. Local Vocals

(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 (*next page*)

Dismissal

Go into the world:

Dance, laugh, sing, and create.

We go with the assurance of God's blessing.

Go into the world:

Risk, explore, discover, and love.

We go with the assurance of God's grace.

Go into the world:

Believe, hope, struggle, and remember.

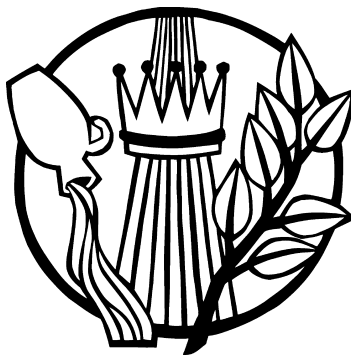
We go with the assurance of God's love.

Thanks be to God! Amen!

Sending Hymn: "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" *Hymn 634*

1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
 2 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - sored from the fall,
 bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.
 hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
 Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.
 Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726–1792, sts. 1–4; J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, sts. 5–6
 Music: CORONATION, Oliver Holden, 1765–1844



Postlude: "Christ the Lord is Risen Today!" *arr. by Jan Sanborn*

Thank you for serving!

	<i>April 12</i>	<i>April 19</i>
<i>Accompanist:</i>	Ann Knipping	Julie Varilek
<i>Choir Director:</i>	Ann Knipping	Ann Knipping
<i>Greeter:</i>	OPEN	OPEN
<i>Lector:</i>	Ralie Deffenbaugh	Linda Schlitt
<i>Ushers:</i>	Jan Kilgore Mike Wold	Randy Huber Mike Wold
<i>Tellers:</i>	OPEN OPEN	OPEN OPEN
<i>Altar Care:</i>	Marilyn Kienker	OPEN
<i>Communion Asst:</i>	Miriam Deffenbaugh OPEN OPEN	OPEN OPEN OPEN
<i>AV Engineer:</i>	Steve Peter	Bruce Adams
<i>Fellowship Host:</i>	Deffenbaugh's	Karen Dick
<i>Flower Sponsor:</i>	Ann Knipping <i>In memory of mother</i>	Lee & Linda Schlitt
<i>Flower Arranger:</i>	Stensvaag	Stensvaag

Think of us in this way,
as servants of Christ
and stewards of
God's mysteries.



1 Corinthians 4:1