

**St. Luke Lutheran Church and
Lutheran Campus Ministry**
Holy Communion

The Fourth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 30, 2023
10:00 AM

YOU are welcome here! As a Reconciling in Christ Congregation, the people of St. Luke Lutheran Church are called by God to be a community...because we believe we are one in God's eyes, we welcome the mix of ages, races, gender identities, physical and mental capabilities, and sexual orientations with which God's children are blessed. Everyone is invited to share in God's grace. We rejoice in the knowledge that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus--not our wealth, nor our poverty, nor our nationality, nor our political convictions, nor whom we love, nor anything else in all creation.

Everything you need for worship today is contained in this bulletin.

*All are invited to stand as able / Items in **bold** are spoken or sung by the assembly.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

Andante

John Stainer

WORD OF WELCOME

*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ...are given new life.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters...

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes,
for rivers and streams.

Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,
quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.

Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.

Empower our witness to your resurrection.

Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

Satisfy the world's need through this living water.

Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.

Where despair prevails, grant hope.

Where chaos reigns, bring peace.

We ask this through Christ,

who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

Amen.

*PEACE

The presiding minister will offer a word of peace and the assembly responds:

And also with you.


***GATHERING HYMN 385** Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing GELOBET SEI GOTT



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
 2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might-y stone is
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which
 4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with



of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:
 rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joice and say:
 can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
 one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:



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

*GREETING

The presiding minister will greet the assembly and the assembly responds:

And also with you.

*KYRIE

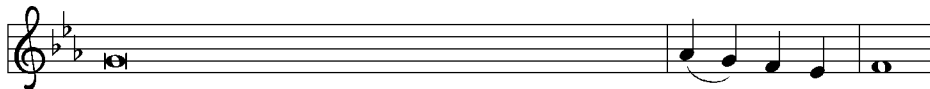
Setting One



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



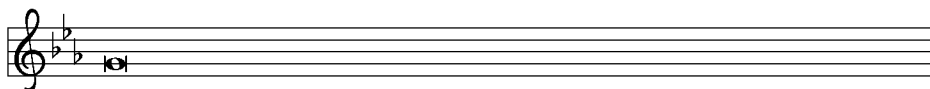
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



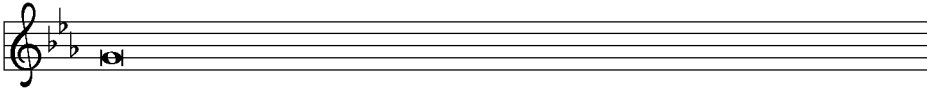
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

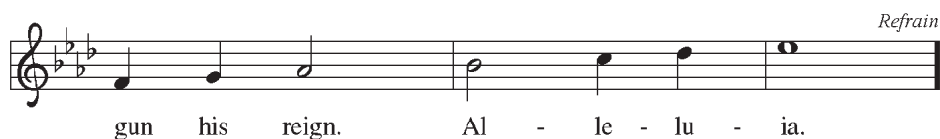
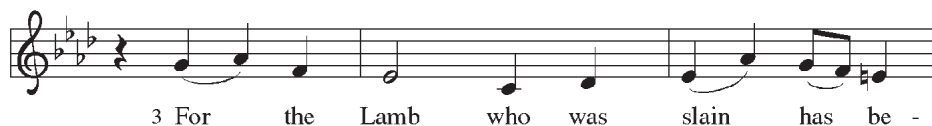
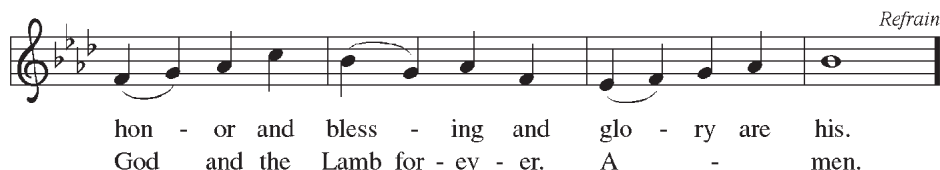


Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** This is the Feast (next page) Setting One



PRAYER OF THE DAY

The assisting minister offers the prayer of the day and the assembly responds:

Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING

Acts 2:42-47

[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

PSALM 23

The psalm is sung by the choir in a setting by Bobby McFerrin.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

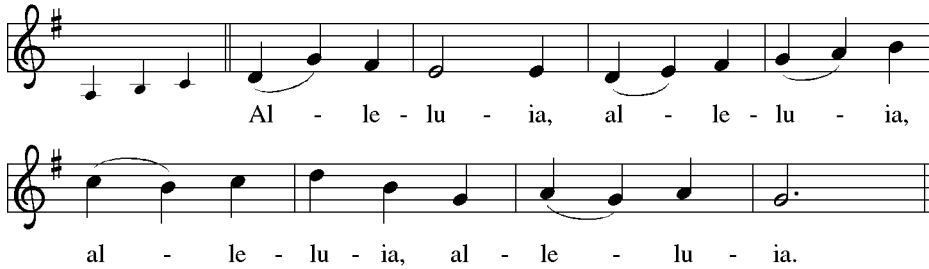
“He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Setting One

The assembly sings the acclamation and repeats it after the choir proclaims the verse of the day.



*GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-35

The holy gospel according to John, the tenth chapter..

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “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. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

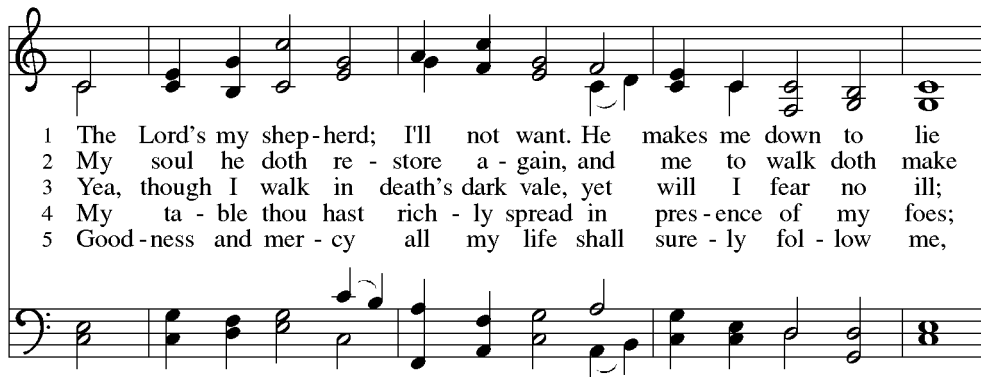
So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

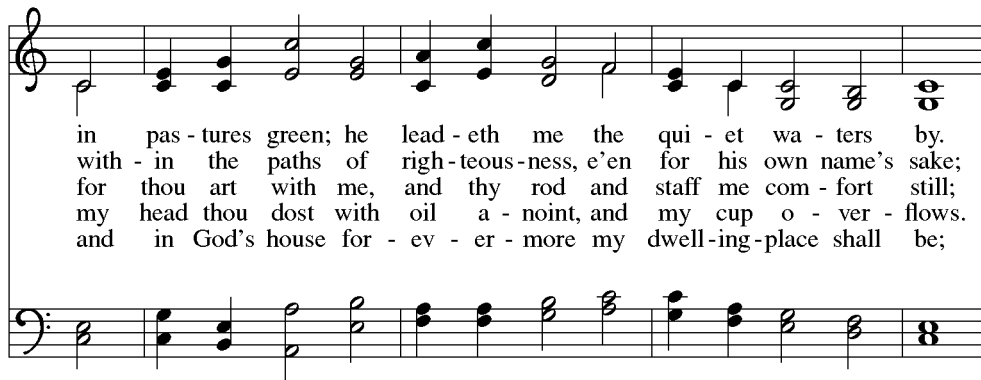
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

