



**May 11, 2025**

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9:30 AM – 4th Sunday of Easter  
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If you're looking for a community that seeks to follow God's vision, there is a place for you here. Trust that the mystery of God has brought you this far on your journey and will guide your future steps. All of who you are is welcome here.

Our worship services are livestreamed on our YouTube channel and our website. If you do not wish to be filmed, please do not sit in the first four pews or the last pew. Children's Time and communion distribution are not filmed.

All invitations to stand or kneel are for those who are able.

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*The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of Yahweh forever.*

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**GATHERING . . . WORD . . . MEAL . . . SENDING**

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## **SINGING BOWL**

During the ringing of the bowl, you are encouraged to center your thoughts on God the Creator, Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Comforter.

**PRELUDE:** “*Morning Has Broken*” – HTLC Bell Choir:

## **WELCOME**

Please Stand

## CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The Lord is my shepherd, I will fear no darkness.

**All: We will love one another, as Christ loves us.**

L: Christ, the Good Shepherd, has compassion for all.

**All: We will love one another, as Christ loves us.**

L: Open your hearts to goodness and mercy today.

**All: We will love one another, as Christ loves us.**

L: Love, not merely in thought and word, but in truth and action.

**All: We will love one another, as Christ loves us.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

*P: With souls purified by God's redeeming love,*

**All: let us offer to one another genuine, mutual love, a love planted in the peace of Christ, a love that fills our hearts with peace and joy.**

*P: The peace of the risen Christ is with you.*

**All: And also with you.**

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross,  
the sign that is marked at baptism.

*P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.*

**All: Amen.**

*P: Gracious God, we thank you that in every age you have made water a sign of your presence.*

**All: In the beginning your Spirit brooded over the waters, and they became the source of all creation.**

*P: In mercy and might you have freed us from death and You led your people Israel through the waters of the Red Sea to their new land of freedom and hope.*

**All: In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with your Spirit for his ministry.**

*P: May this same Spirit bless this water today. May this be the water through which we experience your healing and wholeness; through which we hear your voice speaking in our hearts.*

**All: Come, Holy Spirit, come. Renew us and make us whole.**

*P: Come, Holy Spirit, come. Speak into the hearts of all gathered today.*

**All: Come, Holy Spirit, come. Fill us with desire for your justice and peace, your liberation and life, now and every day. Amen.**

## GREETING

*P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!*

**All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

## OPENING HYMN: "Holy God, We Praise Your Name" vs. 1,4



1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we  
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,  
three we name you, though in es - sence on - ly one;



all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your  
un - di - vid - ed God we claim you and, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.  
bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

## INVOCATION

*P: Come, gather together, disciples, and meet Jesus,*

**All: who comes to us, risen and whole.**

*P: Come, gather together, disciples, and meet the Christ*

**All: who brings to us peace and new life!**

*P: Come, gather together, disciples, and meet the future:*

**All: the future calling us to be a resurrection people!**

## LITANY

L: God of love and compassion,

**All: we often fail to understand the truth of your love.**

L: We are frequently confused and filled with doubt. Life can feel meaningless.

**All: We wander down the pathways of life, longing to see our way more clearly.**

L: Open our eyes this day, that we may see your way of love and grace.

**All: Meet our confusion with the truth of your presence.**

L: Feed us with the true bread of life, and help us change our hearts and lives,

**All: that we may follow you with joy. Amen.**



# HYMN OF PRAISE



**All:** Cre - a - ted for a life to - geth - er, we  
With sun and moon and stars of hea - ven we



come a - live in you. Now, in your fel-low-ship you  
name you as our light; In mor - ning star and pas - chal



birth us, and give us life a - new. To - day we  
can - dle You make our dark-ness bright. In wind or



come to sing your prais - es; Our hearts made one in  
calm, in storm or sun - shine the earth sings forth your



song to Fath - er, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit in  
praise; With trees and fields and flow - ing ri - ver we



