

Christ the King Lutheran Church
4th Sunday after Easter, April 25, 2021
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PRELUDE

Easter Praise

arr. Ron & Linda Sprunger

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

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. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Chris-tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
 God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
 all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!





of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
 when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
 met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

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GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Let us pray. **O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

READING: 1 John 3:16-24

¹⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL READING: John 10:11-18

[Jesus said:] 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.”

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.**
- 2 Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth
and, where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.**
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.**
- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me,
thy rod and staff my comfort still; thy cross before to guide me.**
- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thine unction grace bestoweth;
and, oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!**
- 6 And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.**

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877

APOSTLE'S 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, 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.

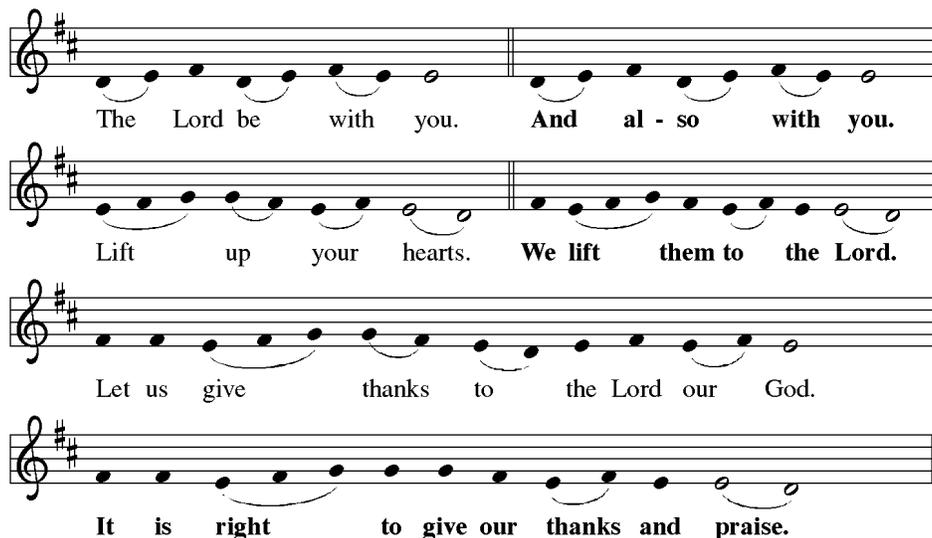
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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If you have brought your offering with you – you may hand it to an usher as you drive out – thank you!*

HONKING THE PEACE

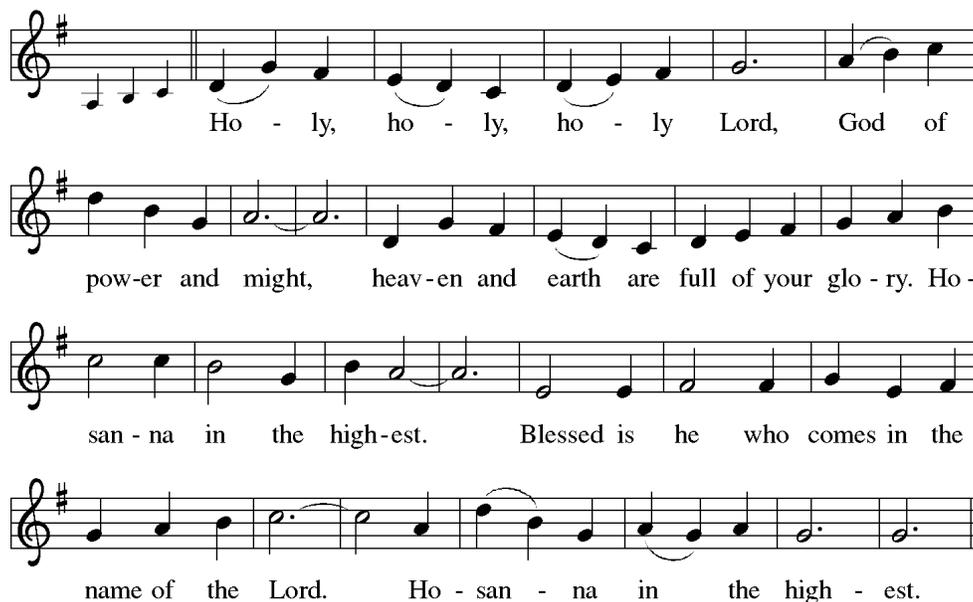
PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE Response: **Your mercy is great.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING



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

It is right. . . . as we praise your name and join their unending hymn



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

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

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

HYMN

Loving Shepherd of the Sheep (sung to Jesus Loves Me)

Loving Shepherd of Your sheep, Keep Your lamb, in safety keep;
Nothing can your power withstand; None can pluck me from your hand.