CHILDREN’S TIME

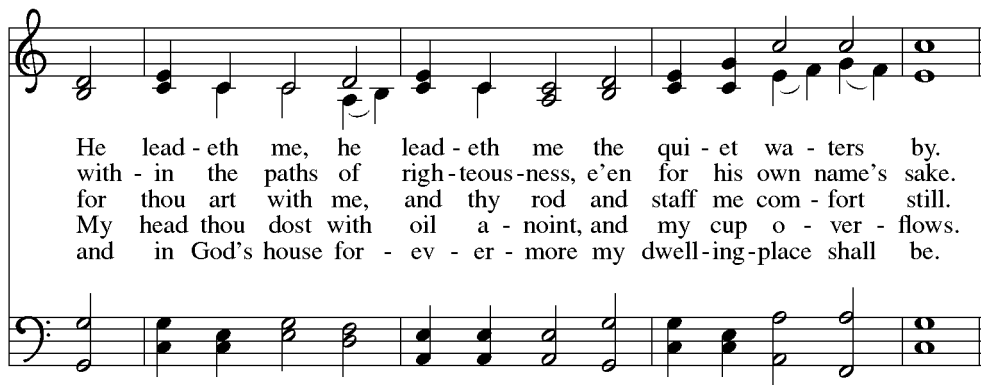
SERMON



1 The Lord's my shep-herd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie
 2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain, and me to walk doth make
 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;
 4 My ta - ble thou hast rich - ly spread in pres - ence of my foes;
 5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly fol - low me,



in pas - tures green; he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
 with - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake;
 for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still;
 my head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
 and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell - ing - place shall be;



He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
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***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

*The response to the petitions, which all end “Hear Us, O God” is “**Your mercy is great.**”*

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

An offering is taken to support the mission of the church and the care of those in need. An usher will bring a basket or plate to you, or you may drop your offering in the plates on the table near the back row upon entering or leaving. Offerings can also be made using the QR code or visiting stlukeithaca.org and clicking “donate” in the top right corner.



SETTING THE TABLE

As we prepare the table for the celebration of Holy Communion, the offering is gathered as the choir sings an offertory.

Greater Love Hath No Man

John Ireland

*Many waters cannot quench love,
neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death.
Greater love hath no man than this,
that a man lay down his life for his friends.
Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree,
that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness.
Ye are washed, ye are sanctified,
ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus.
Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation;
that ye should show forth the praises of him
who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.
I beseech you brethren, by the mercies of God,
that you present your bodies, a living sacrifice,
holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.*

