



*The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.*

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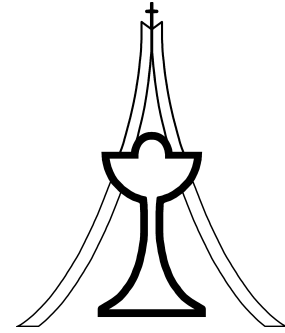
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***All are welcome here***  
*All people of faith, All people of doubt*  
*All people of any origin, race, ability, sexual orientation or gender expression*  
*All people who seek a compassionate community*

***All are welcome here***  
*Welcome to worship, Welcome to pray*  
*Welcome to learn, Welcome to give thanks*  
*Welcome to serve God and neighbors*

***All are welcome here***  
*All are redeemed by a gracious God*



## **Invitation to Holy Communion (livestream) with Our Saviour Lutheran Church**

(Please read before worship begins)

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I cannot say what Communion is any better than Luther, so I'll let him say it. In the Small Catechism Luther writes the following, and more in The Sacrament of the Altar.

*What is the Sacrament of the Altar?*

It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, under the bread and wine, for us Christians to eat and to drink, instituted by Christ Himself.

*What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?*

This is shown by the words: "Given and shed for you for the remission of sins." In the Sacrament, forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given to us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

*How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?*

It is not the eating and drinking that do these things, but these words: "Given and shed for you for the remission of sins." These words are, along with the bodily eating and drinking, the main thing in the Sacrament. Anyone who believes these words has what they say: that is, the forgiveness of sins.

- As we travel this wilderness of COVID-19, it is right and proper for us to participate in the Eucharist as we are gathered as the church in person, as well as live streaming. Holy Communion takes place in the assembly of the Body of Christ.
- Live Stream Communion is new territory for us as we navigate our new context. After reading Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, after much prayer and discernment, I believe this technology should be used in such manners to share God's grace, love, forgiveness and acceptance.

- As we assemble in person or live stream, when confessions are heard and forgiven, as the Word is proclaimed, it is proper for Communion to take place as we are then sent out as the Body of Christ for the world. I ask you to only commune as the live Word is spoken and not commune to the recording of this service.
- Please use bread and wine or a gluten free option and grape juice. Please prepare a plate and cup prior to service to have and share. If you have one and not the other, know that God is fully present in both elements and only one is necessary.
- God is the One working through the spoken Word in the mystery of communion. We don't fully know how, rather we know Jesus said, "Take, eat; this is My body," ... "Take this and drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." God is the source of love infused into us through the Spirit as we partake of the Eucharist. We don't understand it fully; we fully believe Christ is there fulfilling His promises of forgiveness, life and salvation.

Remember: All Are Welcome – Hospitality fills God's Table – Everywhere!

Pastor Randy

## *The Gathering*

### **Prelude Music**

*Lamb of God*, Setting by Joel Raney, Sara Behnke, flute, and Beth Dana, piano

*This Joyful Eastertide* setting by Michael Burkhardt

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*, arr. Kevin Kail, Sara Behnke, flute, and Beth Dana, piano

*Prelude from Partita on Westminster Abbey* Charles Callahan

**Call to Worship** (inspired by Psalm 23~ written by Joanna Harader and posted on **Spacious Faith**. <https://spaciousfaith.com/>)

**P** Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

**C** **Christ is Risen, indeed!**

**P** In the darkest valley,

**C** **at the banquet table;**

**P** in the hard work of life,

**C** **at the moments of ease;**

**P** in our day-to-day reality,

**C** **at times set aside–**

**P** like this time, now–

**C** **for worship, for listening, for paying attention;**

**P** with every step we take:

**C** **goodness and mercy follow us;**

**our cups overflow.**

### **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

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

**P** 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.

**C Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn: ELW (red), hymn 645, verses 1 and 3: *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation***



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and  
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of  
 3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from  
 4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,  
 hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,  
 you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er  
 to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
 hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est  
 with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter  
 ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.  
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.  
 in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.  
 one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
 Music: WESTMINSTER ABBEY, Henry Purcell, 1659–1695; arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1802–1868

