

Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21, 2024
10:30 AM

Good Shepherd by Henry Ossawa Tanner (1859-1937)



University Lutheran Church of Hope is a welcoming, Christian community of faith centered on God's grace and called to demonstrate God's love for the world. University Lutheran Church of Hope is a Reconciling in Christ congregation and a sanctuary congregation with a commitment to racial equity.

Welcome. Peace be with you.

We continue our holy experiment. We're worshipping together in-person, and also offering a virtual option on Zoom and YouTube. Welcome to all!

For those worshipping in-person, please remember:

- ❖ **To support the health and wellness of all those among us**, feel welcome to use masks and hand sanitizer, stay current with your vaccinations, and stay home as needed if you are unwell.
- ❖ **We honor one another's boundaries** by asking permission to be in close proximity, and finding alternate ways to greet one another and share the peace (a deep bow, the peace sign, an air hug, etc.). Our risk levels and comfort differ.
- ❖ **In our service today, we will share Holy Communion.** Ushers will direct you.
- ❖ **If you are new to the community** and wish to speak with a Pastor or be included in our communication and activities, fill out the blue slip in the pew rack and give it to an usher. We'll follow up. It's also just fine to be anonymous. To get more involved, check out our website: <http://www.ulch.org/> To receive the weekly enews, the Thursday Epistle, contact our church administrator at ulch@ulch.org.
- ❖ **Children are welcome in worship.** Kids, grab your SPARK Story Bibles. Craft tables are available for families. Note: The nursery is not staffed, but is available for your use. The nursery is on the upper level of the education wing, most easily reached from the doors nearest the baptismal font.
- ❖ **After worship, enjoy the time to linger for conversation** in the lounge, courtyard and patio.

Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor Maria Anderson-Lippert, Pastor Jen Nagel (presiding ministers); Stewart Herman (assisting minister); The Hope Choir and guests, The ULCHers - Tim Gustafson, Mark Nelson, Paul Odenbach, Robert Ragoonanan (musicians); Bruce Eldevik, Wayne Lee, Brinnen Morgan, Jo Schroeder (communion servers); Sarah Wille (lector); Elizabeth Fry, Seth Strudthoff (worship tech facilitators); Sheila Hougen (Zoom facilitator) Muffi Abrahamson (greeter); Tim Abrahamson, John Hensrud, Michael Kneer, Troy Morgan (ushers); Anja Lukis, Junia Lukis (acolytes); Ruth Hedman (altar guild); Pauline Hendrickson, Kathy Kufus (communion clean-up); Pastor Jen Nagel, Jason Lukis (healing prayer); Ann Lee (land acknowledgment); Vision and Governance Board in celebration of 120 years as a congregation! (fellowship hosts)

GATHERING

+ Indicates the assembly stand as able.

Assembly parts are marked in **bold**.

ELW refers to the red hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*.

ACS refers to *All Creation Sings*, an *ELW* supplement.

SP refers to *Singing Our Prayer*, a collection of short songs for worship.

Prelude

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Irish Hymn

Welcome

Land Acknowledgment

This Land Acknowledgment, and our response, are both a work in progress. We're actively engaged in a process to move beyond a simple acknowledgement, and toward a more active commitment. Watch for more opportunities for our community.

We gather for worship on the land of our Creator. Many of us and our church building dwell in the traditional home of the Dakota people, and a land over which the Anishinaabeg people and others also moved. They gathered and ate food, rested, died and gave birth, and prayed here, and many still do.

+Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace,
our Easter and our joy. **Amen.**

Look, here is water! Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

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.

Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.

The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.

Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land.

In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

At the river your beloved Son 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 us to live as Easter people.

We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you,

through the risen Christ, our source of living water,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

+ **Greeting**

The grace of the Risen Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

+ **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray. O Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, **you seek the lost and guide us in your way. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be made whole. Gather us in that we may be sent out. Make us one with you, for you live and reign, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

Children's Message

First Reading - Acts 4:5-10

The next day the rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners Peter and John stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?"

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are being questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are being asked how this man has been healed, 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."

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God

Al día siguiente se reunieron en Jerusalén los gobernantes, los líderes religiosos y los maestros de la Ley. Allí estaban el sumo sacerdote Anás, Caifás, Juan, Alejandro y los otros miembros de la familia del sumo sacerdote. Hicieron que Pedro y Juan comparecieran ante ellos y comenzaron a interrogarlos:—¿Con qué poder o en nombre de quién hicieron ustedes esto?

Pedro, lleno del Espíritu Santo, respondió:—Gobernantes del pueblo y líderes religiosos: Hoy se nos procesa por haber favorecido a un paralítico, ¡y se nos pregunta cómo fue sanado! Sepan, pues, todos ustedes y todo el pueblo de Israel que este hombre está aquí delante de ustedes, sano gracias al nombre de Jesucristo de Nazaret, crucificado por ustedes, pero resucitado por Dios.

