



Fourth Sunday of Easter

Affirmation of Baptism

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

April 21, 2024

8:15 and 10:45 AM

Gathering

Prelude

Partita on Gather Us In

Charles Lenz

+Entrance Hymn

We Know That Christ Is Raised

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+Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The grace and peace of Jesus Christ, who was raised from the dead,
be with you all.

And also with you.

+Prayer of the Day

O Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into
your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole.
Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Time With Children

Announcements

*Please stand
and face the cross at
the back of the church.*

*(+) indicates that the
assembly stands.
Please stand as you
are able.*

Word

First Reading

1 John 3:16-24

¹⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Jesus’ death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God’s commandments.

*After the readings, the assembly responds by saying: **Thanks be to God.***

+Gospel Acclamation



+Gospel

John 10:11-18

*After the Gospel is announced the assembly responds: **Glory to you, O Lord.***

[Jesus said:] ¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the

In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.

Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

After the Gospel has been read the assembly responds:

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

+Hymn of the Day

Shepherd Me, O God

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Affirmation of Baptism

Introduction

Presentation

8:15

10:45

Britta Pete Lund Andersen
Corbin Stuart Challifour
Cole Riley Cheesebrough
Rhett Jonathan Kircher
Ezra David Kusa
Elizabeth Genevieve Martin
Lila Lucille McNellis
Dru Lizann Robole

Luke Zakaria Hanno
Theodore Martin Knopke-Mooney
Monica Roxanne Locken
Peter Agneberg Ostrem
Sonia Violette Pocernich
Frances Lena Schmidt
Linnea Grace Stoyke
Owen Willemsen

+Prayer

Merciful God,
we thank you for these siblings,
whom you have made your own
by water and the Word in baptism.
You have called them to yourself,
enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit,
and nourished them in the community of faith.
Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism,
and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth.
We ask this in the name of Christ.
Amen.

+Profession of Faith

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.**

Affirmation in the Presence of the Assembly

People of God,
do you promise to support these siblings
and pray for them in their life in Christ?
We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Laying on of Hands

During the hymn, the families, mentors, and sponsors of the confirmands will assemble for the laying on of hands. The pastors lay hands on the head of each person and pray.

God of Love, for Jesus' sake, stir up in *our confirmands* the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm their faith, guide their lives, empower them in their serving, give them patience in suffering, and bring them to everlasting life. Amen.

Hymn *Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am* 814

Hymn *Come and Fill Our Hearts* 528

+Acclamation

Let us rejoice with these siblings in Christ.
We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.
Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.

+Prayers of Intercession

The response is said after each petition.
Hear our prayer.

Meal

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| +Peace | 8:15 | Kimberly Allmann, French horn | |
| Offering | 10:45 | <i>The Lord Is My Shepherd</i> Chancel Choir; David Soli, soloist | Thomas Matthews |



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1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
2 My flesh in hope shall rest and for a sea - son
3 Death's flood has lost its chill since Je - sus crossed the



sor - - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has
slum - - ber till trump from east to west shall
riv - - er. Lov - er of souls, from ill my



sprung to life this mor - - row.
wake the dead in num - - ber.
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 -



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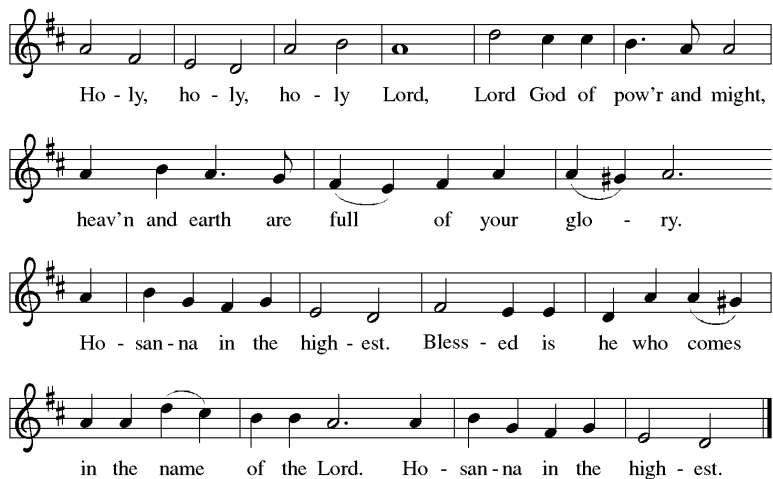
+Great Thanksgiving