**Greeting**

**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.**

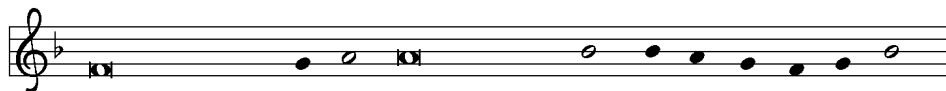
# Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



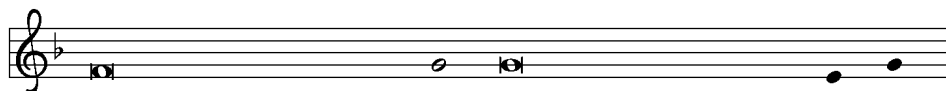
Lord, have mer - cy.



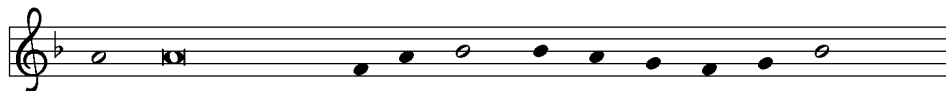
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



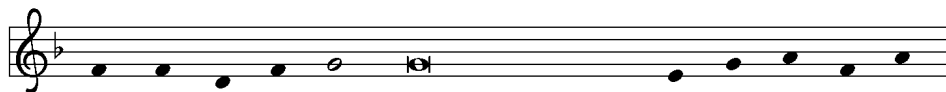
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



God, and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



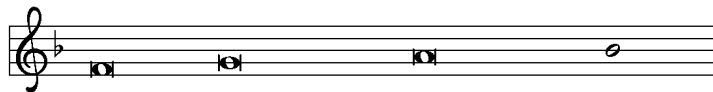
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



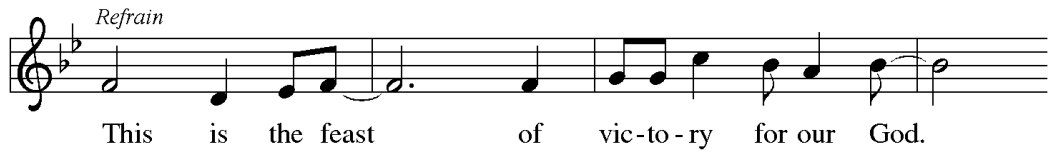
Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

# Hymn of Praise

*Refrain*



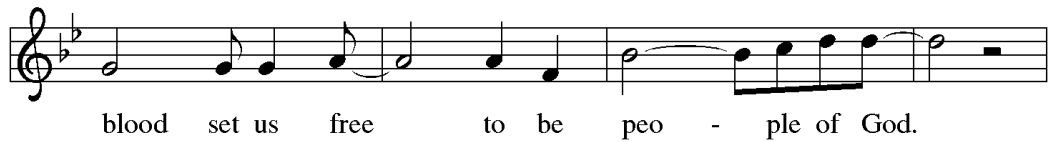
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



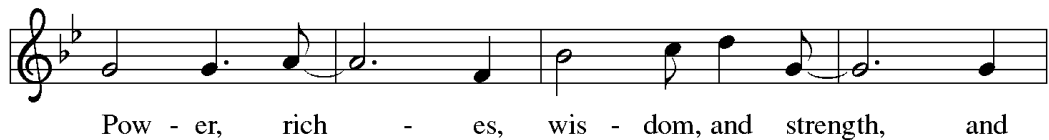
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



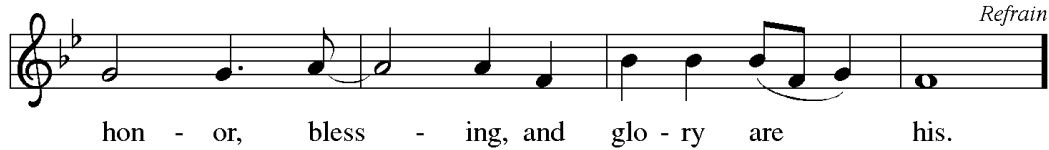
1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



