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May 11, 2025 – 10:00 AM

Fourth Sunday of Easter

WELCOME VISITORS! We welcome all who believe in Jesus Christ to the Lord's Supper as we partake in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup. For those who would prefer, grape juice is available in the center ring of each serving tray. If you do not wish to receive communion you are invited to come forward for a blessing. God's forgiveness and love is for everyone.

We are honored that you are with us today and we ask everyone to please sign the *Friendship Register* in each pew. Visitors are asked to also complete a *Visitors Card* from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. Again, Welcome!

***Invites the Congregation to stand.**

HOLY COMMUNION

"Now the Feast and Celebration" - Musical Setting by Marty Haugen

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Thanksgiving for Baptism

[P] Alleluia! Christ is risen.

[C] **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

[P] In the name of ✝ the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

[C] **Amen.**

[P] Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

[P] Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,

[C] **make us one as you are one.**

[P] We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,

[C] **make us one as you are one.**

[P] We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,

[C] **make us one as you are one.**

[P] Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

[C] **Amen.**

***Gathering Hymn:** *"Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"* ELW #363
As the hymn begins, the congregation turns toward the entrance to face the processional cross.

*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.**

*Kyrie

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the

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Lord. For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de - fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

*Hymn of Praise

“Now the Feast”

Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion
sings for joy to the God of life and love and free - dom;
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!
1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has
freed and u - nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of God.
2 Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and might, all hon - or and
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.
3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo - ple of
God; to make all things new.

*The Prayer of the Day

[P] The Lord be with you.
[C] And also with you.
[P] Let us pray...
[C] Amen

Insert

Children’s Message

Pastor David Armstrong-Reiner

Children’s Church (*Children are invited to the Fellowship Hall for further worship/education.*)

The First Lesson: Acts 9:36-43

Insert

[L] The Word of the Lord.
[C] Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 23; refrain, Ps. 23:1

Insert

(Congregation sings verses in ***bold*** print only.)

The Second Lesson: Revelation 7:9-17

Insert

[L] The Word of the Lord.
[C] Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life: Al - le - lu - ia!

Repeat

***The Gospel:** [P] The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 10th chapter.
[C] **Glory to you, O Lord.**
John 10:22-30 *Insert*
[P] The Gospel of the Lord.
[C] **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon Pastor David Armstrong-Reiner

***The Hymn of the Day:** *“Thy Holy Wings”* ELW #613

***The 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.

***The Prayers** *Insert*
After each portion of the prayers:
[A] Hear us, O God.
[C] **Your mercy is great.**

***The Peace** is shared by all.
[P] The peace of the Lord be with you always.
[C] **And also with you.**
*The minister and congregation greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.***

The Offering

Solo Offertory: *“The Call”* Ralph Von Williams
Vocal Solo by Lane Carlisle

***Offertory Hymn** “As the Grains of Wheat”

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

***Offering Prayer**
[A] Let us pray together,
[C] **Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.**

***The Great Thanksgiving**

Presider: Congregation: Presider: Congregation:



The Lord be with you. And al-so with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Presider: Congregation:

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

[P] It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you God of po - wer and



