

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



April 30, 2023

10:00am

GATHERING

Prelude

Partita on "O Sons and Daughters"

Wilbur Held

Thanksgiving for Baptism (p. 119)

Hymn


I Know that My Redeemer Lives (verses 1, 3, 5, 7)

#619

Apostolic Greeting

Hymn of Praise (verse 1—women, verse 2—men, verse 3—all)

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.




1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and




blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:




Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



Refrain
hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



Refrain
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

Children's Message

First Reading: Acts 2:42–47

⁴²The baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day 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, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem

Psalm 23 The Lord is My Shepherd

Allan Pote

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:19–25

¹⁹It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰If 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. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

²²"He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth."

²³When 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. ²⁴He 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. ²⁵For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

**The Gospel for today is from John the 10th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said: ¹“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. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The 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, O Christ.

Sermon Pastor Phil Ruge-Jones

Sermon Hymn Let Us Go Now to the Banquet

#523

Apostles' Creed

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

Prayers of the Church

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

... Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

Offering

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing

Healey Willan

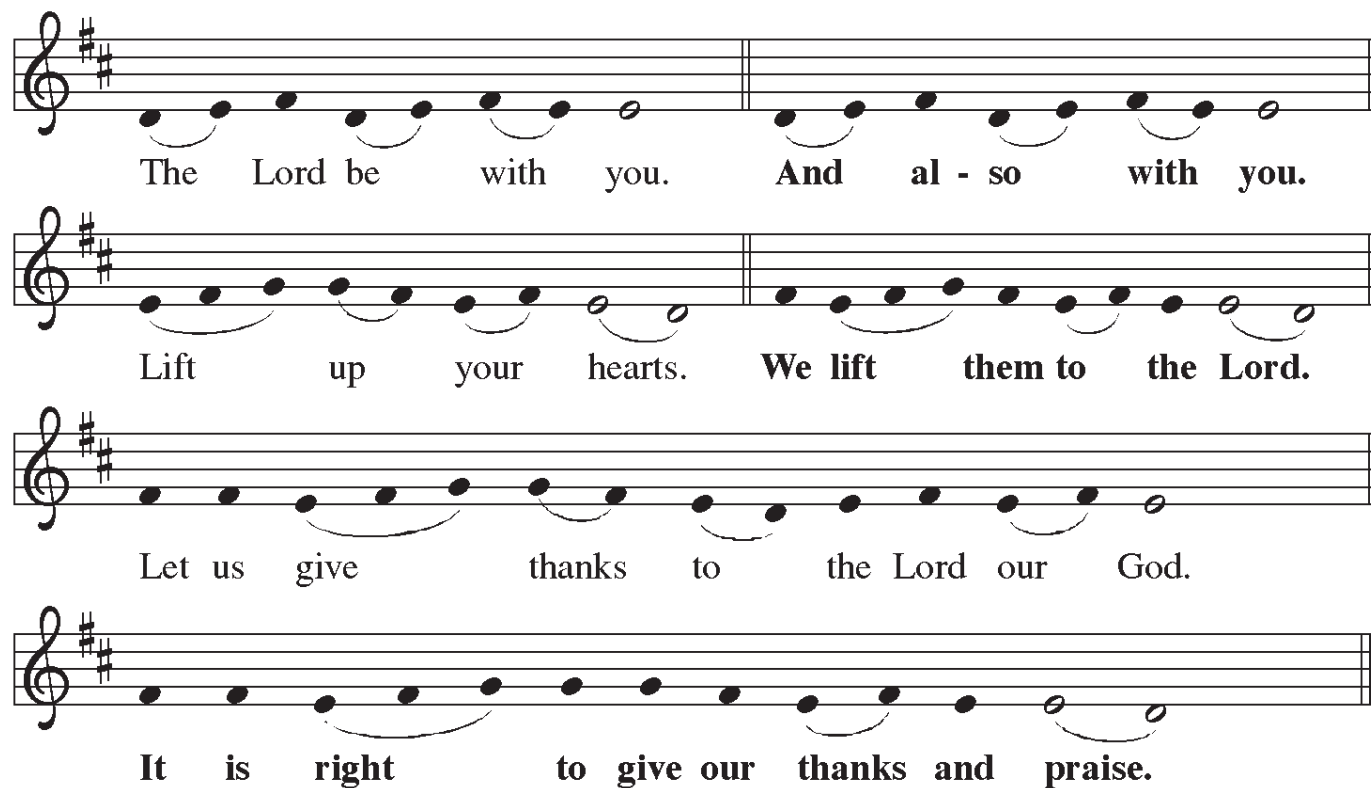
Offertory Prayer

Generous God,

in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving



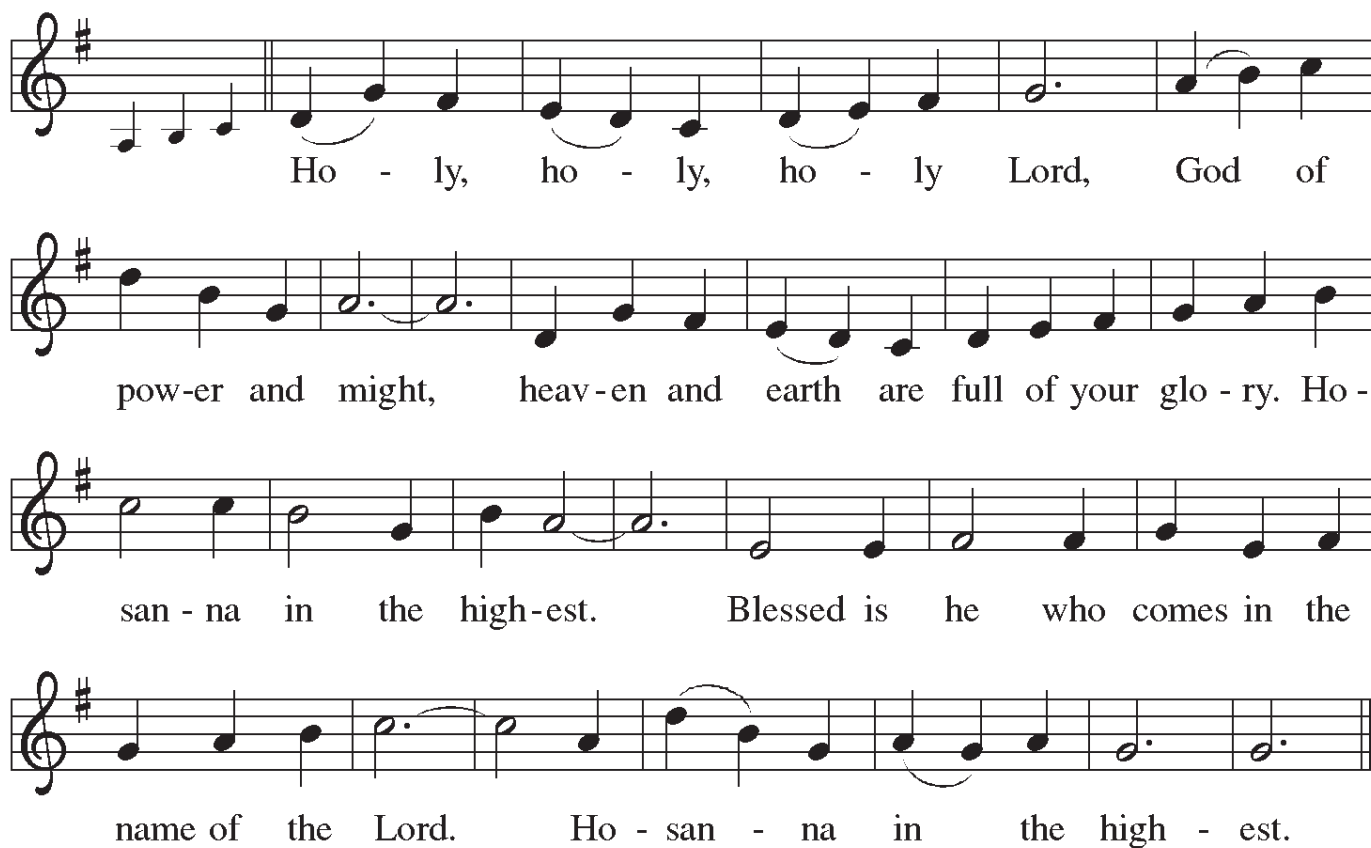
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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.

