

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

... We Are God's People and the Sheep of God's Pasture ...

Psalm 100:3



THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

April 19, 2025 – Vigil of Easter

ALL ARE WELCOME AT GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH.

God makes no exceptions. In the spirit of Jesus Christ, we offer trust and respect to all, including those who may experience alienation, distrust, or rejection. We rely on the healing, unconditional love of God to shape our community in the name of the Good Shepherd.

Welcome guests! There is more information for you on the back of the bulletin.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

ELW (red book in pew) Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Hymn numbers (#) in back of books;

Congregational responses are in **bold**; rise in body or spirit when indicated by *

GATHERING

We light a new fire that reminds us of God's eternal presence.

WELCOME

Beloved of God, this is the night!

This is the night in which our Savior passed from death to life. On this most holy night we join with the church throughout the world in vigil and prayer. We gather at a fire as the sun sets. From this fire, we light the Paschal candle - a new flame for a new beginning, a sign that the light of Christ cannot be contained in a tomb. We tell stories of God's faithfulness throughout history. We wait for and then celebrate Christ's Passover from death into life. The first Alleluias of Easter are sung in the dark night of the Vigil, assuring us that hope begins in the dark.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we too pass from death to life. Tonight, we affirm our baptismal identities. Then, with the whole church, we share the meal of the Risen Christ who was made known to his grieving disciples in the breaking of bread.

Let us pray...**Amen.**

*BLESSING OF THE NEW FIRE and PASCHAL CANDLE

*PROCESSION *into the Sanctuary*

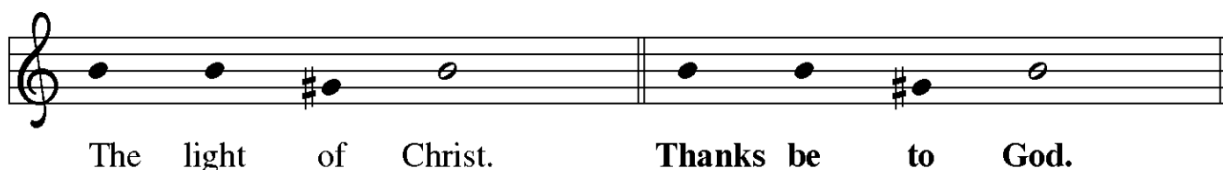
As the procession begins:



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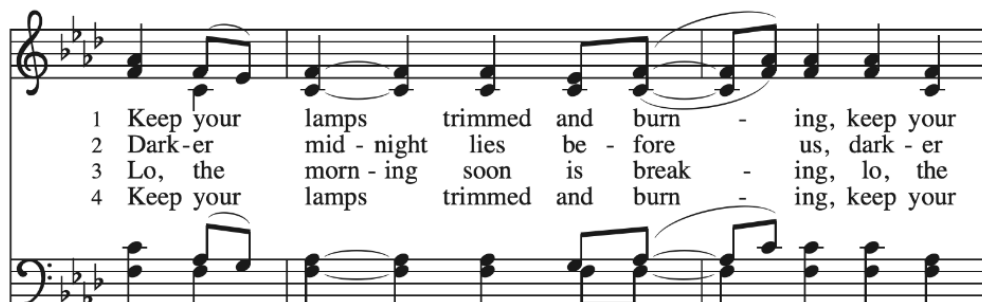
As the procession reaches the sanctuary doors:




We share the flame of the Paschal Candle. The assembly will enter the sanctuary through three doors. As you enter, light your candle from one of the candles at the door.

Please tip **unlit** candles toward lighted candles.