(Refrain:)

Jesus our shepherd, Jesus our shepherd, Jesus our Shepherd, we go where you will lead!

Loving Shepherd, ever near, Teach your lambs your voice to hear;
Suffer not our steps to stray From the straight and narrow way. (Refrain)

Where you lead us we will go, Walking in your steps below,
Till before your Father's throne We shall know as we are known. (Refrain)

BLESSING AND SENDING

POSTLUDE

Cornet Processional

David P. Dahl

Worship Leaders

Preaching	Pastor Maria Anderson-Lippert
Presiding	Pastor Rory Philstrom
Children's Message	Brittany McDonald
Lector	David Tillotson
Prayers	Holly Hauer
Organist/Music Director	Bjorn Gustafson
Special Music	Members of the Trinity Choir

In your prayers this week, please remember:

- **Norm Goehner and his family at the death of his wife, Elmarie.**
- **Continuing Prayers: Laurie Youmans** (sister-in-law of Pam Jaye & Karen Youmans), **Lois Torvik, Steve Casperson, Pastor Jim Knutson, Jaden Hanson** (relative of Lorie Aljoe), **Pastor Dave Valen, Char Weidenbach, Miriam Hecht, John Peterson** (brother of Jim Stoll), **Laura Grondin** (Shirley Smith's daughter), **Tom Turrso** (friend of Jim Stoll's), **Carol Trewartha, Dick Jackson, Eugene Jaster** (brother of Sharon Wood), **Chloe Ashley, Cal & Barb Vraa, Bev Johnson, Barb Rhodes and Pat Andersen**
- **New Prayers: Nancy Meecham**
- **Maxine Blanchard** and all who are homebound
- **Rev. Philip and Lou-Marie Knutson, South Africa; Rev. Dorcas Wang, China and Peace Center for the Blind in Jerusalem**
- **Masibumbane HIV/AIDS Mission, Mpophomeni, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa**



May Worship at CTK

5/2 – Drive-In Worship

5/9 – Drive-In Worship

5/16 – Drive-In Worship

5/23 – Pentecost Drive-In Worship

Drive-In worship will start at 9:30am and will take place in the CTK parking lot. Come rain or shine!! There will continue to be an online worship component for those who cannot safely attend.

Bryant Park Community Garden

If you want to rent a garden box this summer:

Cost is \$20.00 a season for the new larger boxes and \$10.00 for the old smaller boxes. Click on the [link](#), stop by the office for a form or go to our website

<https://www.ctkb.org/news/bryant-park-community-garden>.

Bible Reading for next week:

Acts 8:26-40

Psalms 22:25-31

1 John 4:7-21

John 15:1-8

April Gift of Love - Beacon/Families Moving Forward Sheltering Program

Congregations host families who are experiencing homelessness, extending hospitality and a warm, safe place to rest. Dedicated volunteers from more than 90 congregations throughout the Twin Cities metro area (including CTK) make hot meals, lead activities, and set up comfortable spaces to sleep as they host families overnight for a week at a time. However, due to Covid-19 safety precautions, families are currently being sheltered in a hotel in Chaska. Congregations continue to provide evening meals for the families at the hotel, and drop off food for breakfast and lunch at the Beacon Program Center.

During the day, families work with FMF case managers based on their unique needs, finding support as they transition from temporary shelter to an established home. At the Beacon Program Center in Chaska, parents may search for a new home, do laundry, go to work or search for a new job, while their children play or go to school. Through the entire experience, FMF staff foster an environment of dignity and resilience.

Christ the King has supported FMF for over 40 years! Our prayers and financial gifts are needed even more now, to help cover the additional costs of sheltering families in hotels, rather than with congregations. Your prayers and financial gift of love are greatly appreciated!

Digital Schedule!

Sundays

9:30am – Sunday online Worship Posted on YouTube, Facebook, and www.ckkb.org/services/
There will be no coffee hour when we have Drive-In Worship

Daily

10am - Digital Devotional on Facebook Live (Monday-Thursday)

Written Devotionals via email or at <https://www.ckkb.org/blog>

Tuesdays

2pm - Community Announcements via Constant Contact

Wednesdays

10:30am Bible Study on Zoom

<https://zoom.us/j/894811971?pwd=aG9lNmpTRTJyeGtzQWtNaDZibEZxZz09>