--text from Canticles 8, St John 15, I Peter 2, I Corinthians 6; and Romans 12

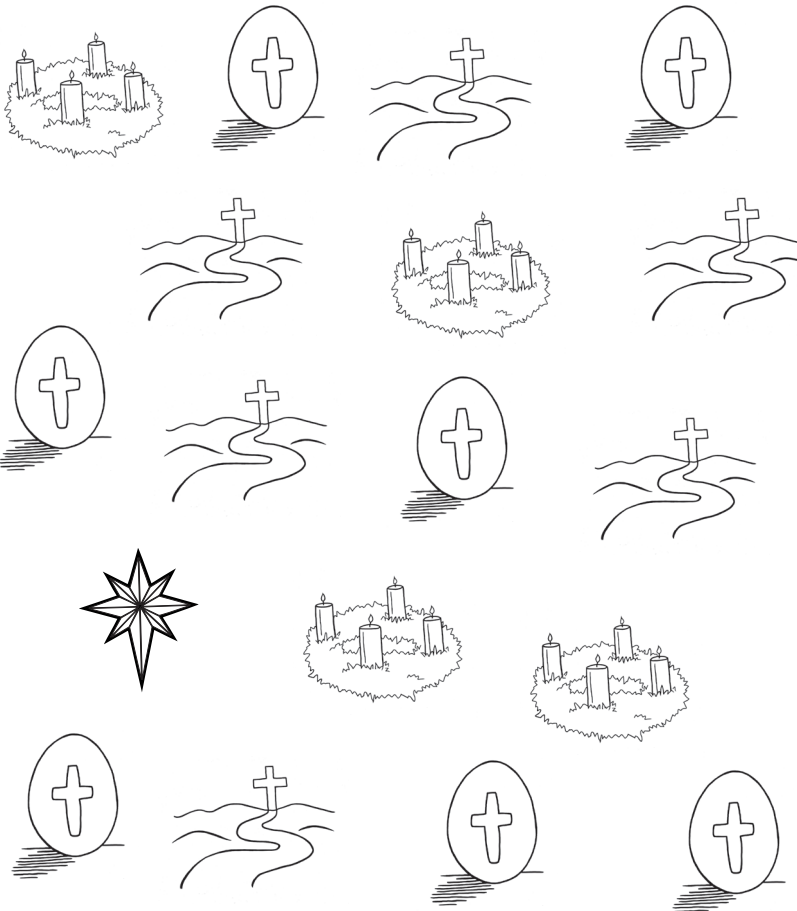


PRE-READER

Easter 4

- Today is the **4th Sunday** in **Easter**.
- There are **7 Sundays** in the Easter season.

**Count how many of each symbol you see.
Which symbol has seven?**



Shepherd Search

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that he is like a shepherd, and not like a thief. Can you find all these shepherd words?

G	R	A	Z	E	G	T	H	O
B	I	C	T	G	U	L	Y	R
S	H	E	A	R	I	N	G	E
P	E	E	H	S	D	O	T	C
T	E	L	P	H	E	N	O	E
K	C	Z	F	L	O	C	K	E
D	R	E	H	P	E	H	S	L
B	C	D	T	S	T	A	F	F
M	L	Q	A	O	T	S	B	T
A	Z	W	E	E	R	C	U	I
L	O	O	W	T	L	P	L	M

Find the four letters that are shared by two words in the puzzle. Unscramble these letters to find out what Jesus brings to us as the Good Shepherd.

Shepherd	Lead	Lamb
Sheep	Flock	Fleece
Wool	Shearing	Staff
Protect	Guide	Graze

"I came that they may have ____ ____, and have it abundantly."
John 10:10b

Everything In Common

The earliest believers of the Christian church shared everything in common with each other. Can you figure out what these groups of words have in common? Answers are on the back page.

1.

Apple

Letter

Scissors

Balloon
2.

Brown Coconut

Funny Girl

Quiet Rhino

Tiny Umbrella
3.

Ohio

Alabama

Iowa

Hawaii
4.

Kayak

Mom

Racecar

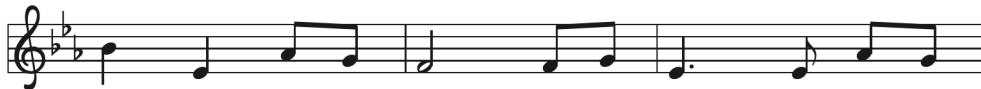
Eye

***ASSEMBLY OFFERTORY SONG 966 STANZA ONE** Loaves Were Broken JOYOUS LIGHT

The assembly stands as the offering and the gifts of bread and wine are brought forward.



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the
2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a
3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in
4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us



Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from
qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you
faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the
in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions

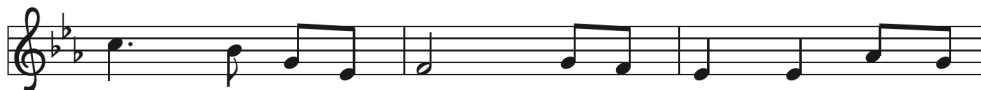


heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.
gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.
a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"
hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.

Refrain



By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your



peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

*OFFERING PRAYER

The assisting minister will lead an offering prayer and the assembly responds: **Amen.**

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

*DIALOGUE

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.