Palabra de Dios, palabra de vida.

Demos gracias a Dios.

Second Reading - 1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that Jesus Christ laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for the members of the community. How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees someone in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before God whenever our hearts condemn us, for God is greater than our hearts, and God knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God, and we receive from God whatever we ask, because we obey the commandments and do what pleases God. And this is God’s commandment, that we should believe in the name of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and love one another, just as Jesus has commanded us. All who obey God’s commandments abide in God, and God abides in them. And by this we know that God abides in us, by the Spirit that God has given us.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

En esto conocemos lo que es el amor: en que Jesucristo entregó su vida por nosotros. Así también nosotros debemos entregar la vida por nuestros hermanos. Si alguien que posee bienes materiales ve que su hermano está pasando necesidad y no tiene compasión de él, ¿cómo se puede decir que el amor de Dios habita en él? Queridos hijos, no amemos de palabra ni de labios para afuera, sino con hechos y de verdad. En esto sabremos que somos de la verdad y nos sentiremos seguros delante de él: aunque nuestro corazón nos condene, Dios es más grande que nuestro corazón y lo sabe todo. Queridos hermanos, si el corazón no nos condena y tenemos confianza delante de Dios, recibimos todo lo que pedimos, porque obedecemos sus mandamientos y hacemos lo que le agrada. Y este es su mandamiento: que creamos en el nombre de su Hijo Jesucristo y que nos amemos los unos a los otros, pues así lo ha dispuesto. El que obedece sus mandamientos permanece en Dios y Dios en él. ¿Cómo sabemos que él permanece en nosotros? Por el Espíritu que nos dio. Palabra de Dios, palabra de vida.

Demos gracias a Dios.

+ Gospel Acclamation

ACS Setting 11

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. El Se - ñor re - su - ci - tó.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en, ris'n in - deed.

+ Gospel Reading - John 10:11-18

The gospel according to John the tenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 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. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep.

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. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. 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."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon - Pastor Jen Nagel

+ Hymn of the Day

For the Healing of Creation

SP 12b

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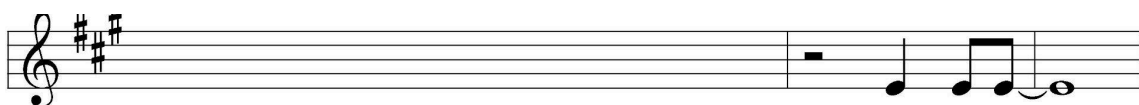
The congregation is invited to sing the refrain using the words: "God, renew. For the healing of creation, we pray to you, O God."

»Yo soy el buen pastor. El buen pastor da su vida por las ovejas. El asalariado no es el pastor, y a él no le pertenecen las ovejas. Cuando ve que el lobo se acerca, abandona las ovejas y huye; entonces el lobo ataca al rebaño y lo dispersa. Y ese hombre huye porque es un asalariado, no le importan las ovejas. »Yo soy el buen pastor; conozco a mis ovejas y ellas me conocen a mí, así como el Padre me conoce y yo lo conozco, y doy mi vida por las ovejas.

Tengo otras ovejas que no son de este redil y también a ellas debo traerlas. Así ellas escucharán mi voz y habrá un solo rebaño y un solo pastor. Por eso me ama el Padre: porque entrego mi vida para volver a recibirla. Nadie me la arrebata, sino que yo la entrego por mi propia voluntad. Tengo autoridad para entregarla y tengo también autoridad para volver a recibirla. Este es el mandamiento que recibí de mi Padre».

El Evangelio del Señor.

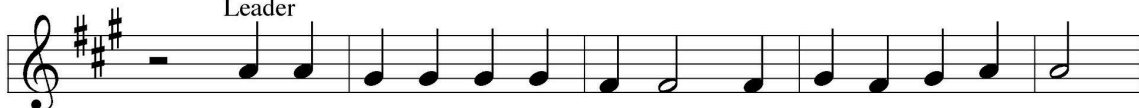
Alabanza a ti, oh Cristo!



*The leader names those for whom prayers are made. The assembly responds: Peace be yours.
or God, re-new.*

After each verse:

Leader



For the heal-ing of the na-tions, we pray to you, O God.
or For the heal-ing of cre - a - tion, we pray to you, O God.

Assembly



For the heal-ing of the na-tions, we pray to you, O God.
For the heal-ing of cre - a - tion, we pray to you, O God.

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+ Statement of Faith - Psalm 23

Our psalm today is Psalm 23, truly a statement of faith. We read together.