might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the



One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the



high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

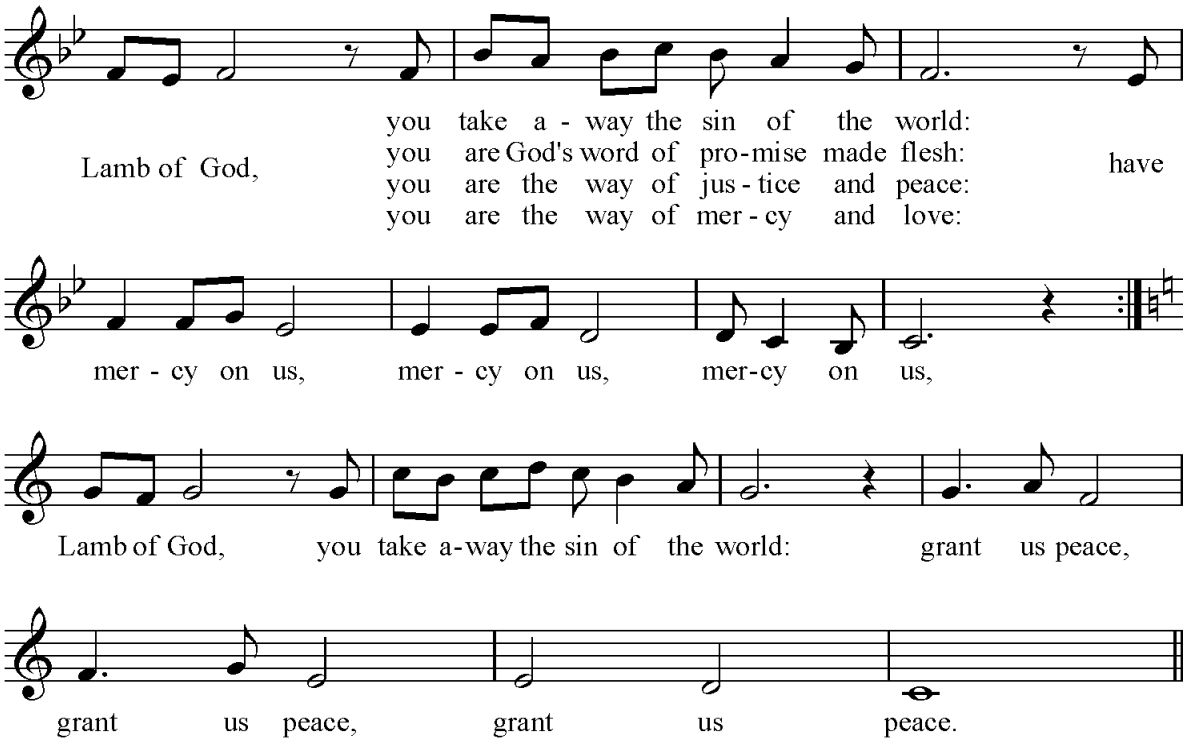
[P] In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: 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.

[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.

The Communion *Please follow the instructions of the ushers in coming to receive communion.*

“Taste and See the Goodness of The Lord” (Praise Chorus from Psalm 34)
(Congregation is invited to sing with the choir)

The Congregation is invited to sing “Lamb of God”.



The musical notation is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four lines of music. The lyrics are: 'Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: you are God's word of pro-mise made flesh: have you are the way of jus-tice and peace: you are the way of mer-cy and love: mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines.

Communion Hymns: (1) *“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”* ELW #502
(2) *“Lead Me, Guide Me”* ELW #768

***Post-Communion Blessing**

[P] Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus’ name.

[C] **Amen.**

***Praise to You, O God of Mercy**

1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -
2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -
3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -

ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:
ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:
ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:

3rd time to Coda 1 2
thanks be to you for - ev - er!
thanks be to you for - ev - er!
thanks be to you for -

Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your love, re -

mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.

Coda
ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

***Post-Communion Prayer**

[A] Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us.
Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your
risen life to a wounded and weary world.
[C] Amen.

***Benediction (Blessing)**

[P] God bless us with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial
relationships, so that we may live deep within our hearts.

God bless us with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so
that we may work for justice, freedom and peace.

God bless us with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain,
rejection, starvation and war, so that we may reach out our hands to comfort
them and turn their pain into joy.

And God bless us with enough foolishness to believe that we can make a
difference in this world, so that we can do what others claim cannot be done.

The God of all grace ✝ bless you now and forever.
[C] Amen.

***Recessional Hymn:** “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us” ELW #789
As the cross is carried out during the singing of the hymn,
the congregation turns to face the cross.

***Dismissal**
[All] Follow Christ, Live Faithfully, Serve All. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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