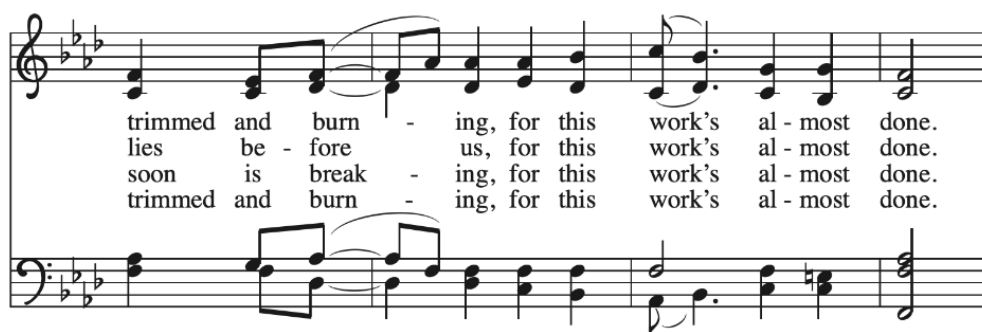
HYMN: ACS 949 Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning (verses 1 and 3)



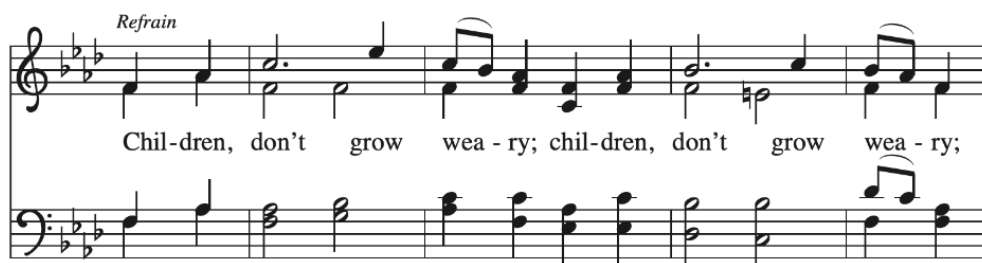
1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your
 2 Dark-er mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er
 3 Lo, the morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the
 4 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your



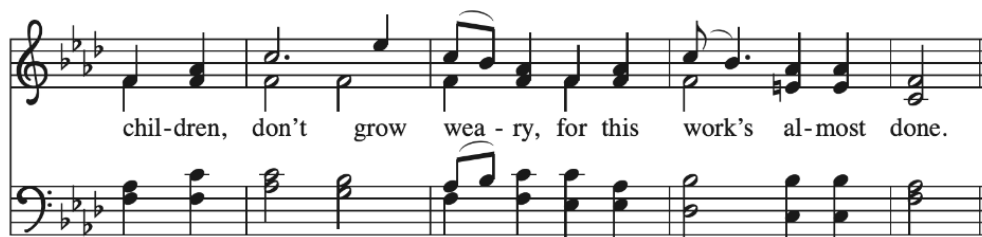
lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps
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 morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the morn - ing
 lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps



trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.
 lies be - fore us, for this work's al - most done.
 soon is break - ing, for this work's al - most done.
 trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.



Refrain
 Chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry; chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry;



chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry, for this work's al-most done.

* **PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Let us pray...**Amen.** *Handheld candles are extinguished.*

WORD

We hear the great stories of our faith. From the beginning, God is at work saving us from sin, death, and fear.

EXCERPTS FROM “THE GREAT STORY” A poetic retelling of God’s stories of deliverance by Nathaniel Bothwell – refrain Sung: ELW #262 Wait for the Lord

1. In the beginning...
2. In the days of Noah...
3. In the time of Abraham...

7. In the days of Ezekiel
8. In the time of Isaiah
9. In the days of Daniel...

Refrain Sung Below

Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

4. In the days of Moses...
5. In a time of exile...
6. In a time of exile...

Refrain Sung Below

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

The musical notation is for a two-part setting in G major (one sharp). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The time signature is 4/4. The melody consists of a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a half note C5, a quarter note D5, a quarter note E5, and a half note F#5. The bass line consists of a half note G3, a quarter note A3, a quarter note B3, a half note C4, a quarter note D4, a quarter note E4, and a half note F#4. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

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Text: Taizé Community

Music: WAIT FOR THE LORD, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** ELW #172 Halle, Halle, Hallejuah, repeated as the sanctuary comes alive for Easter!

We turn on the lights in the sanctuary, bring up the alleluia banner, and decorate the church while we sing our first Easter halleluahs and welcome the resurrected Christ into our midst.

