



April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter,

Year B

10:30 Worship

Welcome!

We're glad you are with us today.

Families with young children: We have both a staffed nursery downstairs as well as a PrayGround near the front of the sanctuary.

Ask an usher!

This service is being livestreamed and recorded.



Good Shepherd LUTHERAN
CHURCH

Worship Service for Sunday, April 28, 2024

*Congregation responses are **bold**.*

*Please fill out the yellow Prayers & More form and hand it to an usher during the Children's Message.
Prayers included on your Prayers & More sheet will be included in today's worship.*



Prelude

"Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song" (arr. M. Burkhardt)

Dr. Carl Heine




Announcements



Thanksgiving for Baptism

Immersed in the promises of baptism,
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning
your voice thundered over the deep
and water became the essence of life.
The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.
Your people passed through the sea
into freedom's land

At the river Jesus was baptized by John
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,
freeing all to live a new life,
through the risen Christ, our source of living water.
Amen.

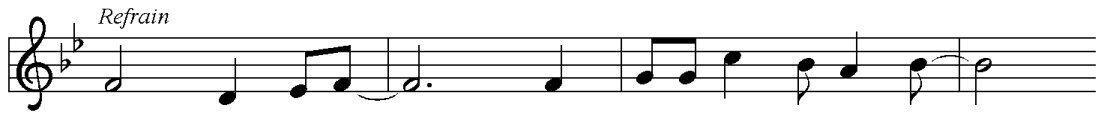


Leader
We have seen the Lord. _____ God is might-y, _____
God is low-ly, _____
God is gra-cious, _____

Assembly
We have seen the Lord.
God is pow-er-ful. _____
God is mer-ci-ful. _____
God is won-der-ful. _____

We have seen the Lord. We have seen the
We have seen the Lord.
Lord, God with us, Je-sus Christ.

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



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

Refrain

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -


gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



 **Prayer of the Day**

Rev. Kerstin Hedlund

 **Reading 1**

1 John 4:7-21

Sue Olson

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, “I love God,” and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**



Gospel Acclamation "I am the Vine" (Iona Community) Dr. Carl Heine & Choir



Gospel

John 15:1-8

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The Holy Gospel according to John, the 15th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**



Children's Sermon

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Sermon

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Hymn of the Day

"O Blessed Spring"

Hymn 447



Prayers of Intercession

Judy Beisser

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**



Sharing of the Peace

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The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**



Offertory

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

Hymn 185



Offering Prayer

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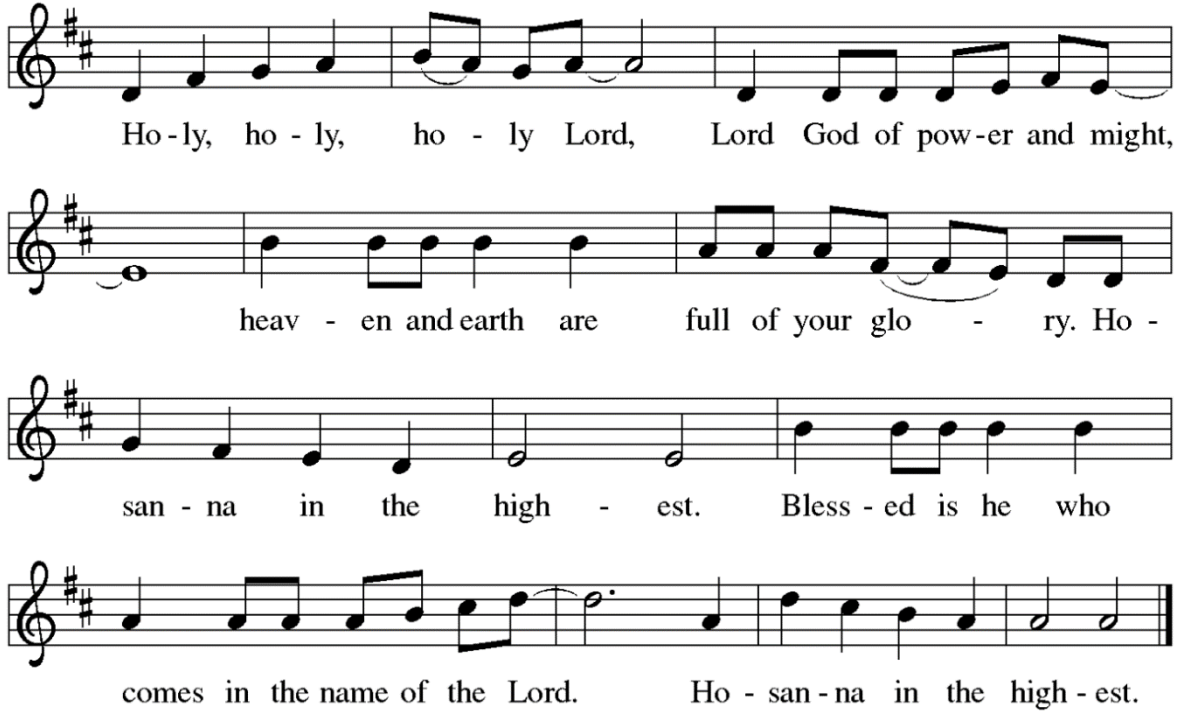


Communion

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

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

**Abba Imma/Heavenly Parent/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

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Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -



way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

"Lord Be Glorified" Hymn 744

"Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song" Hymn 403



Post Communion Blessing

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Benediction

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Closing Hymn

"We Know That Christ Is Raised"

Hymn 449



Dismissal

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Postlude

"Engelberg" (arr. R. Hobby)

Dr. Carl Heine

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