whom we all be - long. We  
owe you all our days. We



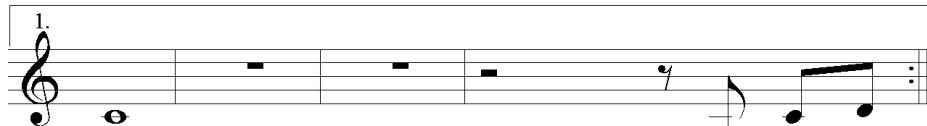
sing to the God of sun-rise, of kindled hearts and emp - ty  
sing to our God who knows us in joy or sor - row, pain or



tomb. We sing to the God of sha - dows, of shat - tered  
pleasure. We sing to our God now with us, Im - man - u -

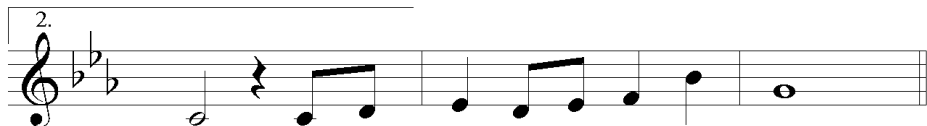


dreams and bar - ren womb; We sing to our God of  
el, our price - less treasure; We sing to our God of



Love!

With sun and



Love! We sing to our God of Love!

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Savior Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep.

R: **By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Be Seated

**ANTHEM** – “*Shepherd Me, O God*” by Marty Haugen – HTLC Choir

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GATHERING . . . **WORD** . . . MEAL . . . SENDING

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## INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD

R: The Shepherd of comfort gathers us in.

**All: We come, seeking welcome and love.**

**We stay, finding rest and renewal.**

R: In our prayer and reflection,

**All: may we discover these wonderful gifts from God.**

R: The first reading is from Acts, chapter nine, beginning with the thirty-sixth verse.

**READING:** *Acts 9:36-43*

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, “Please come to us without delay.” So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, “Tabitha, get up.” Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

R: The Lord is our shepherd.

**All: We have all that we need.**

R: God leads us in peace,

**All: even through difficult journeys.**

R: Surely God’s goodness is enough,

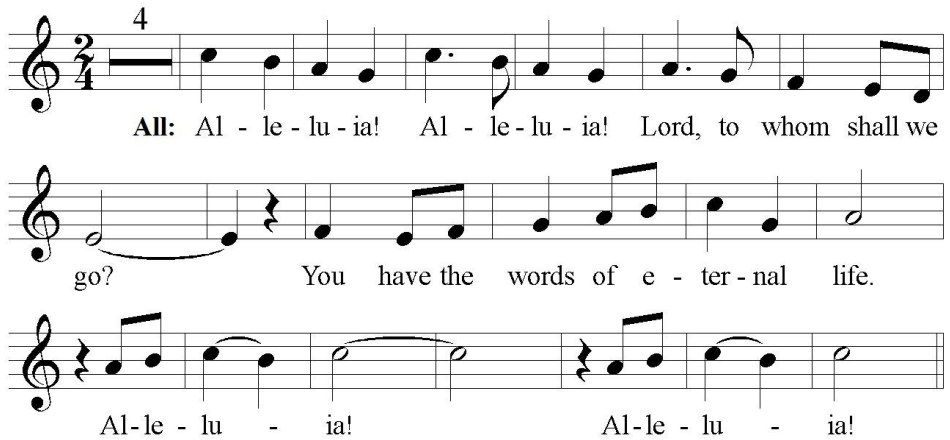
**All: all the days of our lives.**

Please Stand





## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the tenth chapter.*

**All: Glory to you, O God.**

### GOSPEL: *John 10:22-30*

The time came for Hanukkah, the Feast of the Dedication, in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the Temple area, in Solomon's Porch, when the Temple authorities surrounded him and said, "How long are you going to keep us in suspense? If you really are the Messiah, tell us plainly."

Jesus replied,

"I did tell you, but you don't believe.

The work I do in my Abba's name gives witness in my favor, but you don't believe because you're not my sheep.

My sheep hear my voice.

