



4th Sunday of Easter

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Welcome! Words in **bold** are said together.

Children are always welcome - they worship God too! Cloth bags with quiet activities are by the stairs to keep them engaged during worship. Our nursery is at the bottom of the stairs, to the left.

Call to Worship

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Congregation: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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

The Lord's Prayer

We pray together with confidence the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us to pray,

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.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

L: Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. (water may be poured into font).

Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore us to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One, C: make us one as you are one.

L: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One, C: make us one as you are one.

L: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One, C: make us one as you are one.

L: Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. C: Amen.

Gathering Song – Revelation

Verse 1: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain. Holy, holy is He
Sing a new song to Him who sits on heaven's mercy seat
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain. Holy, holy is He
We sing a new song to Him who sits on heaven's mercy seat

Refrain: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings
You are my everything and I will adore You

Verse 2: Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be
To You the only wise King! *Refrain*

Verse 3: Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder
At the mention of your name
Jesus, your name is power, breath and living water
Such a marvelous mystery. *Refrainx2*

Ending: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, holy, holy is He

Prayer of the Day — O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd. By the blood of your covenant, make us complete in everything good and work among us all that is pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Acts 9:36-43 p. 894

³⁶ At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did. ³⁷ But it happened in those days that she became sick and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. ³⁸ And since Lydda was near Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent two men to him, imploring him not to delay in coming to them. ³⁹ Then Peter arose and went with them. When he had come, they brought him to the upper room. And all the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and garments which Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ But Peter put them all out and knelt down and prayed. And turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. ⁴¹ Then he gave her his hand and lifted her up; and when he had called the saints and widows, he presented her alive. ⁴² And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed on the Lord. ⁴³ So it was that he stayed many days in Joppa with Simon, a tanner.

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

Psalm 23 p. 435

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters.

³ He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.

Revelation 7:9-17 p. 999

⁹ After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation *belongs* to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹ All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying: "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever. Amen." ¹³ Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?" ¹⁴ And I said to him, "Sir, you know." So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them. ¹⁶ They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; ¹⁷ for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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Gospel Acclamation

L: Alleluia. Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed. Therefore, let us keep the feast. C: Alleluia.

*Please stand for the reading of the gospel.

The holy Gospel according to *John*. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 10:22-30 p. 873

²² Now it was the Feast of Dedication in Jerusalem, and it was winter. ²³ And Jesus walked in the temple, in Solomon's porch. ²⁴ Then the Jews surrounded Him and said to Him, "How long do You keep us in doubt? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father's name, they bear witness of Me.

²⁶ But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, as I said to you. ²⁷ My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. ²⁸ And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand. ³⁰ I and My Father are one." The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Message

Sermon

David Ingram

Song of the Day – Mighty to Save

1. Everyone needs compassion, love that's never failing; let mercy fall on me.
Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior; the hope of nations.

Refrain: Savior, He can move the mountains, my God is mighty to save,
He is mighty to save. Forever, Author of salvation,
He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave.

2. So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures, fill my life again.
I give my life to follow everything I believe in, now I surrender. *Refrain.*
3. Shine your light and let the whole world see,
we're singing for the glory of the risen King Jesus,
Shine your light and let the whole world see,
we're singing for the glory of the risen King. *Refrain (2x)*

Apostle's 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 God's People

Each petition ends "Lord, in your mercy," please respond: **hear our prayer.**

Sharing the Peace – L: The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C: And also with you.

Offering

- ◇ Mail: Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 1005 St. Nicholas Drive, North Pole, AK 99705
- ◇ Online: "giving" tab at www.lordoflifeak.com/giving or the QR Code →
- ◇ Phone app: download "Give Plus Church" search by zip 99705, choose Lord of Life, and follow the instructions. Giving is secure.



Offering Song – Give Thanks

Refrain: Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son
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Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"; let the poor say, "I am rich"
Because of what the Lord has done for us (*Repeat verse*) (*Refrain*)

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Because of what the Lord has done for us (*Repeat verse*)

Offering Prayer

Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we

bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving p. 107

Holy, Holy, Holy p. 108

Christ's Words of Institution and Communion

Invitation to Communion

L: Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

Post Communion Prayer

L: Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

C: Amen.

Announcements

- *New!* Printed copies of May newsletter in the bookrack or online at <https://lordoflifeak.com/the-latest>
- Thanks to our volunteer tellers 😊

Sending Song – 10,000 Reasons

Refrain: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.

Verse 1: The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
it's time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes. *Refrain*

Verse 2: You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.

For all Your goodness. I will keep on singing;
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *Refrain*

Verse 3: And on that day, when my strength is failing,
the end draws near, and my time has come;

still, my soul will sing Your praise unending
ten thousand years, and then forever more! *Refrain*

Ending: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.

Worship Your holy name, Lord, I'll worship Your holy name.

Blessing

L: The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always. C: Amen.

Dismissal

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen. C: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

L: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia! C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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