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -

- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -

Hal - le - lu - jah.

lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954
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***GOSPEL** Luke 24:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has

risen. ⁶Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” ⁸Then they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

REFLECTION

*HYMN OF THE DAY: ACS 938 Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers (verses 1 and 2)



1 Christ has ris - en while earth slum - bers, Christ has ris - en
2 Christ has ris - en for the peo - ple whom he died to
3 Christ has ris - en to com - pan - ion for - mer friends who
4 Christ has ris - en and for - ev - er lives to chal - lenge



where hope died, as he said and as he prom - ised,
love and save; Christ has ris - en for the wom - en
fear the night, sens - ing loss and lim - i - ta - tion
and to change all whose lives are messed or man - gled,



as we doubt - ed and de - nied. Let the moon em -
bring - ing flow'rs to grace his grave. Christ has ris - en
where their faith had once burned bright. They be - moan what
all who find re - li - gion strange. Christ is ris - en,

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: ST. HELENA, Calvin Hampton, 1938–1984

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brace the bless - ing; let the sun sus - tain the cheer; let the
for dis - ci - ples, hud - dled in an up - stairs room. He whose
is no long - er, they ex - pect no hope - ful sign till Christ
Christ is pres - ent mak - ing us what he has been: ev - i -



world con - firm the ru - mor: Christ is ris - en, God is here!
word in - spired cre - a - tion can't be si - lenced by the tomb.
ends their con - ver - sa - tion, break - ing bread and shar - ing wine.
dence of trans - for - ma - tion in which God is known and seen.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Baptism joins us to the death and resurrection of Christ. We are drowned and raised to new life.

READING - Romans 6:3-11

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PRESENTATION

***PROFESSION OF FAITH**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***AFFIRMATION BY THE ASSEMBLY**

You have made public profession of your faith.

Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

To live among God's faithful people,

To hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

To serve all people, following the example of Jesus,

And to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit,
and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins,
give you the strength to do these things. **Amen.**

***HYMN ACS #956 Born, Reborn**

Cantor sings refrain once, all join refrain. Cantor leads verses with all echoing. All join in refrains.



Refrain

Mark us. Mark us. Claim us! Claim us!
Wash us. Wash us. Seal us! Seal us!

***PEACE:** The peace of the risen Christ be with you always. **And also with you.** We share peace by waving to those worshipping online or through the public access channel.

MEAL

We join together in this saving meal of Christ's death and resurrection. Alleluia!

OFFERTORY: O God Beyond All Praising – arr. David Cherwien

***OFFERING SONG:** ELW #388 Be Not Afraid (*sung twice*)

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!

***OFFERING PRAYER** Let us pray... **Amen.**

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up 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 ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

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Blessed are you Lord our God, creator of the universe....

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.**

***LORD'S PRAYER:** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

HOLY COMMUNION: *All are welcome at Christ's table. The ushers will direct you. If you wish to have the pastor serve you Communion in the pew, please inform one of the ushers. The bread is gluten and dairy free. You will be offered a tray of red wine and yellow grape juice cups. Empty cups should be placed in the basket as you leave the altar. If you prefer a blessing, indicate that by placing your hands over your heart. You can also request a prepackaged individual serving of communion and partake of it at your pew.*

COMMUNION HYMNS: ACS 935 Woman, Weeping in the Garden



1 Wom - an, weep - ing in the gar - den, who has
 2 Wom - an, wait - ing in the gar - den, af - ter
 3 Wom - an, walk - ing in the gar - den, Je - sus
 4 Wom - an, weep - ing in the gar - den, weep for the
 5 Wom - an, danc - ing from the gar - den, find the



pushed the stone a - side? Who has tak - en Je - sus'
 men have come and gone, af - ter an - gels give their
 takes you by sur - prise; when the gar - d'ner calls you,
 joy, for you have seen Je - sus, the Mes - si - ah,
 oth - ers and pro - claim Christ is ris - en as he



bod - y, Je - sus Christ the cru - ci - fied?
 wit - ness, si - lent - ly you watch the dawn.
 "Mar - y!" faith and joy meet in your eyes.
 ris - en; Christ, of whom the proph - ets dream.
 prom - ised; tell the world he knew your name!