I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never be lost.

No one will ever snatch them from my hand.

Abba God, who gave them to me, is greater than anyone, and no one can steal them from Abba God.

For Abba and I are One."

*P: The Gospel of the risen Savior.*

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Be Seated

## CHILDREN'S TIME – Pastor Tim

Please Stand

### A BLESSING FOR ALL WOMEN WHO NURTURE

*P: Gracious God, in love you have given us the gift of mothers and those women who nurture.*

**All: Grant to each of them your power and grace.**

*P: Strengthen them in their loving with tenderness and understanding, with compassion and joy.*

**All: Endow them with wisdom and knowledge so that they might teach all children how to live and love;**

*P: How to seek and pursue that which is right and true;*

**All: How to turn away from all that is hurtful and wrong.**

*P: Deepen their own faith so that they might instill in all a love for you that will sustain and keep them their whole life long.*

**All: We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### HYMN OF THE DAY: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" vs. 1,2



1 Sav - ior like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.  
2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;



In your pleas - ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your fold pre-pare.  
keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.  
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.



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## Be Seated

### MESSAGE – Pastor Tim

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## GATHERING . . . WORD . . . MEAL . . . SENDING

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### INVITATION TO OFFERING

**L:** God is our chosen portion, the cup of our salvation, the bread of life.

**All:** Let us share our gratitude for God's gift of everlasting presence as we share a portion of God's many abundant gifts with a world in need of the Easter miracle.

### THANKFUL OFFERING

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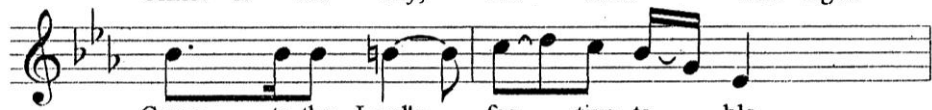
### OFFERTORY RESPONSE



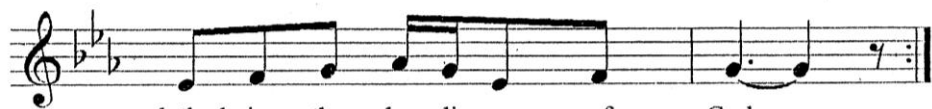
All: Now is the time to ban - ish all dark - ness;  
Here we are made to shine in God's glo - ry.



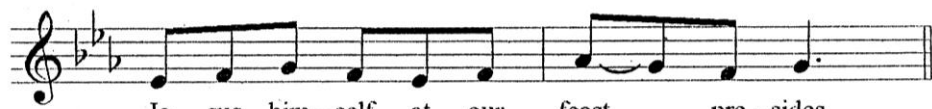
Christ is our way, our truth and light.



Come to the Lord's fes - tive ta - ble  
Here we be - come a liv - ing of - fer - ing—



clothed in the ho - li - ness of God.  
ho - ly com - mun - ion in Christ.



Je - sus him - self at our feast pre - sides.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Abundant God, we are grateful for all your blessings, especially for the presence of the risen Christ.

**All: Bless these gifts, that they may help bring your love and light into our community and our world. Amen.**

## THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need. You guide your people to the waters of life. Make your church a nourishing place for all who are thirsty for hope and healing. Renew us in the waters of baptism, and send us forth as signs of your love. Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

L: You lead all peoples along right pathways. Grant wisdom and compassion to judges, lawyers, mediators, and legal advocates. Dismantle systems of mass incarceration, empower processes of restorative justice, and encourage all who strive for healing in our communities. Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

L: You wipe the tears from every eye. Tend to all who struggle with anxiety or depression, loneliness, or despair. Enfold all who are in any need in your shepherding care. Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

L: This Mother's Day, bless mothers, grandmothers, and all who offer mothering care. Come close to those whose relationships with their families are difficult, and console all who grieve the loss of mother figures or the loss of children. Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

L: God of all, hear the prayers of our heart said silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

L: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**All: Amen.**

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

L: God is with you.