The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

**The LORD makes me lie down in green
pastures and leads me beside still
waters.**

**You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along
right pathways for your name's sake.**

**Though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and
your staff, they comfort me.**

**You prepare a table before me in the
presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.**

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow
me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the
house of the LORD forever.**

**El SEÑOR es mi pastor, nada me falta;
en verdes pastos me hace descansar.**

**Junto a tranquilas aguas me conduce;
me infunde nuevas fuerzas.**

**Me guía por sendas de justicia
haciendo honor a su nombre.**

**Aun si voy
por valles tenebrosos,**

**no temeré ningún mal
porque tú estás a mi lado;
tu vara y tu bastón me reconfortan.**

**Dispones ante mí un banquete
en presencia de mis enemigos.**

**Has ungido con aceite mi cabeza;
has llenado mi copa a rebosar.**

**Seguro estoy de que la bondad y el amor
me seguirán todos los días de mi vida;
y en la casa del SEÑOR
habitaré para siempre.**

+ Prayers of the People

Following each petition:

Risen One, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

+ Sharing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

La paz de Cristo sea siempre con ustedes.

And also with you.

Y también contigo.

All are invited to share the peace of Christ using these or similar words "Peace be with you" or "La paz del Señor."

MEAL

Offertory

The King of Love

Irish Hymn

arr. Paul Christiansen (1914-97)

The text of this anthem can be found in the hymnal, ELW 502.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Offerings can be sent electronically or by mail, or placed in the offering plate in the center of our space as you come forward for Holy Communion. Find more information on the last page of the bulletin.

+Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. Generous God, **in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread, reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine, pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

+The Great Thanksgiving

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to our God.

Let us give thanks to our gracious God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right.... we join their unending hymn:



San-to, san - to, san - to Dios de glo - riay po - der,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God of pow - er and might,



cie - los y tie - rra pro - cla - man tu glo - ria.
 heav - en and earth . . . are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.



Ben - di - to a - quel que vie - ne en el nom - bre de Dios.
 Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of our God.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.



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 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

+Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

+The Lord's Prayer

Our Creator, Our Mother, 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.

Creador nuestro, Madre nuestra, Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu nombre. Venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día. Perdona nuestras ofensas como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden. No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder y tuya es la gloria, ahora y siempre. Amén.

Holy Communion

We believe that Jesus Christ is present in Holy Communion with gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. All who hunger for the presence of Christ in their life are invited to partake. By our participation in this meal and blessing, we are strengthened in faith and in life. All are welcome to commune.

If you are at home and sitting with others...

When sharing the bread with someone, say to them: "This is the body of Christ, given for you." When sharing the wine or grape juice, say, "This is the blood of Christ, shed for you."

If you are at home on your own...

Hear the voice of the pastor naming these promises of grace and life for you. If you'd prefer a blessing, hear these promises: "You are a beloved child of God. May God strengthen you with grace through Christ for all we face today."

If you are worshipping in-person today...

We invite you to come forward to receive the elements and hear the words of promise, or to receive a blessing. Following the direction of the ushers, come forward: pick up a cup, gather around the table, receive the bread (gluten free is available), the servers will pour into your cup either the red wine or white grape juice, place used cups in the basket. If you'd prefer, coming forward to the front for a blessing is always an option. Children of all ages are welcome to partake in the bread and juice at Holy Communion.

If you seek healing prayers today...

A healing minister is available during Holy Communion this morning. If you'd like prayers for healing for yourself, for those you love, or for other situations, you are invited to come to one of the healing ministers. You can ask for specific prayers, or simply ask them to pray with you...and they will. During this time, you may also dip into the baptismal waters and remember the promises, and light candles for situations around the world and close to home.

Music During Communion

Shepherd Me, O God
Beautifully, Fiercely, Gently

ELW 780
Tim Gustafson

Leader:
♩ = 80
(Capo 3) G

We are be-lov'd of God

D/F#

C/E

We are beau-ti - f'ly made.

Assembly:

We are be-lov'd of God

G

C

We are fierce - ly loved

We are beau - ti - f'ly made.

G/B

Dadd⁹

D⁷ (resolve to G to end)

and gent - ly held

We are fierce - ly loved and gent - ly held

+Table Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

+Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. Giver of every gift, **Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. Amen.**

SENDING

Announcements

Thanksgiving for the leadership of Paul Odenbach

+**Sending Hymn** Savior, Again to Your Dear Name, v. 1-2, 4

ELW 534

+**Blessing**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope
✠ bless you now and always.

Amen.

+**Dismissal**

Alleluia! Go in peace.

Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Aleluya! ¡Vaya en Paz!

Regocíjate y alégrate.

Gracias a Dios! Aleluya!

Postlude

72 Pieces for Organ, Op. 60

VI. Allegro

Jacques-Louis Battmann

(1818-86)

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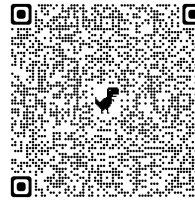
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