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



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



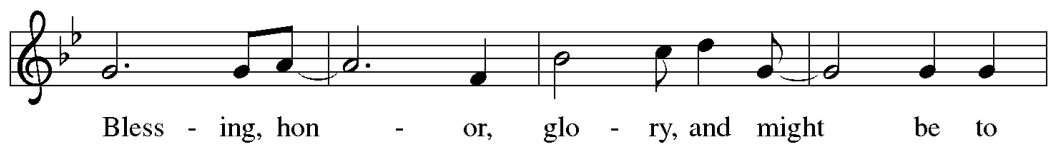
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



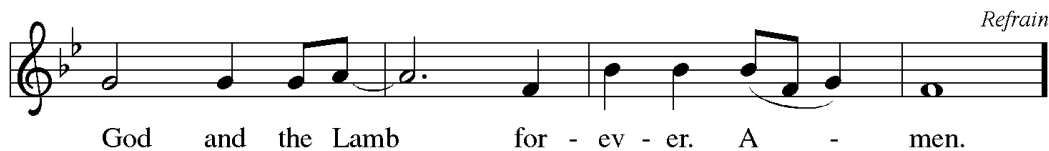
2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



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.



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.

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

**Prayer of the Day** (inspired by Psalm 23, John 10~ written by Mary Petrina Boyd, and posted on **Ministry Matters**. <http://www.ministrymatters.com/>)

- P Loving Shepherd,  
 you know our names; you care for us. When we face darkness and death, walk beside us.  
 When we hunger for your love, fill us with your presence.  
 When we are fearful, feed us at your table. May we dwell in the house of goodness and mercy  
 all the days of our lives.
- C **Amen.**

## *The Word*

L A reading from the book of Acts.

### **Acts 4:1-12**

*Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he can proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.*

While Peter and John were speaking to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came to them, <sup>2</sup>much annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming that in Jesus there is the resurrection of the dead. <sup>3</sup>So they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. <sup>4</sup>But many of those who heard the word believed; and they numbered about five thousand. <sup>5</sup>The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the

Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is

‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;  
it has become the cornerstone.’

<sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

L The word of the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

L A reading from 1 John.

### 1 John 3:16-24

*Jesus’ death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God’s commandments.*

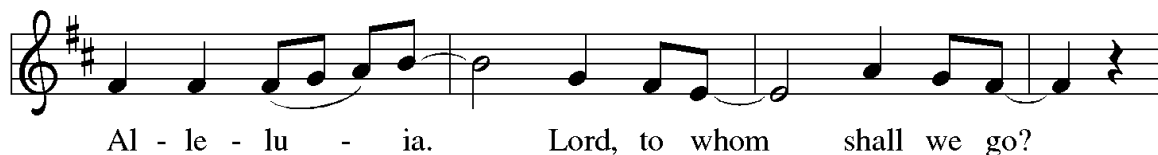
<sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

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

<sup>23</sup>And 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. <sup>24</sup>All 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.

L The word of the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation



P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth-chapter.  
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**



## **John 10:11-18**

*In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.*

[Jesus said:] <sup>11</sup>“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The 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. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I 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. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No 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.”

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Children’s Sermon**

**Sermon**

***“Good Shepherd Metaphor”***

**Pastor Randy Schroeder**

Hymn of the Day: ELW (red), hymn 780: *Shepherd Me, O God*

*Refrain*

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be - yond my fears, from  
 death in - to life. life.

*to stanzas 1, 2, 3, 5* *to stanza 4*

1 God is my shep-herd, so noth - ing shall I want, I  
 2 Gent - ly you raise me and heal my wea - ry soul, you  
 3 Though I should wan - der the val - ley of death, I

rest in the mead-ows of faith - ful - ness and love, I  
 lead me by path-ways of righ - teous-ness and truth, my  
 fear no e - vil, for you are at my side, your

walk by the qui - et wa - ters of peace.  
 spir - it shall sing the mu - sic of your name.  
 rod and your staff, my com - fort and my hope.

4 You have set me a ban-quet of love in the face of

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

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*

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -  
 yond my fears, from death in - to life.

