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Good Shepherd Sunday

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26th, 2026

Prelude *"Berceuse"* From JOCELYN by B Goddard
arr. for organ by Dr Louis Falk

Easter Proclamation

P: Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

C: Amen. Alleluia!

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen.
C: He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

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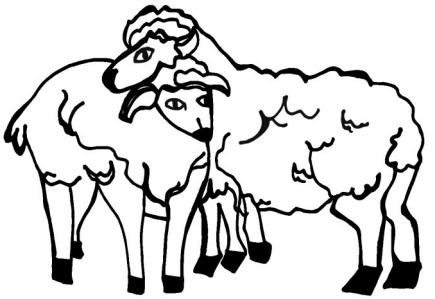
Processional Hymn ELW #781 *"Children Of The Heavenly Father"*

Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,

1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;

stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.

nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
his the lov - ing pur-pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

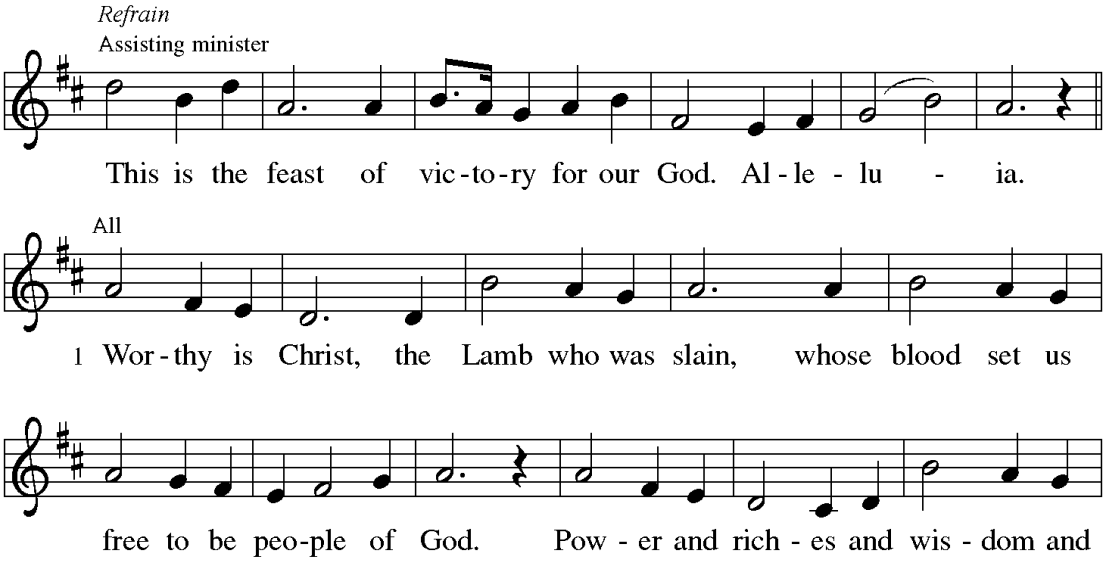


P: The grace of our risen Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day
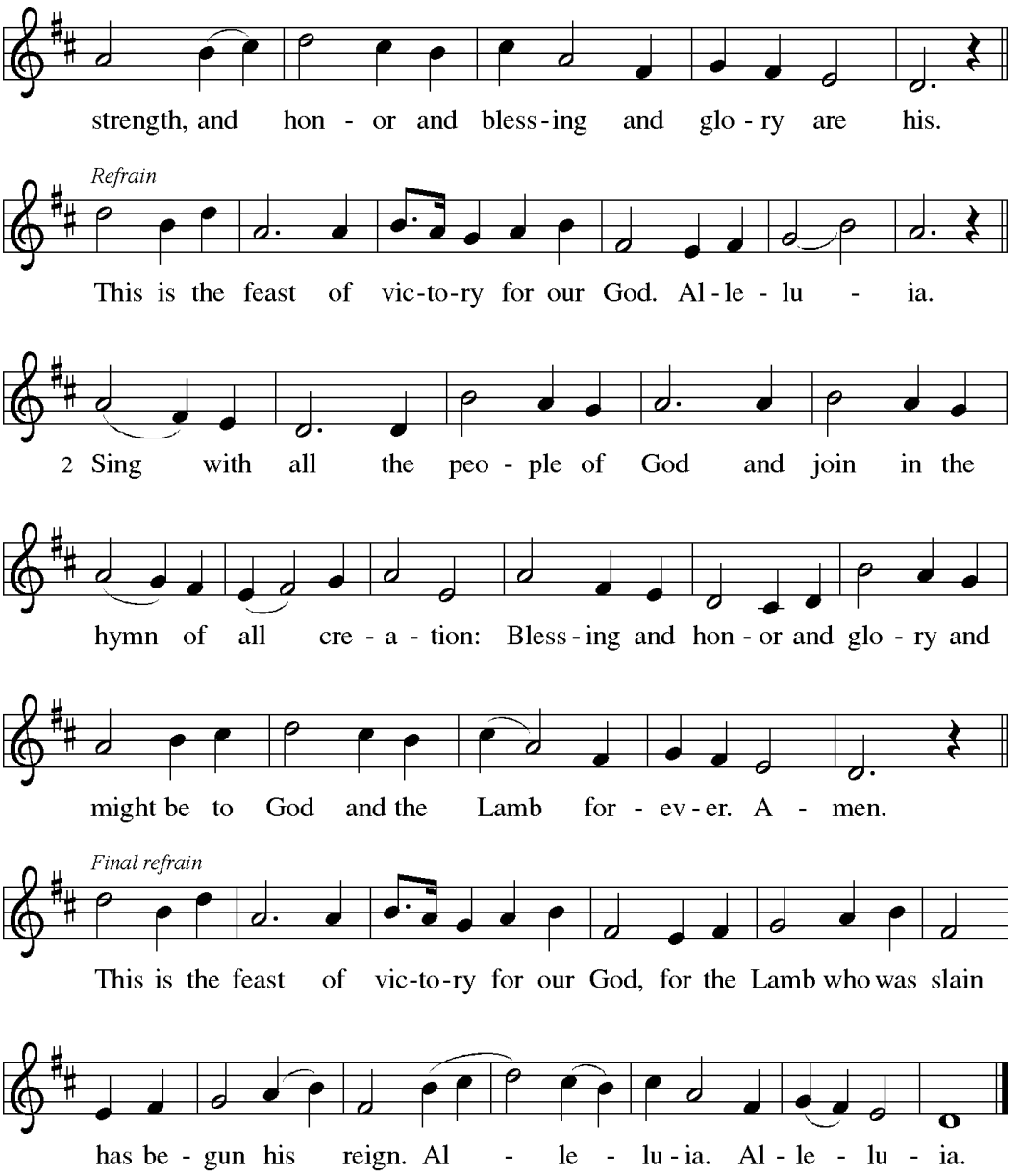
O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise *"This Is The Feast"*