**All: And also with you.**

L: All praise to you, glorious God of grace. Throughout the ages you have blessed us with foremothers of the faith.

**All: With Sarah, we bless you for your gift of life.**

L: With Ruth, we praise you for family and food.

**All: With Miriam, we celebrate our escape from the foe.**

*P: Remembering Deborah, we honor the words of your prophets.*

**All: Remembering the woman at the well, we laud you for living water.**

*P: Remembering Junia, we thank you for those who minister among your people.*

**All: One with the daughter of Jairus, we wake to life in you.**

*P: With Mary, we magnify your name: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,*

**All: my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.**

*P: Remembering Martha and Mary, we join Jesus at this meal. Living, he healed the bleeding woman; dying, he cared for his mother; risen, he sent Mary Magdalene in mission.*

*On the night before he died, he 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.*

*With Mary, again we magnify your name: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,*

**All: my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.**

*P: Mighty God of mercy, as you heard the prayers of Hannah, so now hear us. Send your Spirit on this bread and wine, that sharing the body and blood of Christ we become his body in the world.*

**All: Send your Spirit on this assembly, that like Phoebe, we serve one another with zeal.**

*P: Send your Spirit on the church, that like Anna, we tell others of your mercy.*

**All: Send your Spirit into our hearts, that like Dorcas, we care for the poor and needy.**

*P: With Mary, once more we magnify your name: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,*

**All: my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.**

*P: All praise to you, powerful God of peace. We adore you, our God, Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier, you who mother and feed and comfort us, today, tomorrow, and forever.*

**All: Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, using the language or translation of our hearts.*

**All: 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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*P: Come to the table of grace.*

**All: For all are welcome here.**

*P: Come to this place of love.*

**All: For here we find forgiveness and hope.**

*P: Come to the One who heals.*

**All: For in Christ we are made well and whole.**

### Be Seated

The ushers will invite you forward to communion  
after the Lamb of God is sung.

## LAMB OF GOD

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All: Oh Christ, the Lamb of God, you take a-way the

1.

sin of the world, Have mer - cy on us. Oh

2.

mer - cy on us. Oh grant us peace,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

Holy Communion is open to all.

Wine is red, grape juice is yellow, water is in the center of the tray.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Let an usher know if you need communion brought to you.

## For communion at the altar rail:

When directed by the ushers, you may come up the center aisle to the altar rail, stand or kneel, and hold out your hand for the pastor to drop the host into. Eat. Then take a cup of wine (red), grape juice (light yellow), or water (clear) from the assistant. Drink. Then place your empty cup in the tray that follows. Rise and return to your seat via the side aisles.

### COMMUNION HYMN: “We Come to the Hungry Feast”



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.  
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased  
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is  
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,  
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.





## COMMUNION HYMN: “Come to the Table”



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

## SINGING BOWL

Please Stand

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

*P: We have tasted your goodness, O God, in your gifts of word and sacrament.*

**All: May our hearts burn within us, that we may proclaim your mighty acts and joyfully live as your chosen people; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**L:** Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people.

**All: Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. Amen.**

Be Seated

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### BENEDICTION

*P: In Jesus' name, all things are possible.*

**All: In Christ's name, we will do the works of God.**

*P: In Jesus' name, miracles bless our world in unexpected ways.*

**All: In Christ's name, we will offer miracles of hope to others.**

*P: In Jesus' name, the Spirit makes all things new.*

**All: In Christ's name, we will live and love abundantly each day. Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN: "Lead Me, Guide Me" vs. 1, 3

*Refrain*

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way;  
for if you lead me, I can - not stray.  
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

1 I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r  
 2 Help me tread in the paths of right-teous-ness,  
 to help me o-ver my weak-est hour.  
 be my aid when Sa-tan and sin op-press.  
 Help me through the dark-ness thy face to see.  
 I am put-ting all . . . my trust in thee.  
 Lead me, O Lord, lead me. *Refrain*

## DISMISSAL

L: Go in Easter peace and joy!

All: Thanks be to God!

## POSTLUDE



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