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 Music: SHEPHERD ME, Marty Haugen  
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## Nicene Creed

**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

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.

*A brief silence.*

A 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.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A 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.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Hope-giving Shepherd, the nations and peoples are your heritage. Place into the hearts of all leaders and rulers the passion to serve. Crucify any desire to overpower others and give leaders joy in lifting up the lowly. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A 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 Herb & Judy, Candy, Jason, Fil, Shirley & Eric, Rosalie, Jeff, Denise, Pr. Judy, Barb, Donna, Helmut & Carol, Kim, Alex, Victoria, Jennifer, Jeanette, Ben S, Dorothy, Suzanne, Mike M, Mary Louise, Kari, Sara B, Philip B, John, Shelby, Tamzin, Cheryl, and Sandy. Help us love one another in truth and action. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Saving Shepherd, you restore us to wholeness. Help our community in our life together and give us vigor as a people of faith. In the midst of challenges and opportunities, fill us anew with you Holy Spirit. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A 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.

C **Your mercy is great.**

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**

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

## *The Meal*

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- Please have your wine and bread ready for the Meal. It would be best to use grape juice or wine and a small portion of bread or gluten free option for the Eucharist.
- Please participate by lifting the bread and the wine as the pastor lifts the bread and wine.
- If everyone in the family is healthy please take the time to commune each other; presenting the bread first and saying, “the Body of Christ given for you” and then the wine/juice saying, “the Blood of Christ shed for you.” If you’re not feeling well, please commune yourself as you are able.
- The elements (bread and juice or wine) should be consumed in their entirety or returned to the earth as once they are consecrated they are the Body and Blood of Christ. Please do not throw Jesus in the trash or down the drain.

**Offering:** Please feel free to send your regular tithe in the mail, drop it off to the church office or if you have not checked out our website and "Your Offering Made Easy" tab, this could be your opportunity. (John Mills is available to answer any questions about the Vanco Online giving option if you wish to contact him. His email address is [john\\_r\\_mills@icloud.com](mailto:john_r_mills@icloud.com))



Offertory: ELW (red), hymn 362, verses 2 and 4: *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to  
 2 Praise we Christ, whose love di - vine gives his  
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured death's dread  
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal



our vic - to - rious king, who has washed us in the tide  
 sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—  
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go  
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty and love



flow - ing from his wound - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

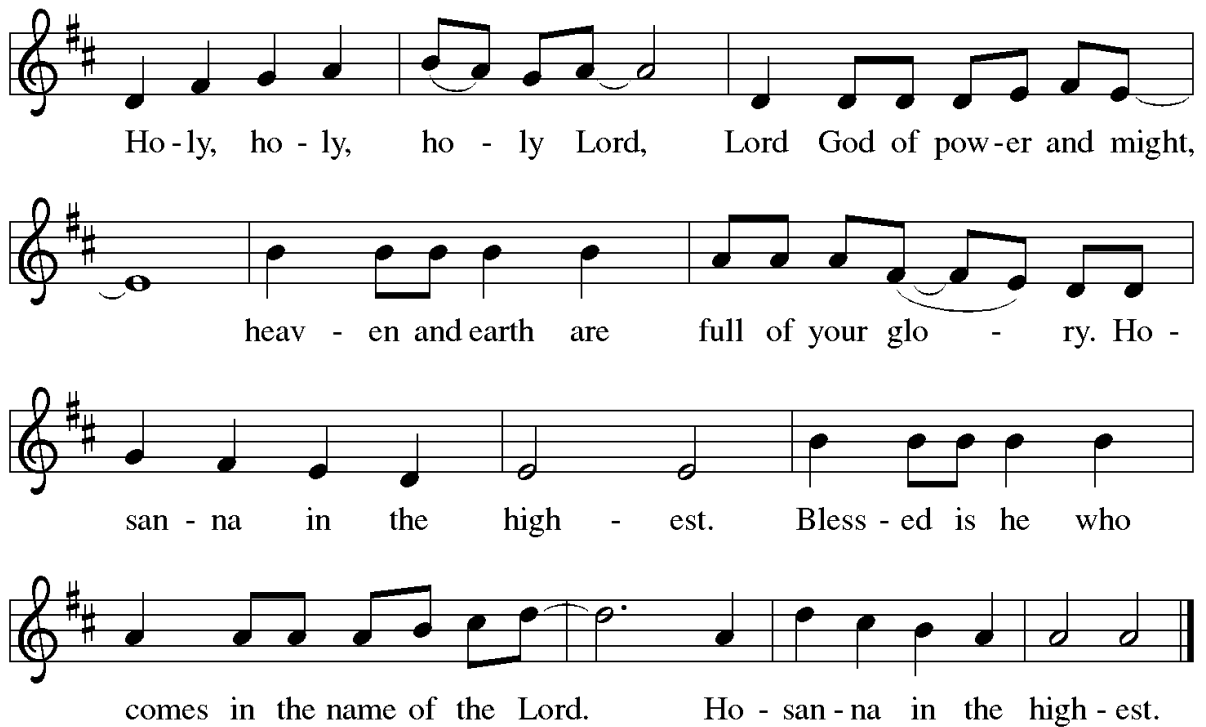
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**Offering Prayer** (inspired by Psalm 23, 1 John 3~ written by Mary Petrina Boyd, and posted on **Ministry Matters**. <http://www.ministrymatters.com/> )

