

4th Sunday of Easter

Drive-in Worship on 87.9



St. Luke Lutheran Church • Pastor Eric Hanson
9:45AM • April 25, 2021

Welcome: He is Risen! Alleluia!

Announcements

Opening Song: *"Jesus Name Above All Names"*

Vs 1: Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

Vs 2: Jesus, loving Shepherd, Vine of the branches, Son of God.
Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor, Lord of the universe, Light of the world.

Vs 3: Jesus, way of salvation King of Kings, Lord of Lords.
The Way, the truth, and the life Mighty Creator, My Savior and Friend.

Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Living in Jesus' promise of new life we pray,

C: Heavenly Father, the light of Easter morning shines after the darkness of Good Friday. Forgive us when we hide our darkness from your light. When we hide brokenness and only show you wholeness, forgive us. When we cover shame and guilt with pride and pretense, forgive us. When we point out the speck in our neighbor's eye but ignore the log in our own eye, forgive us. When we choose old, harmful ways of living over new, life-giving ways, forgive us. Shine your light on us & make us new. In Jesus name we pray, amen.

P: Christ has risen! You are free from sin and death. Live as people set free.

The Gospel Reading: John 10:1-18 ¹"Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. 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."

Children's Message

Sermon Pastor Eric Hanson

Song of the Day: *"Come and Fill Our Hearts With Your Peace"* 3X #528

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!

Apostles' 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, & 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, & he will come to judge the living & 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, & the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers: (call and response)

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. *A brief silence.* Loving Shepherd, you know your own and your own know you. Your voice calls us to your loving embrace. Strengthen your church throughout the world that we bear witness to your expansive love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Gracious Shepherd, you are generous with the gifts of goodness and mercy. Restore your creation to wholeness so that cities and towns, countryside and wilderness, may abound with life. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of compassion, you sew mercy into justice and justice into mercy. Be with the entire state of Minnesota this week. May people of all shapes, sizes, and colors, law enforcement, people with different religious backgrounds, urban dwellers, and rural dwellers work for each other's good as much as we work for our own, personal good. May we see our good future wrapped up in the care we give each other. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Abiding Shepherd, your love flows as we reach out to those around us. Move us with your Spirit, so that we lay down our lives for those in need, especially; Gabriel Ryan, Ruth Holm, Keith Brown, Dolly Mensink, Naomi Berland, Dean Kirkland, Don & Ella Hadler, Lloyd Roschen, Finley Budensiek, Brent Hokanson, Keith Carlson, Karl Thomforde, Connie Ludwig, Billy Voth & the families of Jordis Howard and Erich & Kari Hemenway. Help us love one another in truth and action. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Lord God we thank you for new members joining our faith community this past year. Thank you for the gifts and witness of Gerald Meyer, Robby, Jacki, Drew and Jorli Ebner, Jill Ramboldt, Haylee & Colton Hall, Brett Dankers, and Brittany Sanborn. Unite us as one body of Christ to be your hands and feet in our community. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Eternal Shepherd, you hold us securely in your loving hands. In the assurance of resurrection hope, we remember our loved ones who have died in you. Bring us, with them, to dwell in your house forever. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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. **Amen.**

Sharing the Peace

The Meal: L. We remember....

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; & forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; & lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, & the power, & the glory, forever & ever. Amen.

Blessing: L: 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 Song: "Lord, I Lift Your Name On High" 2X #857

Lord I lift Your name on high. Lord I love to sing Your praises.
I'm so glad You're in my life. I'm so glad You came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth. To show the way. From the earth to the cross.

My debt to pay. From the cross to the grave. From the grave to the sky. Lord I lift Your name on high.

Dismissal:

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

L: Go in peace. Share the good news C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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