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, 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

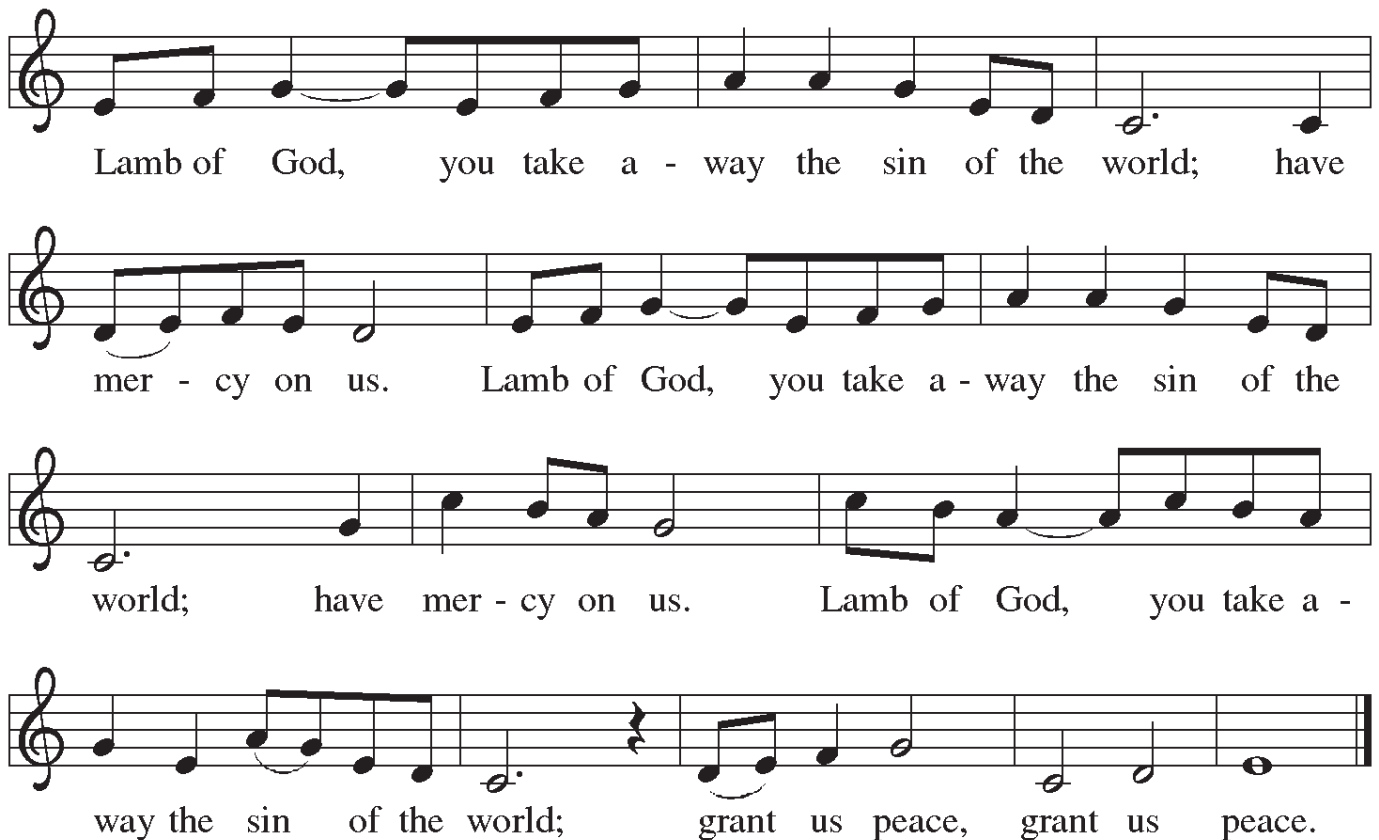
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

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.

Communion



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 *Shepherd Me, O God (all sing refrain, soloist sings verses)* #780

Prayer After Communion

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.

Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

The God of all,
who raised † Jesus from the dead,
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit
to live in the new creation.

Amen.