- A God of love, you abide with us;  
 you provide for all our needs and guide us in your ways.  
 Out of gratitude for your care, we bring our gifts before you.  
 Use them for your work of caring, that all may feast at the table of abundance,  
 walk without fear, and drink deeply from the cup of compassion.
- C **Amen.**

**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.**
- P 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 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:



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.

P Blessed are you, O God of the universe.  
 Your mercy is everlasting  
 and your faithfulness endures from age to age.  
 Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
 Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.  
 Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.  
 Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness  
 to the land of milk and honey.  
 Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.  
 Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.  
 Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
 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.

Again, 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.

With this bread and cup  
 we remember our Lord's passover from death to life  
 as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

- P O God of resurrection and new life:  
 Pour out your Holy Spirit on us  
 and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
 Bless this feast.  
 Grace our table with your presence.
- C **Come, Holy Spirit.**
- P Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.  
 Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.  
 Breathe new life into us.  
 Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.
- C **Come, Holy Spirit.**
- P With your holy ones of all times and places,  
 with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars,  
 we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

- 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.**

### Invitation to Communion

- P So come to this table, which now extends into our homes, you who have faith and you who would like to have faith; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed; come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

## 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.

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen,  
keep and unite us, now and for ever.  
C **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.**



## The Sending

Sending Hymn: ELW (red), hymn 544,: *Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing*



1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -  
2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,  
3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -



vo - tion voic - ing: glo - ry be to God on high!  
one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;  
lert and liv - ing in your Spir - it, strong and free.



Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this eu - cha -  
by your blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your bod - y,  
Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in



rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.  
firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.  
ev - 'ry na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - l'wers be.

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### Blessing

P May the God of surprises bring smiles and joys to the everyday and ordinary.  
May the God of love be seen in all we do and say.  
Almighty God, Creator, + Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

### Dismissal

A Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

A Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C **Thanks be to God!**

*Please stick around; the Zoom meeting will continue for a virtual "Coffee Hour."*

**Pastor Randy is available for pastoral care. Please contact him at: 260-402-4476 or by email: [randy@osluth.org](mailto:randy@osluth.org)**

**Worship Assistants Today:** Beth Dana (Musician), Julie & Carl Huetteman (Assisting Minister & Lector), Emily Ohland (Cantor & Audio/Visuals), Bob Nielsen (Livestream production, Audio/Visuals)

**The next Pints with a Pastor will be tomorrow.**

**Wednesday Zoom with Kiddos** meets every Wednesday at 4:30 P.M.

**Wednesday Evening Prayer: April 7<sup>th</sup>—May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7:30-8:00 P.M. via zoom**

We hope you can join Missy and Dale once again for weekly prayer. This time it will be in the evening, with a slightly different feel than the Lenten Lectio series. Log onto Zoom and peacefully close out your day with various types of prayers as we journey together through the Season of Easter.