*PREFACE

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Setting One

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the

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

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

*LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

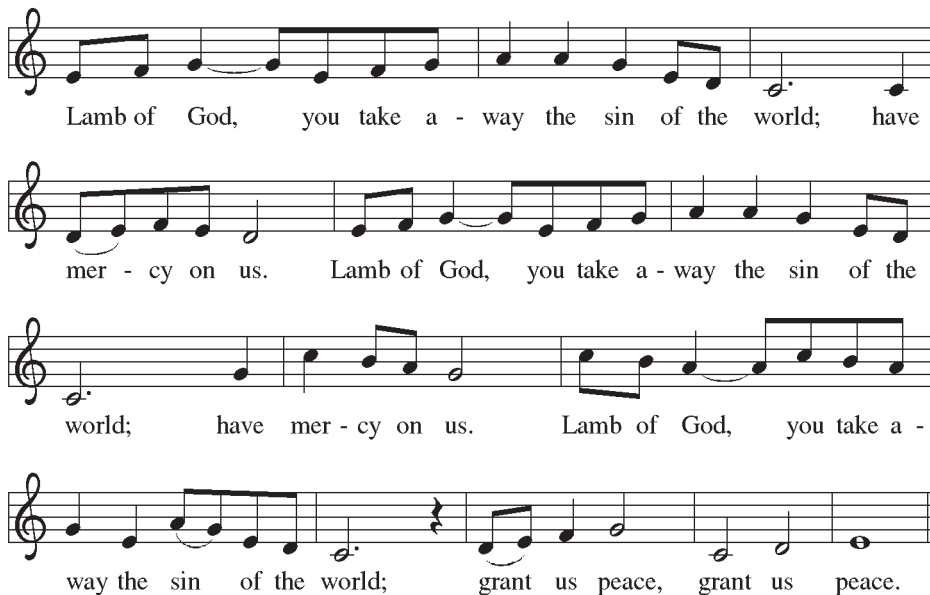
**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*LAMB OF GOD

Setting One



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 479 We Come to the Hungry Feast** **HUNGRY FEAST**



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
 2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
 3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
 from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
 and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



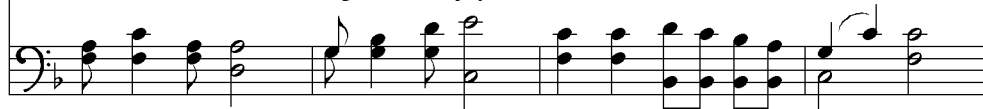
not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

***TABLE BLESSING**

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE 388 (Sung three times)



Be not a - fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris - en, al - le - lu - ia!



Be not a - fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris - en, al - le - lu - ia!



*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*The assisting minister will lead the Prayer after Communion and the assembly responds: **Amen.***

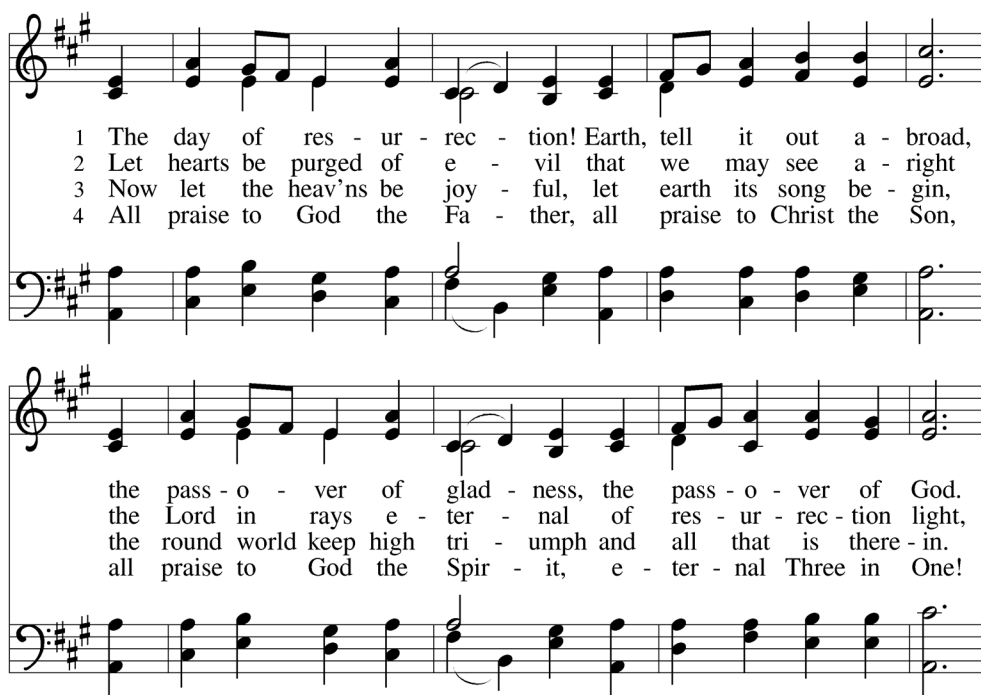
SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING** *The assembly responds: **Amen.