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Hymn of Praise con't... *"This Is The Feast"*



First Reading — Ezekiel 34:7-15

7Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: 8 As I live, says the
Lord GOD, because my sheep have become a prey and my sheep have become
food for all the wild animals, since there was no shepherd, and because my
shepherds have not searched for my sheep, but the shepherds have fed
themselves and have not fed my sheep, 9 therefore, you shepherds, hear the word
of the LORD: 10 Thus says the Lord GOD: I am against the shepherds, and I will hold
them accountable for my sheep and put a stop to their feeding the sheep; no
longer shall the shepherds feed themselves. I will rescue my sheep from their
mouths, so that they may not be food for them.

11 For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort
them out. 12 As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered
sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which
they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. 13 I will bring them
out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them into
their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the
watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. 14 I will feed them with
good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they
shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the
mountains of Israel. 15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make
them lie down, says the Lord GOD.
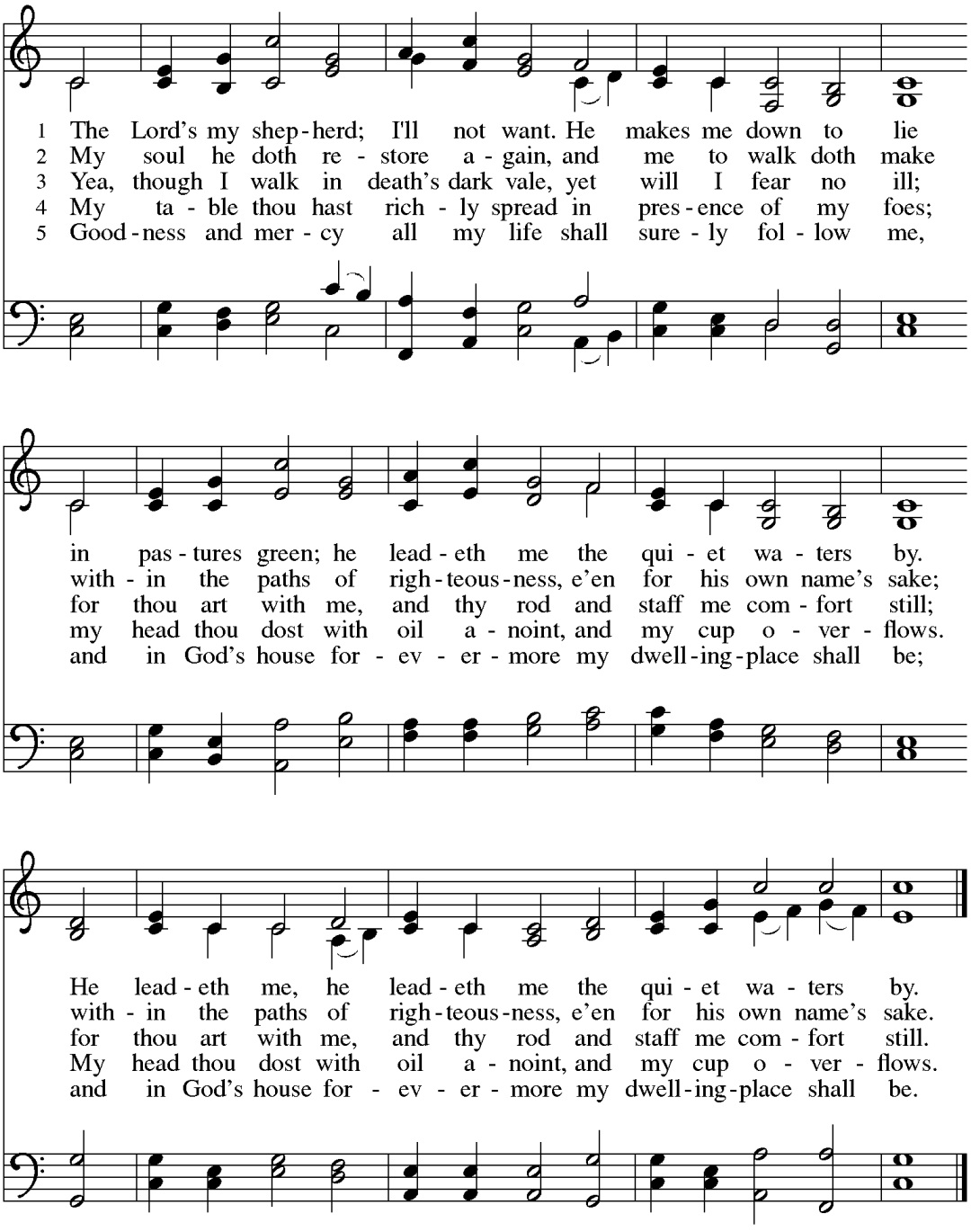
L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.