Text: Daniel Charles Damon, b. 1955
 Music: CEDARWOLF, Thomas Pavlechko, b. 1962
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ACS 933 Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded



1 Day of de - light and beau - ty un - bound - ed, tell the news, the gos - pel
 2 Day of de - light and beau - ty un - bound - ed, tell the news, the gos - pel



spread! Day of all won - der, day of all splen - dor, praise Christ
 spread! Day of all won - der, day of all splen - dor, praise Christ



ris - en from the dead! Sing of the sun from dark - ness ap -
 ris - en from the dead! Sing now of mourn - ing turned in - to



pear - ing; sing of the seed from bar - ren earth green - ing;
 danc - ing; sing now the mys - t'ry, hope of our glo - ry;

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939
 Music: IN DIR IST FREUDE, Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi, 1556-1622
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sing of cre - a - tion, al - le - lu - ia! Sing of the
 sing with thanks - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia! Sing now of
 stream from Je - sus' side flow - ing; sing of the saints in
 fast - ing turned in - to feast - ing; sing the Lord's fa - vor
 wa - ter made ho - ly; sing of sal - va - tion, al - le - lu - ia!
 last - ing for - ev - er; sing, all things liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

***TABLE BLESSING**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** Let us pray...**Amen.**

SENDING

We are blessed for the journey and sent into the world to proclaim the good news of Christ.

***BLESSING.... Amen.**

***SENDING SONG: ELW 363 Come, You Faithful Raise the Strain (verses 1, 4, 5)**



- 1 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
- 2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst his pris - on,
- 3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
- 4 Nei - ther could the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,
- 5 Al - le - lu - ia! now we cry to our Lord im - mor - tal,



God has brought forth Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness,
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has ris - en.
with the roy - al feast of feasts comes its joy to ren - der;
nor the watch - ers, nor the seal, hold you as a mor - tal:
who tri - um - phant burst the bars of the tomb's dark por - tal;



loosed from Pha-raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters;
All the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
comes to glad Jer - u - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
but to - day, a - mong your own, you ap - pear, be - stow - ing
Al - le - lu - ia! with the Son God the Fa - ther prais - ing;



led them with un - moist - ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
from the Light to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
wel - comes in un - wea - ried strain Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!
your deep peace, which ev - er - more pass - es hu - man know - ing.
Al - le - lu - ia! yet a - gain to the Spir - it rais - ing.

***DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia, alleluia! **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!**

PRAYER BELL – POSTLUDE: The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve – arr. David Cherwien

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PIANIST: Brooke Joyce.

WELCOME GUESTS. THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU HERE. All are invited to share in festive Easter Vigil treats outside the Sanctuary in the Gathering Space and Library!

ALL ARE WELCOME TO SHARE IN HOLY COMMUNION. It is Christ's table and Christ is the host. Instructions are included in the communion section of the Order of Worship.

THE PRESENCE, ENERGY, AND NOISE OF CHILDREN ARE MOST WELCOME HERE.

The sound of a child in worship is the sound of a new Christian being formed. This congregation is glad to share in this work. We welcome and encourage kids to move and play. A nursery with toys and activity bags are available. Mothers are welcome to nurse anywhere that works for you and your child. An Infant Feeding Chair is available in the music office (hallway outside of sanctuary) for more privacy if desired.

RACIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT: This Statement was approved at the annual meeting of the congregation on February 6th, 2022. It was developed through the work of the Antiracism Team which held listening sessions with the congregation. A portion of the Statement is printed here each week: find the full statement at goodshepherddecorah.org/racial-Justice-Statement or by scanning the code:



We trust in the new life made possible through Christ's resurrection and we are hopeful that the Church is an ideal place to engage in the lifelong and transformative work of racial justice. Fostering antiracist ideas and actions is one way that we can follow Jesus' example of love for our neighbor. When we fail, we will rely on God's grace, that God might work in and through our broken humanity and that we might be sustained to learn from our mistakes and continue to show up for the work of antiracism. (2 Corinthians 5:17-18)

IN KEEPING WITH OUR WELCOME, Good Shepherd is a *Reconciling in Christ* partner congregation, affirming our welcome to persons of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions, and our commitment to anti-racism work so that all may participate fully in the life of our congregation. We are an *AMMPARO Welcoming Congregation* - Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities.