

Alleluia LUTHERAN Church

Alleluia Lutheran Church is a growing multi-ethnic community of Jesus' disciples, gathered into authentic relationships by the Holy Spirit around Word and Sacrament, and sent by the Holy Spirit to transform lives with Christ.

Easter 4 + April 25, 2021



The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.

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Jesus is Lord!

¡Jesús es Señor!

God welcomes everyone.

Dios les da la bienvenida a todos.

Everything we have belongs to God.

Todo lo que tenemos pertenece a Dios.

Everyone is on God's team.

Todos estan en el equipo de Dios.

Everyone needs a neighbor like us.

Todos necesitan vecinos como nosotros.

WELCOME AND INSTRUCTIONS

The assembly stands.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. 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.**

GATHERING SONG *Gather Us In*

1 Here in this place the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

2 We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.

4 Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away--
but here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.

Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

We come before you, O God our Creator...

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God.

God of our tomorrows, **we confess our sinful condition before you.**

We desire something better than what we have and what we are.

We know ourselves too well and see our human frailty. We know

our temporary gods are vulnerable and will crumble under the

test. We realize our desires are fickle and backfire on us at the

worst times. God of our tomorrows give us your forgiveness. Let

us see, today, the promise of something better in our lives.

Our god is a tomorrow God...

Praise God for the gift of forgiveness in the risen Christ.

The Pastor gives the Absolution. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

SCRIPTURE READING 1 John 3:16-24

A reading from 1 John.

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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The assembly stands for the Gospel Acclamation and Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Sanctuary*

Lord prepare me
To be a sanctuary
Pure and holy
Tried and true
And with thanksgiving
I'll be a living
Sanctuary, oh for You (*Repeat all*)

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GOSPEL **John 10:11-18**

The holy gospel according to John.

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 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.”

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

The assembly is seated.

MESSAGE

The assembly stands.

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.

The assembly is seated.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As people of the Good Shepherd, we lift our prayers to God, who promises to hear our needs and concerns.

Let us thank God...Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For those who...Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Healing God...Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Lord strengthen...Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for...Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Lord, we ask...Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Shepherd of...Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Dear God, it is into your hands, into your gracious love, we lift up our prayers and commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us stand and sing as Jesus taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, which 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.**

The assembly stands for the Blessing and Sending.

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**
God has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Almighty God, bless you and raise you to new life, both now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

1 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest; lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast." I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad; I found in him a resting-place, and he has made me glad.	3 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light; look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright." I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and in that light of life I'll walk till trav'ling days are done.
2 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live." I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.	

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889
Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to transform lives with Christ. Proclaim the Resurrection. **Thanks be to God.**

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Week at A Glance

Sun 4/25 *Alleluia Worship@9AM*
 Mon 4/26 *Troop 3 Meeting @7PM*
 Tue 4/27 *Pack Meeting @7PM*

Scripture Readings & Gospel

for next Sunday, May 2

1st Reading Acts 8:26-40
 Psalm 22:25-31
 2nd Reading 1 John 4:7-21
 Gospel John 15:1-8

Check the Alleluia **online calendar** for more scheduled events and group meetings.

Please adhere to Alleluia's re-opening Guidelines for your health and well-being. Maintain physical distancing of 6 feet and wear a mask. Be safe and God Bless!

Weekly Special Offerings—Please bring **canned or boxed food** for St. John's food pantry. Many thanks!

<i>Sunday Servants</i>	<i>April 25, 2021</i>	<i>May 2, 2021</i>	<i>May 9, 2021</i>
<i>Reader</i>	Tina	Carmel	Joanne

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