

Easter 4

Sunday April 25, 2021

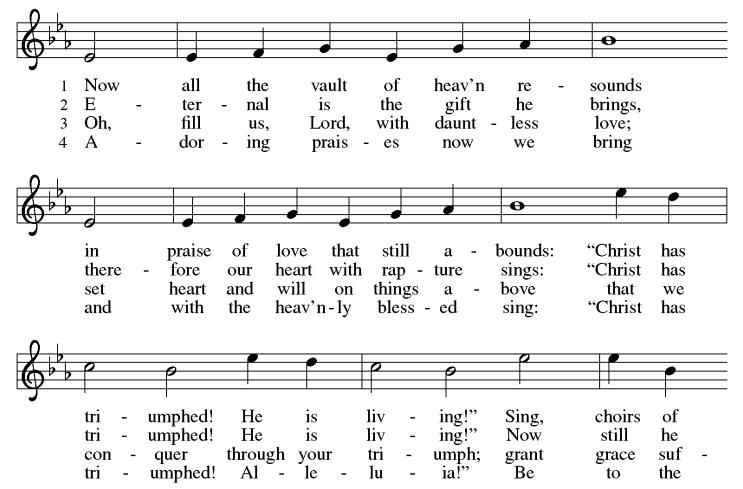
CALL TO WORSHIP

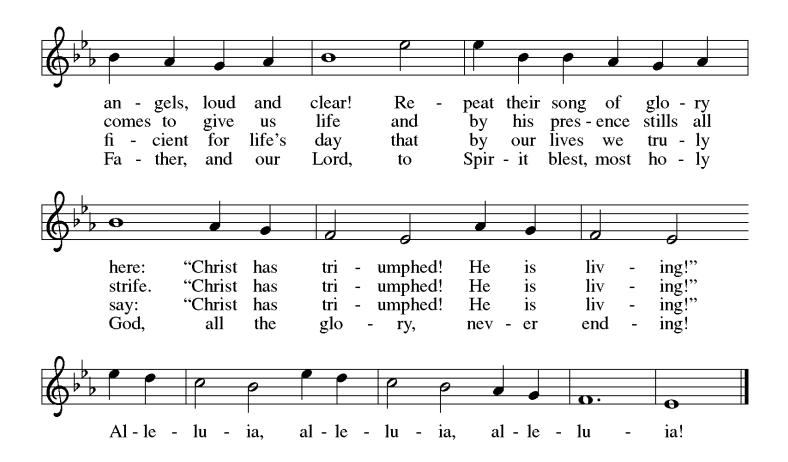
Pastor:	Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People:	He is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Pastor:	Be glad and rejoice in what God is creating – a new heaven and a new earth.
People:	The promise of joy and gladness for all people.
Pastor: People:	The promise of Eden restored, where every living creature lives in harmony. Promises fulfilled in Jesus Christ, who died to defeat evil, and rose to give us life.
Pastor:	So let us be glad and rejoice in what God has created in us – new life – the life of the risen Christ.
People:	Alleluia! Amen!
Pastor:	Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People:	He is risen indeed. Alleluia !

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN ~ *Hymn ~ ELW Hymn #367

"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

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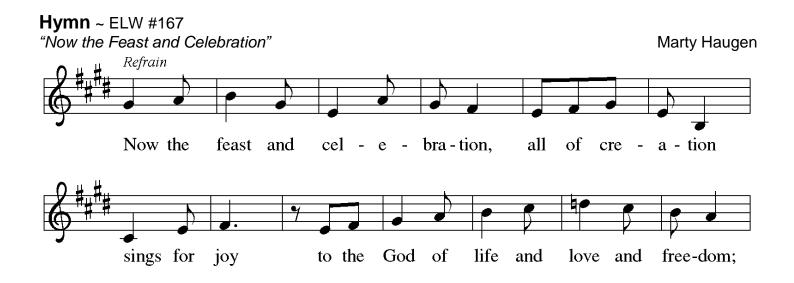


GREETING

Pastor:

People:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**







PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord 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.**

WORD

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

First Reading A reading from Acts 4:5-12

⁵The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;

it has become the cornerstone.'

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Lector: The Word of God for the people of God. People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

¹The Lord| is my shepherd;
I shall not | be in want.
²The Lord makes me lie down | in green pastures and leads me be- | side still waters.

³You restore my | soul, O Lord,

and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me. R

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the | I and forever, R

and I will dwell in the house of the | Lord forever. R

A reading from 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.

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Gospel Acclamation

Pastor: Alleluia. Jesus says, I am | the good shepherd.* I know my own and my | own know me. Alleluia. (John 10:14)

The Gospel Reading

The Holy Gospel according to John 10:11-18

[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 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."

Lector:	The Gospel of our Lord,
People:	Glory to you, O Christ.

The Sermon ~ Pastor Martha Neff Stum

*Hymn of the Day ~ ELW Hymn #855

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"



The Nicene Creed

Pastor: God has made us his people through our baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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 the People

After each petition of the prayers:

Lector: People:	Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.
Lector:	In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
People:	Amen.

*Sharing of the Peace

Pastor:The peace of the Lord be with you always.People:And also with you.

***Offering Prayer**

Pastor:	God of love,
	you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table.
	Receive our lives and the gifts we offer.
	Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world;
	for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.
People:	Amen.

*The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor:	The Lord be with you.
People:	And also with you.
Pastor:	Lift up your hearts.
People:	We lift them to the Lord.
Pastor:	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People:	It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Preface

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Eucharistic Prayer

Pastor:You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy,
and great is the majesty of your glory.
You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but have eternal life.
We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.
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. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

- Pastor: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints. To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. People: Amen.
- **Pastor:** Now gathered into one by the Holy Spirit we pray as Jesus taught us.

*The 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

Pastor: The risen Christ invites us to this table. Come, eat and be satisfied.

*Prayer after Communion

Pastor:	Wellspring of joy,
	through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts.
	Satisfy the hunger still around us,
	and send us as joyful witnesses,
	that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people,
	through Jesus Christ our Lord.
People:	Amen

*Blessing

Pastor:May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom
to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.
The God of life,
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.
Amen.

Sending Music ~ ELW Hymn #634

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"



- 5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball to him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.
- 6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall! We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.

*Dismissal

Pastor:	Alleluia! Christ is risen.
People:	Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Pastor:	Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
People:	Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

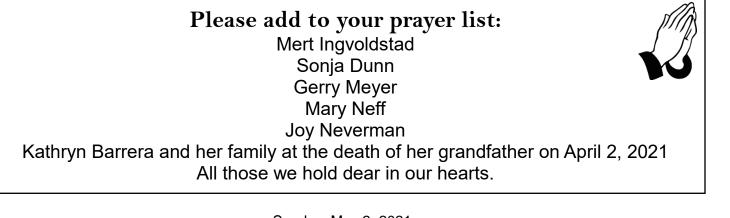
Our worship gatherings will be posted on YouTube at... <u>https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLC7bdt-eCGNxURxFef-</u> <u>NSGadIffLHnDxG</u> And they are linked to the church website. <u>www.lutherantucson.org</u>

Most small group meetings have resumed online. Please contact your individual leader. If you have questions call the church office, which will remain closed till further notice, however staff will still be taking care of essential tasks and available when needed. Contact them by email or phone.

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For all of our community, please wash hands frequently, refrain from shaking hands, and honor the boundaries of others to stay safe.

Thank you for your understanding and care in this unprecedented time. Please watch for further communication.



Sunday, May 2, 2021 Easter 5 Acts 8:26-40, Psalm 22:25-31, 1 John 4:7-21, John 15:1-8

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