Sending Hymn

Have No Fear, Little Flock

#764

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Improvisation on "Spanish Hymn"

Jaebon Hwang

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Organist: Elaine Mann

Assisting Minister: Arthur Grothe

Choir Director: Diana Cataldi

Reader: Randy Adams

Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY (30th)

Coffee Hour – 9:30am

Worship – 10am

TUESDAY

Stepping On – 9:30am

Prayer Group – 11am

WEDNESDAY

Crafters – 10am

Text Study – 12pm

Choir Rehearsal – 7pm

THURSDAY

Pacibells Rehearsal – 6pm

SUNDAY (7th)

Coffee Hour – 9:30am

Worship – 10am

Other groups using the building this week: Quakers, Northwest Synod, Scouts, ADRC, Jonah, Threshold Singers,



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Habitat for Humanity Update

On May 7th after the service John Dawson will join us in the Chapel to give a briefing of where we are in terms of the Veteran Housing we hope to develop and to answer any questions you have. It will last for as long as it needs to, from 5 minutes to a half an hour.

Lawn Clean Up

Thank you to Randy & Jan Adams, Bob Kein, Doug Radke, and Pete Lokken for helping clean up the church lawns and flower beds.

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Blessing Box

We continue to provide non perishable food as well as hygiene items in the Blessing Box located outside the front entrance. It is used extensively by our neighbors in need. Thank you for all your support!

With the arrival of spring, we will once again be collecting canned goods.



Beacon House

We will be providing evening meals for the families at the homeless shelter for these days: Sunday, May 14, Monday, May 15, Tuesday, May 16, and Wednesday, May 17.

Sign up sheets will be on the Lighthouse in the Narthex. You may choose what you wish to provide. Any suggestions for the Mother's Day Meal are welcome.

Call Barb Radke for further information at 715-835-3440.

Sunday School

Sunday school will take place during the service right after the Children's Message on the following days.

- May 7
- May 21

Shepherd's Closet

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is having a Children's Clothing Give Away on May 10. If you are interested in helping, please see the poster on the General section of the bulletin board in the narthex for more information.

SIGN UP for 9-to-DINE

Check your calendars so you are ready to sign up starting Sunday April 16th after the service in the Narthex. Other opportunities to sign up will be at the coffee hour (starting April 23st) and after services in the Narthex.

Dates are:

- May 19
- June 1
- June 3
- June 14
- June 15
- June 19

All @ 5:30 or 6:00

Thank You

My deepest thanks for the prayers, cards, notes, and many kindnesses you have blessed me with as my broken shoulder continues to heal. Being with you and worshiping together, always know that I love and appreciate my family at “202”.

Enjoy God’s goodness and pass it on!

Bev Page

WELCA Ladies Retreat

Luther Park will be hosting a WELCA Ladies retreat June 7 and June 8. If you are interested in attending, please contact Andrew in the office and he will provide the information for signing up. You can call him at 715-832-9713 or email at info@grace-church.org.

LUTHERAN CHURCH CEMETERY SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY!

SATURDAY, APRIL 29
10:00 - 12:00 PM
OMAHA STREET

WE WOULD LIKE TO CLEAN UP THE OLD FLOWERS, POTS, STICKS, AND BRANCHES IN THE CEMETERY TO MAKE IT LOOK BEAUTIFUL FOR OUR VISITING FAMILIES THIS SPRING. PLEASE BRING RAKES, PRUNING TOOLS, GLOVES, A WHEELBARROW, OR ANYTHING ELSE YOU NEED TO HELP. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT BONNIE AT 715-829-2291.

Church Office Hours

Monday — Thursday : 10AM — 2PM

Phone: 715-832-9713

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Services are live streamed Sundays at 10am on:

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/gracelutheraneauclaire/>
- Youtube embedded in our website: <https://grace-church.org> go to “Our Ministry.”

Bulletins can also be found at <https://grace-church.org/> under the “Our Ministry.”

Recordings of worship services are also broadcast on:

- Televised on Sundays 10:30am WQOW Channel 18, Cable 9, 618HD (every other week)
- Radio Service Sunday 8:30am WAYY 790 AM

If you missed one of our services, they are posted at “Grace Lutheran Church ELCA Eau Claire Wisconsin” YouTube page <https://www.youtube.com/channel/Uck3CdLQ1sDO6esaa3zUMKCQ>

Do you have information for the bulletin and Grace at a Glance? Deadline is Thursday by 12:00 p.m. by emailing Andrew at info@grace-church.org or by calling the office at 715-832-9713