*SENDING HYMN 361 The Day of Resurrection

ELLACOMBE



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,
4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, all praise to Christ the Son,

the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.
all praise to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One!

From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
and lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;
Let all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the glad re - frain.
for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!
and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone!

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Psalms 32

Benedetto Marcello

PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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Communion Minister:	Reid Kline
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UPCOMING READINGS

The foundational premise of this set of daily readings is their relationship to the Sunday lectionary. The readings are chosen so that the days leading up to Sunday (Thursday through Saturday) prepare for the Sunday readings. The days flowing out from Sunday (Monday through Wednesday) reflect upon the Sunday readings.

Monday

Psalm 100

Ezekiel 34:17-23

1 Peter 5:1-5

Tuesday

Psalm 100

Ezekiel 34:23-31

Hebrews 13:20-21

Wednesday

Psalm 100

Jeremiah 23:1-8

Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Genesis 12:1-3

Acts 6:8-15

Friday

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Exodus 3:1-12

Acts 7:1-16

Saturday

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Jeremiah 26:20-24

John 8:48-59

THE READINGS IN THE BIBLE

John 10:1-10

The evangelist John used the narrative in chapter 9 of the man born blind, who has heard the word of Christ and come to faith, to describe his own community. Most of chapter 10 is a Johannine discourse elucidating the miraculous sign of the healing of the blind man. Relying on the traditional nomadic metaphor of the leader as shepherd, John described the risen Christ as the shepherd of the flock and as the gate to safe enclosure in the church. The evangelist seems confident that the gatekeepers of his community understood the death and resurrection of Christ better than did others.

Acts 2:42-47

Luke wrote that nurtured by apostolic teaching, the wonders apostles performed, and the weekly meal, the baptized community became so bound to Christ that it formed a communitarian unit. Although early Christians were indeed known for their care for the poor, scholars have found no evidence that any such Christian communal economy existed in the first century. Even narratives later in Acts show Luke's idyllic description to be an exaggeration. More than accurate historical reporting, Luke used the description to suggest the goal for the resurrection community.

The most beloved psalm in Christian use, **Psalms 23**, was seen in the fourth century as a description of the baptized life. The green pastures are the time of baptismal catechesis; the still waters are the font; the soul is restored by the infusion of the Spirit; the right pathways are the moral life of the transformed believer; God's rod and staff are our guidance for Christian living; the table is the eucharist, with a cup overflowing with mercy; the house of the Lord is the community of the church, within which we enjoy God's goodness.

1 Peter 2:19-25

First Peter assumed a slave culture. Chapter 2:18 urged slaves to accept their lot. The following verses were addressed primarily to slaves, who suffer unjustly and so were likened to Christ. By verse 25, the "you" has been broadened to include all believers who (see the Greek of verse 16) are slaves of God.

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