**A trip to the Holy Land is being planned** for members and friends of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Our Saviour Lutheran Church is invited. We will travel in January 2022, departing Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> and returning Thursday the 20<sup>th</sup>. This is truly the trip of a lifetime for one's faith and spiritual growth. We will travel to sights such as Nazareth, Capernaum, the Sea of Galilee, Qumran, Masada, Jerusalem, and Bethlehem. There will be time each evening for devotions and planning for the next day.

Pastor Jim Lichtenberger, a retired ELCA pastor and member of Holy Trinity, is leading this trip. The cost will be \$4297, which includes air fare out of Indianapolis, hotel, tips (except for lunches), two meals a day, and present fuel costs. Recommended travel insurance is extra. If you are interested, please contact Jim at 476-1318. If you want to see a video about this trip, go to this link. <https://youtu.be/TQgvSMYNFnA>

**Forever Changed  
Re-Opening May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021**

Grace, mercy, and peace to you from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

This past year has been unique. The pandemic has changed almost everything we do and how we do it, and that includes worship. For the last 14 months and 3 weeks (but who's counting), we have experimented with technology as our avenue of worship. As we plan to re-open on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, the experiments will continue.

First, how did we get here and decide that May 2<sup>nd</sup> would be our first Sunday welcoming parishioners into our sanctuary? The OSLC Council, appointed a Task Force to review best practices and time of re-opening. Cindy Modlin Adams, Kathy Heise, Carol Grady and I have worked together to create a Re-opening Document. This document will be sent out to you via email next week and will be available on our website. We encourage you to read it as you feel comfortable coming back into the worship space.

Second, as we welcome you back into the worship space we ask that you:

**-“sign-up” and let us know you are coming to OSLC for worship. Because we have limited space and wish to keep healthy distancing, we are welcoming 25 individuals or 13 family units per Sunday. The sign-up will also allow us the capability for any contract tracing, if necessary.**

**•For Sunday May 2<sup>nd</sup> you can call Sandra at 219- 984- 9964 to reserve your spot.**

**•For Sunday May 9<sup>th</sup> and future Sundays you can call Sandra at 219- 984- 9964 or You can sign up at <https://www.osluth.org/> to reserve your spot.**

**-are well and have no signs or symptoms of illness,**

**-wear a clean double layer mask-even if you have been fully vaccinated,**

**-have not traveled to a high-risk area in the last ten days,**

**-maintain a 6-foot physical distance from anyone outside their family or friend “bubble”, and sit in pews with bulletins and/or communion cups only.**

**-wash hands often or use hand sanitizer.**

**-Those who perceive themselves or know they are at high risk for COVID-19 are asked to consider worshipping via Zoom for their own safety. See CDC Medical Conditions and Covid-19.**

**[www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html)**

**-refrain from singing loudly; Please feel free to hum or sing quietly under your mask.**

**-receive communion at your seats using individual pre-packed communion, which will be provided, with instructions.**

Third, please be patient as we do our best to engage folks worshipping on-line as well as in-person. We have not attempted this type of Hybrid Worship before, and we are doing our best to provide a meaningful worship experience for all. During the months of May and June expect a combination of live and recorded music. More live music will be introduced as we live into the technical side of streaming live.

Lastly, thank you for your willingness to return to a “new normal” of worship at OSLC. We are forever changed by God’s love and our worship will be forever changed as well. You have been blessed and have been a blessing to me, my family and each other. No matter what form our “hybrid” worship takes, the promise of God’s love and forgiveness; God’s word and life will be proclaimed in our gathering, our hearing the word, our invitation to the meal, and our sending to all nations.