Psalm Hymn

ELW #778 "*The Lord's My Shepherd*"



Second Reading 1 Peter 2:19-25

[19] It is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while
suffering unjustly. [20] If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what
credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a
commendable thing before God. [21] For to this you have been called, because
Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in
his steps.

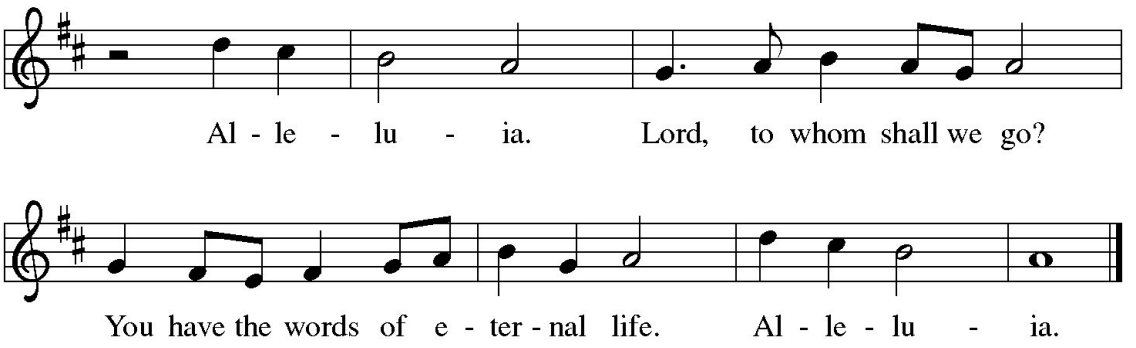
[22] "He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth."

[23] When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not
threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. [24] He himself bore
our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for
righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. [25] For you were going astray
like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



P: The Holy Gospel according to St John.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel — John 10:1-10

[Jesus said:] [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. [2] The one who enters
by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. [3] The gatekeeper opens the gate for him,
and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. [4]
When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow
him because they know his voice. [5] They will not follow a stranger, but they will
run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." [6] Jesus used this
figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to
them.

[7] So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. [8]
All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to
them. [9] I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go
out and find pasture. [10] The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came
that they may have life and have it abundantly."

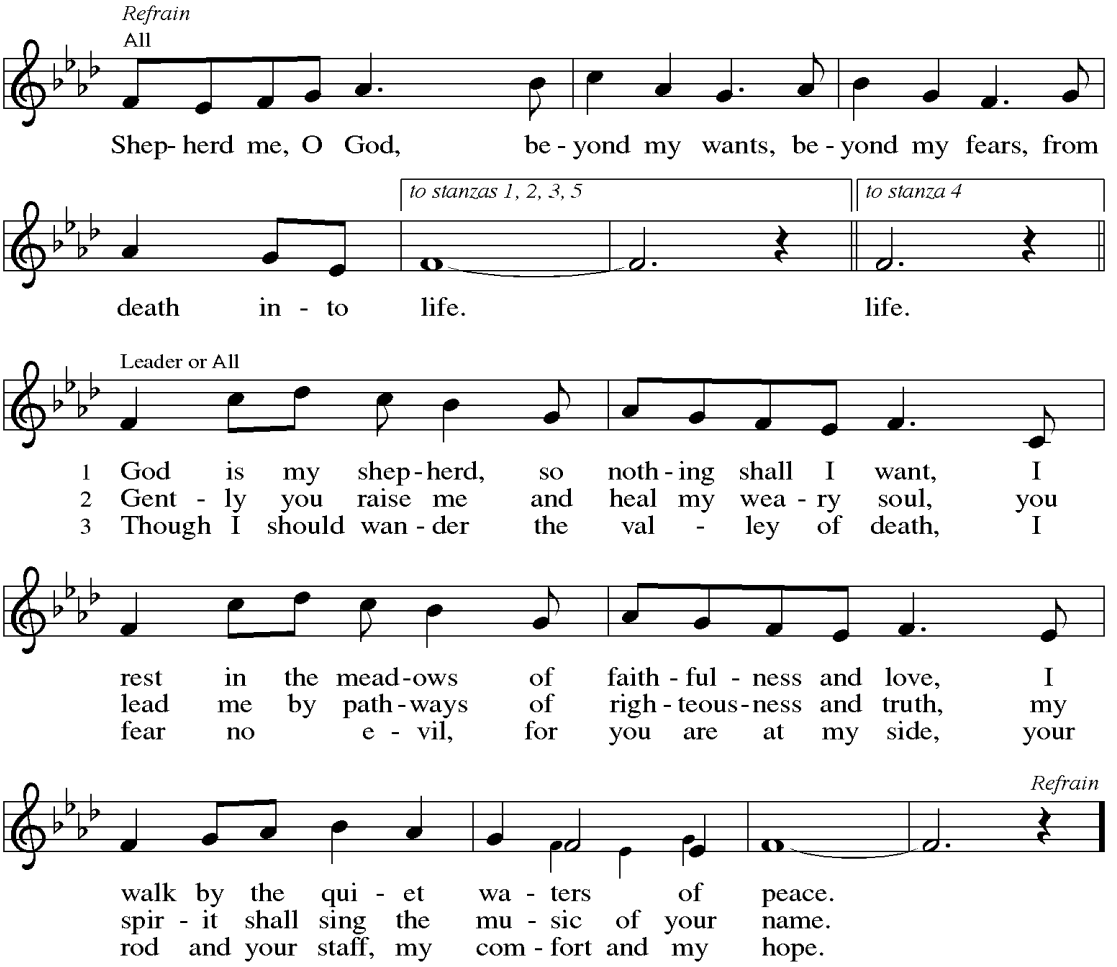
Gospel Acclamation (repeat acclamation)