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:



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.

O Eternal Wisdom,
 we praise you and give you thanks,
 for you set life into motion with a power stronger than death.
 In earth's garden, you have set the tree of life,
 bearing fruit of justice, peace, and love,
 speaking through prophets and all the faithful.
 You moved stone upon stone,
 opening the grave and our future.

Blessed is our sibling Jesus,
 raised to life and revealed to beloved friends,
 who, in the night in which he was betrayed
 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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Come now, greening spirit of God,
breathe on these bodily things
and make us one body in Christ.
Open our graves, unbind our eyes,
and name us here;
heal all that has been buried in us,
that we need not cling to our pain,
but may go forth with power
to release resurrection in the world.

To you, Holy One, blessed Trinity,
we honor with our bodies and our praise,
now and forever.

Amen.

**Our Mother,
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.**

The risen Christ is made known in the breaking of the bread.
These are holy things for holy people.

+Invitation to Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

We trust that the love of Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of holy communion.

- *Receive a cup from the usher.*
- *Come first to the bread station. If you need gluten free bread, please tell the server.*
- *Receive the wine from the silver chalice or juice from the pottery chalice.*
- *Place the cup in the basket and return to your seat.*

If you are unable to come forward for communion, please inform an usher, and communion can be brought to your seat



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.

Hymn

Build a Longer Table

ACS 1062



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
 2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
 3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
 4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
 where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
 Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
 Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
 For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
 When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
 So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
 Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
 Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.
 None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Hymn *Have No Fear, Little Flock* 764

Hymn *I'm Going on a Journey* 446

Sending

+Prayer after Communion

+Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

+Sending Hymn *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* 547

+Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude *We Know That Christ Is Raised* (Engelberg) Craig Phillips

*Please face the
cross as the
assembly is sent
into the world.*

In Worship Today

| | 8:15 a.m. Service | 10:45 a.m. Service |
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| Presiding Minister | Pastor Bradley E. Schmeling | Pastor Bradley E. Schmeling |
| Preacher | Deacon Ashley Greenwood | Deacon Ashley Greenwood |
| Assisting Minister | Tracy Sherbert | Travis Waymon |
| Lector | Sonya Gindorff | Claire Kruger |
| Communion Assistants | Raja David, John Henrich, Larry Nelson, Janelle Peterson | Kyle Anderson, Griffin Bauers, Alice Rapacz, Saul Stensvaag |
| Crucifer | | |
| Acolyte | Jameson Karli, Wren Saveraid | Gretchen Kiel, Nora Schroeder |
| Hospitality Team | Dave Nystrom, Eden Burger Sanchez, Alex Orman, Charlie Ronneberg, Reese Ronneberg | John Barnicle, Alison Jensen, Karen Lansing, Monica Locken |
| Sacristan | Mark Christianson | Mark Christianson |
| Altar Service | Diane Burk, Ardys Pertz | Maggie Tiede, Serena Tiede |
| Audio/Visual -Video | <i>not applicable</i> | Thor Carlson |
| Audio/Visual-Audio | John Teipel | Andy Wilkowske |
| Audio/Visual-Titles | <i>not applicable</i> | Lila Mc Nellis |
| Organist | Timothy Strand | Timothy Strand |
| Pianist | Dennis Friesen–Carper | Dennis Friesen–Carper |