Peace,

Pastor Randy

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FRIDAY APRIL 30

6:00-7:30 PM



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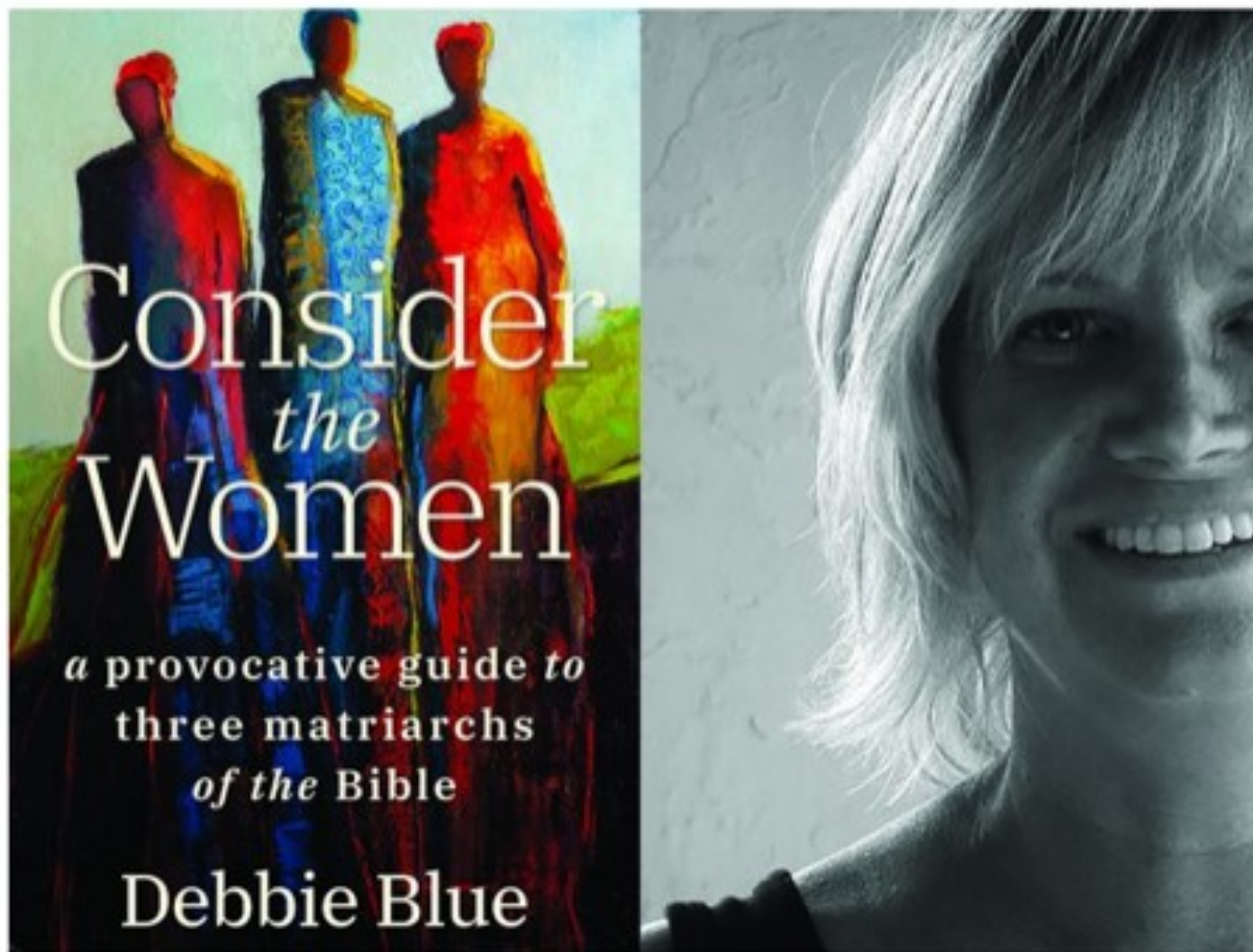
## Holy Trinity Lutheran Church's Speaker Series

Check out this interview with our May Speaker, Dr. Debbie Blue, from this LivingLutheran article.  
Open the article: <https://www.livinglutheran.org/2019/07/a-boundary-breaking-god/>

# A boundary-breaking God

*An interview with author Debbie Blue*

By Cara Strickland | July 28, 2019



HTLC's Evangelism team has arranged a live – interactive session with Dr. Blue via Zoom on Saturday, May 8 at 2 P.M.

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87201849387>