Sermon — Rev. Nicholas Zook



Hymn Of The Day

ELW # 780 *"Shepherd Me., O God"*



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Refrain

ha - tred, crown-ing me with love be-yond my pow'r to hold.

Leader or All

5 Sure - ly your kind - ness and mer - cy fol - low me all the days of my life;

I will dwell in the house of my God for - ev - er - more.

Final refrain

All

Shep - herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -

yond my fears, from death in - to life.



New Member Welcome

We welcome new members into our congregation this morning through the Affirmation of Baptism.

A: I present Andy, Bates, Maggie, Ruby, Katherine and Renatta, who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

Let us pray.
Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers,
whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism.
You have called them to yourself,
enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit,
and nourished them in the community of faith.
Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism,
and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth.
We ask this in the name of Christ.
Amen.

Profession of Faith

Do you believe in God the Father?
I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
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.

P: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:
to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each person responds: **I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

P: People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

P: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.
Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.

Presentation of Certificates

Easter Prayers of Intercession

A: We are united to Christ in his death and resurrection through our baptism. As members of his risen body, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

A: Let us pray to the Lord.
C: Hear us, risen Lord.

A: Holy God, you raise up leaders in your church who preach salvation through the death and resurrection of Christ. Inspire us to go and tell this good news throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, we pray for the resurrection of our world when Christ will rule and the establishment of your kingdom will bring an end to war, violence, injustice and death. Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, as Christ's presence in our community, you call us to love and serve our neighbors. Bless the ministries of Concordia Church and Concordia Place with the spirit of our risen Lord that your saving grace may fill the lives of all we serve. Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, you wipe away the tears of all who cry to you in distress. Bring healing to all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, and comfort those who struggle and seek your presence, especially *[pause for names]*, and those whose names we speak silently or aloud [*pause for names*] ...Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, you have swallowed up death forever through the resurrection of your Son. Speak to those who mourn with the promise of new life in Christ with those they love. Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

P: Receive our prayers and hopes, and fill us with the risen life of Jesus Christ, your Son.
C: Amen.

The Peace

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

You are invited to share the sign of peace with others.

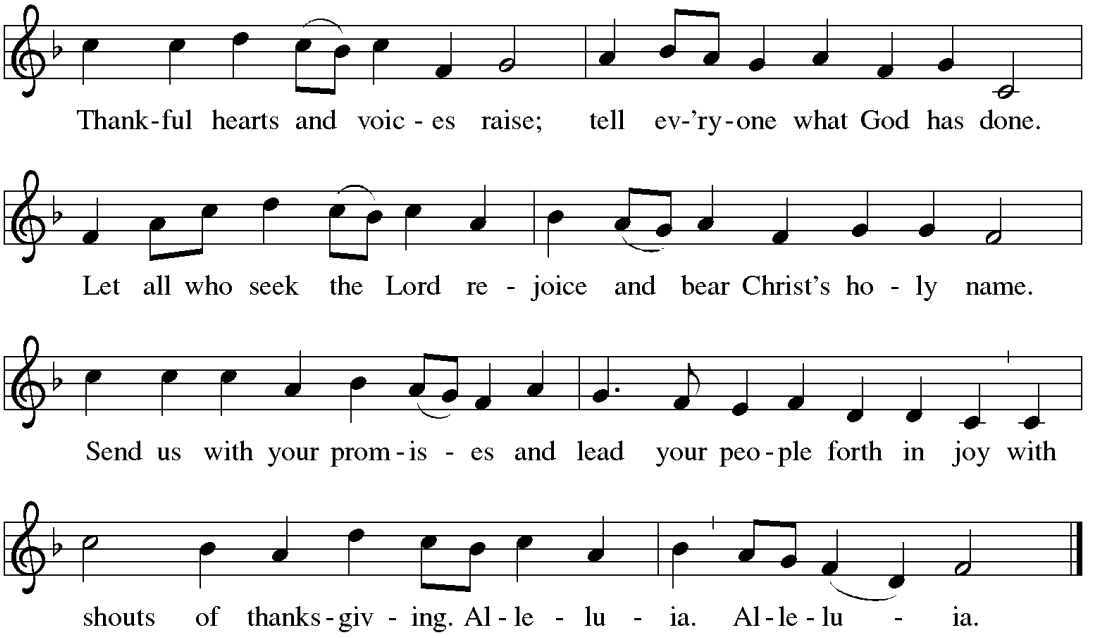
Anthem

"He Shall Feed His Flock Like A Shepherd"
from "Messiah" by G F Händel with "Saviour"
Shepherd of Our Souls" excerpt by Leo Kempinski
with Mezzo Soprano solo by Jade Dashá

The Offering

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Offertory Hymn ELW #204 "*Thankful Hearts And Voices Raise*"



Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray.

