

Easter Season

April 11 – May 30, 2021

~ SPOKEN WORD SERVICE ~

via Zoom at 10:00 am



Shepherd of the Mountains

Lutheran Church

WELCOME TO SHEPHERD OF THE MOUNTAINS LUTHERAN CHURCH!

In Christian worship, the Holy Spirit gathers people around the means of grace, the saving Word of God and the sacraments. From the table of communion where Jesus Christ comes with forgiveness, life, and salvation, God sends us out to share the good news and to care for those in need.

Whether you are a first-time guest, a regular friend or member, we hope that the Gospel speaks to you today. We encourage all persons to actively share in the worship of Almighty God, in hearing the Word read and preached, and in receiving the Word of Life in the Holy Communion.



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GATHERING



PRELUDE

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM - *PLEASE UNMUTE*

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C** **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
- P** Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We thank you, risen Christ,
for these waters where you make us new,
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,
like rains to our thirsting earth,
like streams that revive our souls,
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.
Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.
Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

Make us one, risen Christ.
Cleanse our hearts.
Shower us with life.

To you be given all praise,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God,
now and forever.

C **Amen.**



GREETING

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C** **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
- P** 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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray...
- C** **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON – *Please Mute*



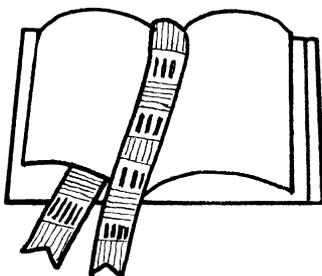
WORD

READINGS and PSALM

After the first and second reading the reader says,

R The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. _____, the __ chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

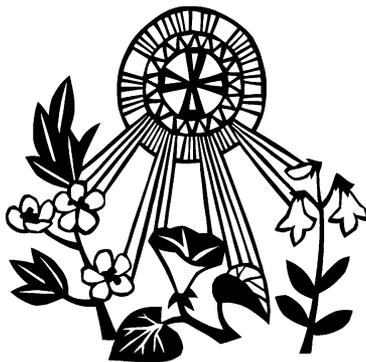
After the reading, the presider says:

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Steve Leiser



NICENE CREED – *Please unmute*

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 INTERCESSION

The presiding minister invites the congregation into prayer:

- A** Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

After each portion of the prayers:

- A** Hear us, O God.
- C** **Your mercy is great.**

The prayers conclude:

- P** 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.
- C** **Amen.**



PEACE – *Unmute and enable your video to visit online*

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** **And also with you.**

The people greet each other with the peace of Christ.

MEAL

OFFERING



*Please see link to Tithe.ly (Online Giving) on our webpage at www.shepherdofthemountains.org
OR mail your offering to the church office.
We thank those that have given electronically.*

SPECIAL MUSIC



OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A** 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.
- C** Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Before we come forward to commune at the Lord's Table we take time to give thanks to God for all the blessings God has so graciously shared with us. The Great Thanksgiving allows us to reflect on the incredible, wonderful scope of the majesty and glory of God. Thanksgiving is appropriate as our Lord Jesus Christ gave thanks to God prior to his sharing of his body and blood for all creation. Through Christ God's steadfast love endures forever.

Liturgically, during the Great Thanksgiving the pastor or minister and the congregation call on one another to give thanks to God. The pastor recites or sings the preface as appropriate to the Sunday and season of the church year. The preface reminds us why it is appropriate to thank God.

The congregation responds with the "Holy, Holy, Holy" which is known as the Sanctus. We give thanks for what God has done throughout history and today. We give thanks for God's promise of what God will do when Christ comes again.

Finally, the Great Thanksgiving comes to a climax with the Words of Institution. Here we recall the story of our Lord's last supper. Here we remember that our Lord commands us to share his meal regularly in remembrance of him. We then close by confidently praying the prayer that our Lord taught us to pray...the Lord's Prayer.



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.

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

PREFACE

Preface during the Easter Season, April 11 – May 16, 2021:

- ☐ 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 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 in their unending hymn:

Preface on Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2021:

- ☐ 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, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. 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:

Preface on Holy Trinity Sunday, May 30, 2021:

- ☐ 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. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



HOLY, HOLY – *Congregation Spoken*

- ☑ Holy, Holy, holy are you,
God of power and might;
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who comes in your name.
Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna in the highest!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

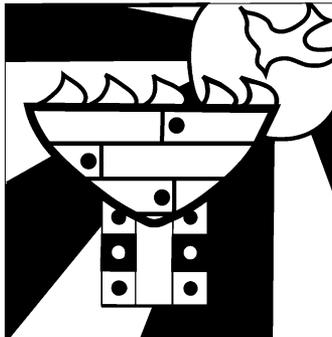
☐ You are indeed holy, gracious and merciful God; everything is filled with your glory. We give you thanks for your promise and presence which have sustained the faithful in this and every generation. Above all, we give you thanks for Jesus, born of Mary, who in word and deed announced your gentle rule of justice, reconciliation and peace.