C: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Holy Eucharist
The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

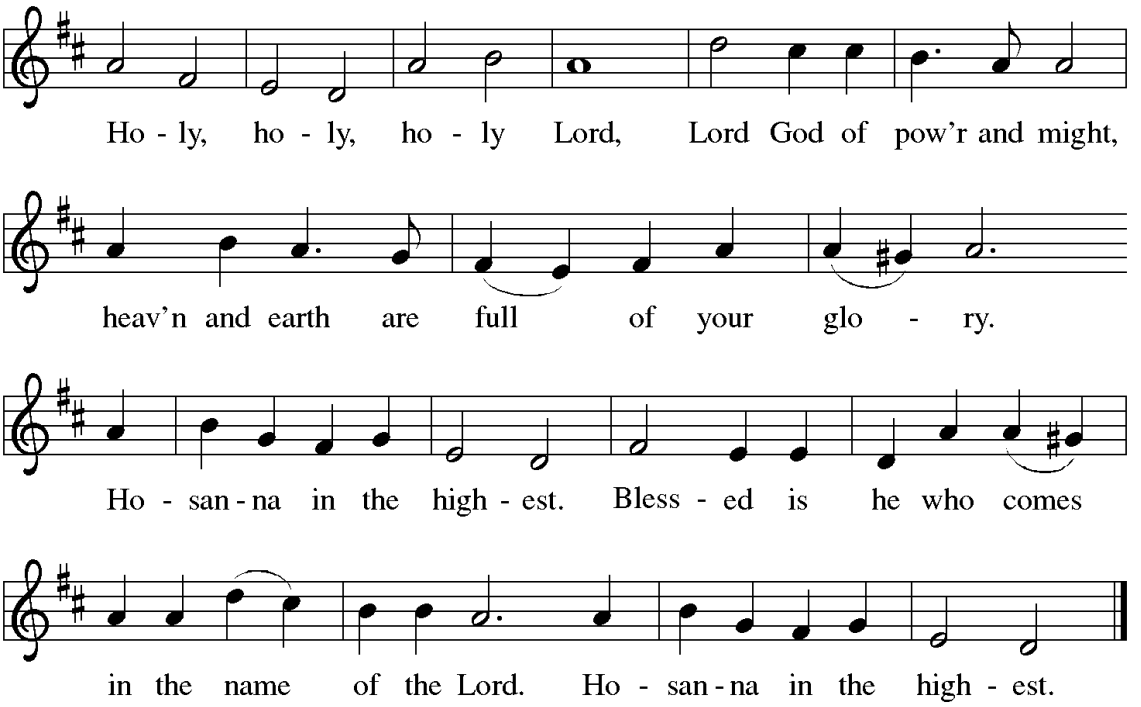
P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should and at all times……. we praise your name and join their unending hymn.
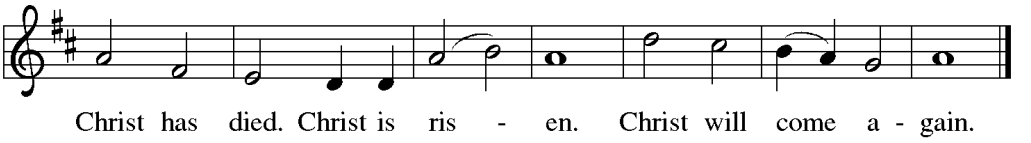
Sanctus



P: Blessed are you,
God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
By your great mercy
we have been born anew
to a living hope
through the resurrection of your Son
from the dead.
Once we were no people,
but now we are your people,
declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ,
who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

P: By the baptism
of Christ's death and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery
to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant.
with joy, we proclaim
the mystery of our faith.

C:



P: On the night
he offered himself up for us
he took bread,
gave thanks t o you,
broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat;
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

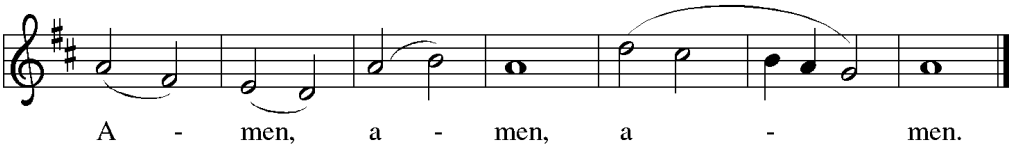
P: When the supper was over
he took the cup
gave thanks to you
gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you;
for this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me."



P: O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Reveal yourself to us in the breaking
of the bread and raise us up
as the body of Christ for the world.
C: Come Holy Spirit.

P: Through him, with him, in him,
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,
All honor and glory is yours,
Almighty God,
Now and for ever,

C:



The Lord's Prayer
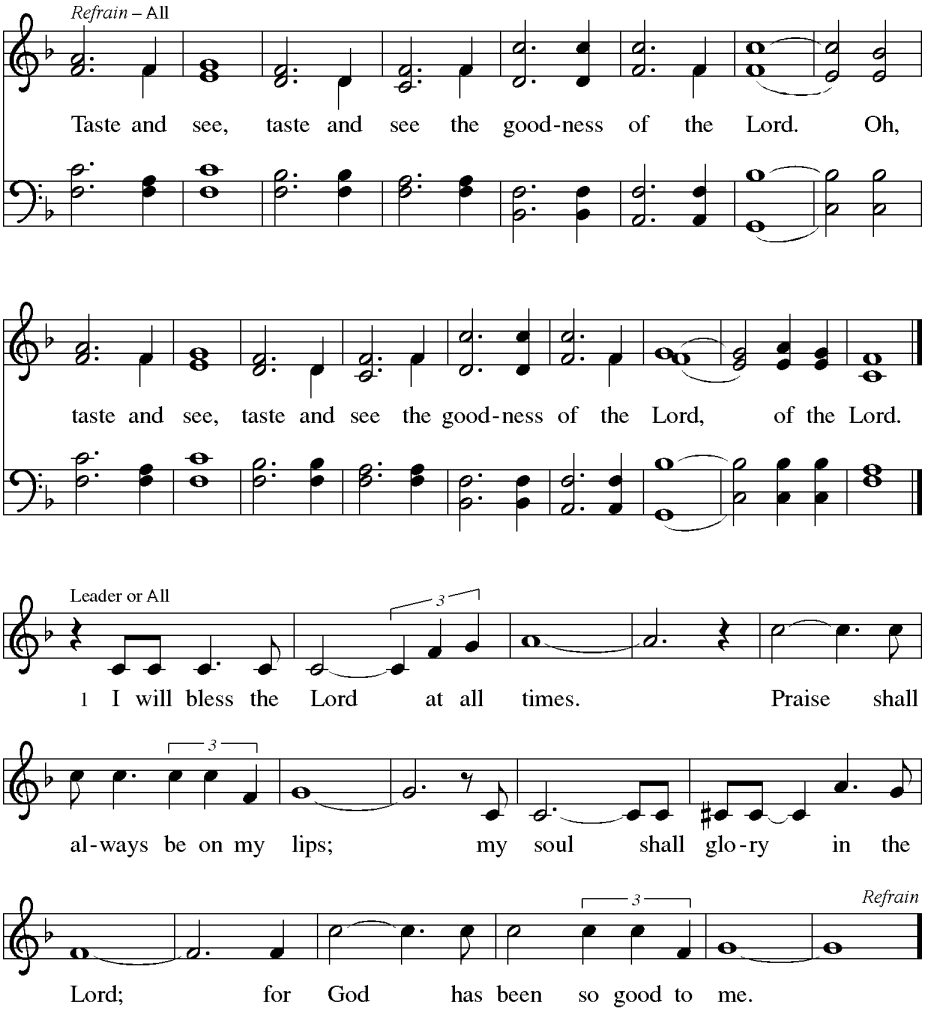
P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:
C: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven,
Give us today our daily bread,
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us,
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Communion Invitation

We invite all who are baptized in Christ to come forward for communion. All are welcome at the Lord's table. Parents of young children are asked to let the pastor know if they want their child to receive communion or a blessing.
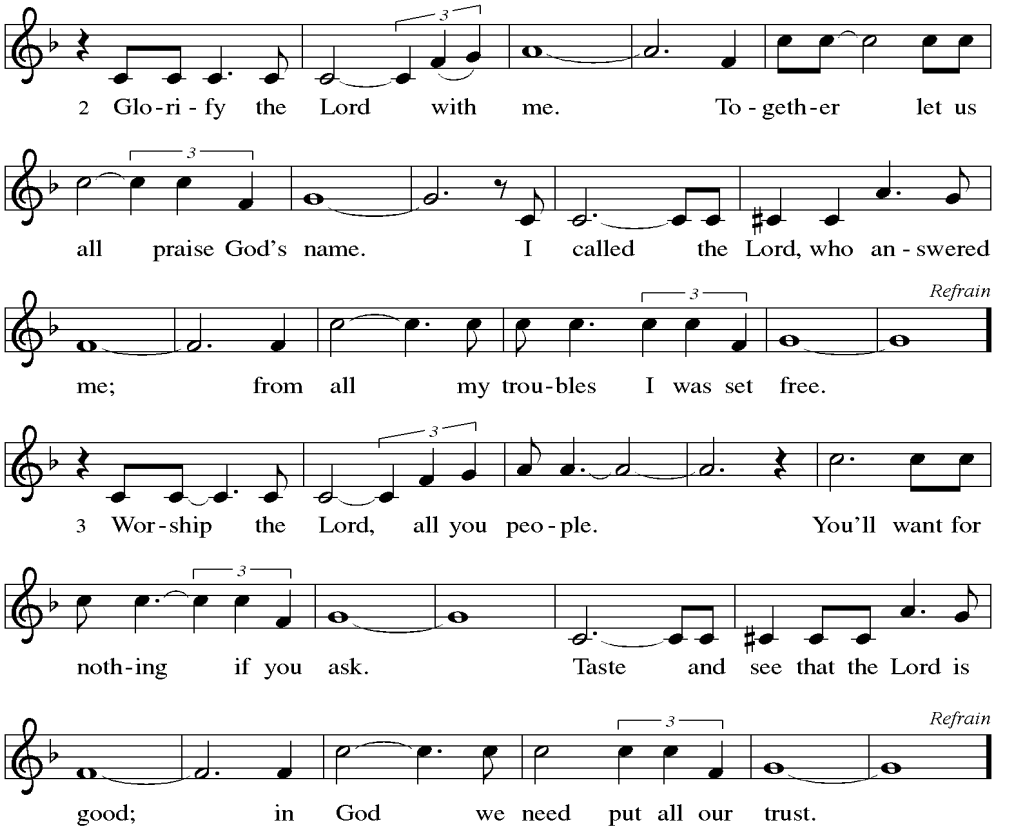
Communion is served by continuous table around the altar, and you are asked to take a place as openings appear.

Communion Hymn — ELW #493 "*Taste And See*"



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Communion Hymn con't... ELW #493 *"Taste And See"*



Post Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray.

A: You have given yourself to us, Lord.

C: Now we give ourselves for others.
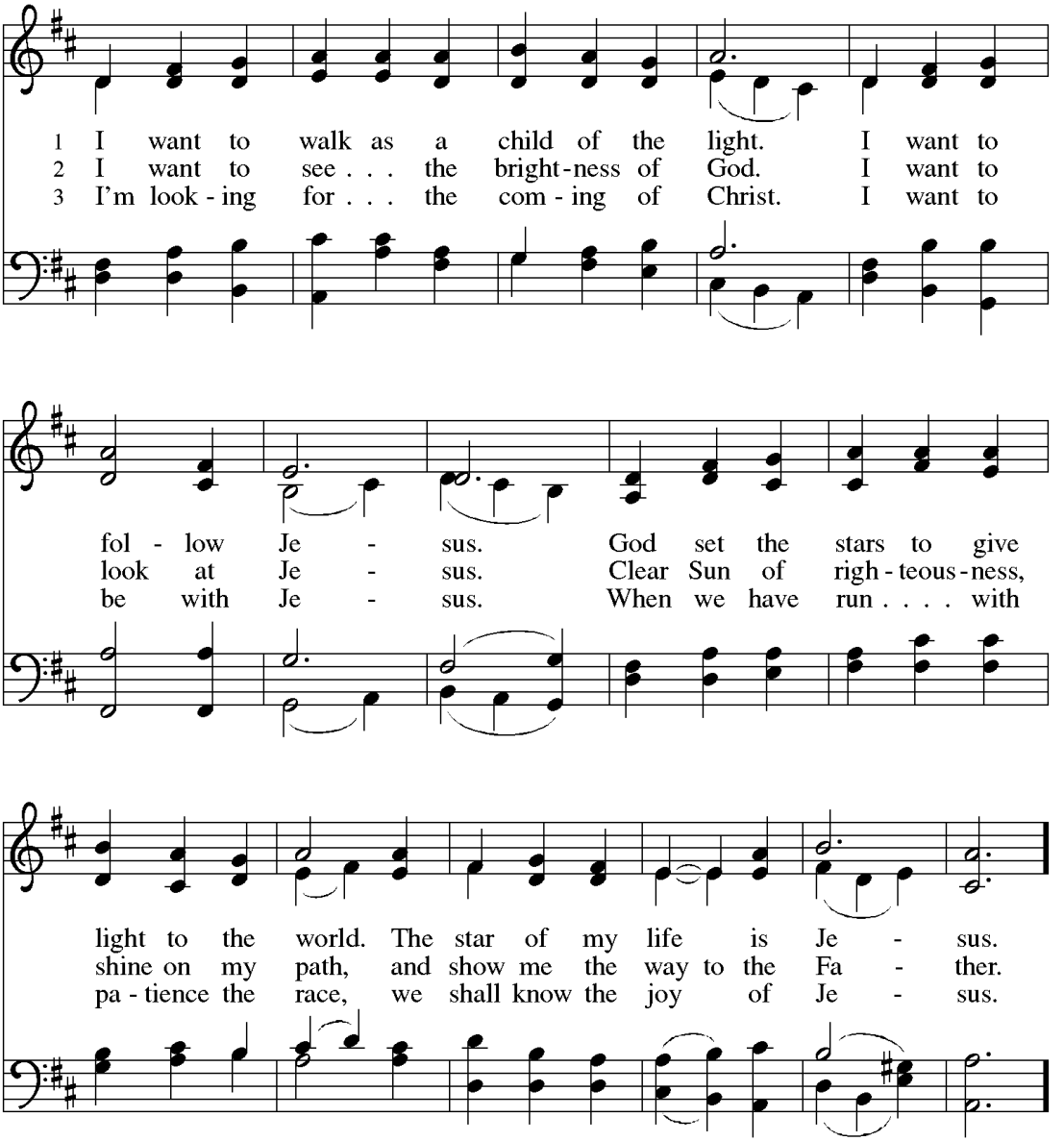
A: Your love has made us a new people;

C: as a people of love
we will serve you with joy.

A: Your glory has filled our hearts;