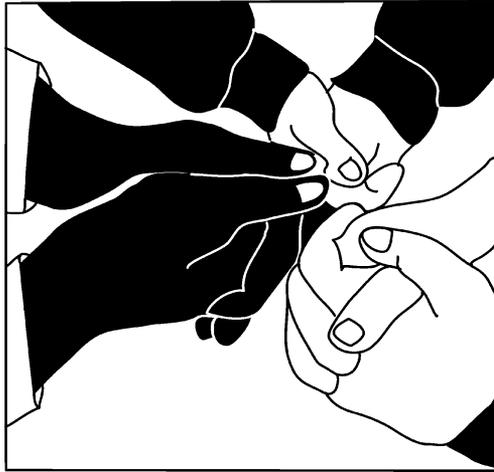
On the night of his betrayal our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

Remembering his command to love one another, his life and death, his resurrection and his ascension, we pray for his coming again. Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that all of your promises may come to us and your whole creation.

This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and our friend.





LORD'S PRAYER

- ☞ 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.**

COMMUNION

- ☐ The risen Christ invites us to this table.
Come, eat and be satisfied.

FOR DIGITAL COMMUNION

All are welcome to come forward virtually for Holy Communion in our online service. You do not need to be Lutheran, you do not need to be a member of Shepherd of the Mountains, and you do not need to worry about whether you commune in your own parish. Those communing may partake by providing their own bread and wine / grape juice at home. Our church can also supply you with prepackaged communion sets of a wafer and juice if you like. Gluten free is not available.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond:

✠ **Amen.**



Distribution

Holy Communion is about command and promise. Our Lord commands us to eat bread and drink wine in remembrance of him. Yes, we come to the altar out of obedience to Christ but we also come to the altar in joyous response to the promise of God given to you and to me through Jesus Christ for our forgiveness and our salvation.

Anyone who believes in the promise of Jesus Christ is invited to join the community of Christ at the Lord's Table. We believe that Jesus is indeed present in the bread and the wine. We believe that Jesus, God, is with us here and now.

The Pastor offers a blessing for the congregation. The people respond:

☐ **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A** 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.
- C** Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

BLESSING

- P** 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.
- C** Amen.

SENDING

- A** Christ is risen! Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
- C** Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Thank you for joining us for our Online Worship Service today!



Sunday School Education will be with Ms. Erin at 11 am. You can find the Zoom Link on our website under Worship, then drop down to Education and there you will find the videos listed under Sunday School.



Rocky Mountain Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

PURPOSE:

Every person, every congregation, every ministry, boldly serving God's mission in Christ.

GOALS:

■ **Identity**

We understand and articulate our Lutheran/Christian identity and have an intentional plan to live it out.

■ **Discipleship**

We have a transformed culture that considers faith formation and discipleship to be for all ages.

■ **Evangelism**

We have a transformed culture around evangelism that says, "We have something to share."

■ **Congregational Health**

We are healthy and able to go through transition and conflict in ways that lead to positive growth.

■ **Connections**

We increase synodical capacity to do God's work by strengthening connections between and within all expressions of our church.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

■ We are Lutheran

- ✓ Grace-centered in Christ.
- ✓ Biblically and confessionally grounded.
- ✓ Our faith is renewed constantly in experience of the living Word through Baptism, the Lord's Supper, the cross and resurrection.

■ We are Church

- ✓ Our primary unifying practice is weekly worship around Word and Sacrament and a grateful response of personal giving, service and hospitality.
- ✓ As the Body of Christ, our interdependence is a gift of God that we are called to live out.
- ✓ Our stories, worship, service and gifts are regularly magnified beyond us through collaborative partnerships that are local, synodical, national and global through the ELCA and beyond.

■ We are Evangelical

- ✓ By the work of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit we can be open, gracious, strong and forgiving toward everyone.
- ✓ The gospel of Jesus Christ is not a possession to be safeguarded, but a means of grace and blessing to be flung into a broken world like seeds scattered to the earth.
- ✓ Effectiveness in any ministry is measured by how far we extend the reach of the Gospel and the reconciling love of God beyond our walls.

■ We are Empowered

- ✓ God is working in each of us for a more faithful future. Every gathering in grace and every ministry has more capacity to reach beyond itself than we know and more capacity for change than we have imagined.
- ✓ Cultivating leadership that dares to increase our collective wisdom and facilitates needed change.
- ✓ The Mission and Vision is not ours, but God's. We discern what God is doing in our midst and join God through our actions.



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ELCA VISION STATEMENT

“A church so deeply and confidently rooted in the Gospel of God's grace that we are free to give our life joyfully in witness and service.”

SHEPHERD OF THE MOUNTAINS MISSION STATEMENT

“God has called us to be in the mountains for good, centered in the story of Jesus for the sake of the world through worship, fellowship and service.”

WHEN WE SAY ALL ARE WELCOME, WE REALLY MEAN IT!

“We embrace diversity in our congregation and community, and we affirm the dignity and worth of every person created in the image of God. We honor the guiding principle that discrimination is incompatible with Christ’s message of unconditional love. We welcome into full membership and participation in all aspects of our church life persons of every race, language, national origin, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identify or expression, physical or mental ability, economic or marital status, and faith background, and we affirm and celebrate all loving and committed relationships.”

ALL ARE WELCOME

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