C: help us to glorify you in all things.
Amen.
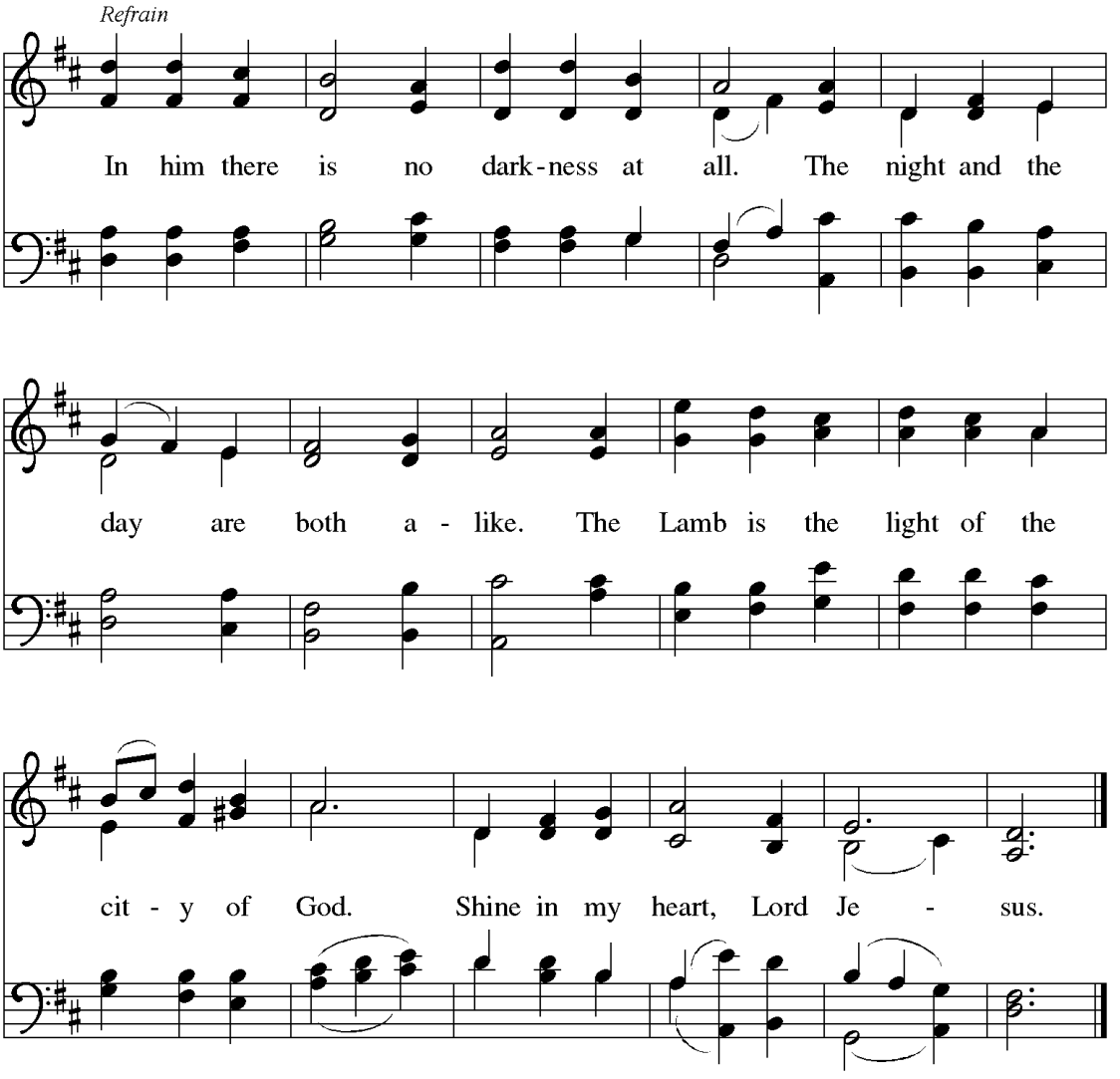
Closing Hymn ELW #815 "*I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light*"



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Closing Hymn con't

ELW #815 "*I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light*"



Announcements

Benediction

P: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ: to whom be glory forever and ever.
Amen.

Dismissal

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
C: He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

A: Go in peace. Remember your baptism.
C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Allegretto ma non troppo "Chanson" By Pyotr Tschaikowsky arr. for organ by G.S. Schuler

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Today's celebrants:

Pastor: Rev. Nicholas Zook
Deacon: Kim Baratta
Lector: Marne Turner
Greeters: —
Soloists: Marisa Mladenovic, Jade Dasha, Benjamin Burney, Carl Ratner
Choir: Dan Lantvit, Kunying Li, Bates Larson, Maggie Larson, Mary-Ann Lupa, Betsy Ries, Wilma Stevens, Linda Storbeck
Organist & Choir Director: Paul D. Dykstra

Sunday School

Sunday School is next held on Sunday, May 3rd. Children will hear the children's message with Pastor Zook and will then join their teachers in the gym for the lesson. Children ages 4-11 years old are invited!

6th Annual Concordia Cup Golf Event

Concordia Place hosts its annual golf event on June 15th at River Forest Country Club. Golfers are wanted! If you are interested in playing, or are interested in sponsoring the golf tournament, pick up a flyer in the back of the sanctuary for more information.

Important Dates To Note

April 26th: New members received during worship at 10am
Council Meeting following worship

June 7th: Annual Meeting of the Church

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$500

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- Social media recognition

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Welcome, and thank you for worshipping with us this morning.

Holy Communion happens at every service and is open to all baptized.

Restrooms are located in the fellowship hall; exit the sanctuary through the back and follow the stairwell downstairs.

Masks and hand sanitizer are located in the back of the sanctuary should you need either.

Questions? Contact Desirae, Parish Admin, at dcontreras@concordiafaith.org

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Psalm Hymn **ELW #778 "The Lord's My Shepherd"**

Text: *The Psalms of David in Meeter*, Edinburgh, 1650
Music: BROTHER JAMES' AIR, James L. Macbeth Bain; arr. Gordon Jacob, 1895–1984
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Hymn Of The Day **ELW # 780 *"Shepherd Me., O God"***

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950, based on Psalm 23
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Communion Hymn **ELW #493 *"Taste And See"***

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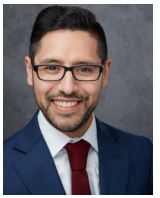
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