



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 7-8, 2022

Abiding Presence
LUTHERAN CHURCH
A PLACE OF GRACE. ALL ARE WELCOME.

Welcome to Worship

The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those “who have come out of the great ordeal” in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Prelude

5:30

Variations on Royal Oak

Rebecca te Velde

Shelbie Simmons, organ

8:30, 11:00

Immortal, Invisible

arr. Kevin McChesney

Chapel Choir

11:00

Alleluia, Alleluia

John Ray/Susan Naylor Callaway

Chapel Choir

Stand

Thanksgiving for Baptism

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing. You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites.

Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through. In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation. Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear. To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn ELW 836

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

Greeting and Prayer of the Day

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.

Let us pray. O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Sit

Special Music 8:30, 11:00

Jesus Loves Me
Jesus Loves the Little Children
Cherub Choir

Warner/Bradbury
Woolston/Root

Welcome

First Reading: Acts 9:36-43

Pew Bible page 894

Dorcas was a faithful and devoted woman of charity in the community of Joppa. Her kindness and her work with clothing were well-known, especially to the widows in town. When she fell ill and died, Peter raised her back to life through the power of prayer.

- Word of God, Word of life.
- Thanks be to God.

Special Music 8:30, 11:00 *As the Deer Thirsts for the Water*
Instrumental Ensemble

Nystrom/arr. Stan Pethel

Second Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

Pew Bible page 999

Christ is the shepherd who leads his faithful to springs of the water of life. Christ is also the lamb who vanquishes sin and suffering.

- Word of God, Word of life.
- Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel: John 10:22-30

Pew Bible page 873

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

Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he and the Father are one. Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand.

- The gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

Sermon

Steve Cox, Senior Pastor

Stand

Hymn of the Day ELW 782

My Shepherd, You Supply My Need



1 My Shep-herd, you sup-ply my need; most ho-ly is your name.
2 When I walk through the shades of death, your pres-ence is my stay;
3 The sure pro-vi-sions of my God at-tend me all my days;



In pas-tures fresh you make me feed, be-side the liv-ing stream.
one word of your sup-port-ing breath drives all my fears a-way.
oh, may your house be my a-bode and all my work be praise.



You bring my wan-d'ring spir-it back when I for-sake your ways,
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta-ble spread;
Here would I find a set-tled rest, while oth-ers go and come;



and lead me, for your mer-cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
my cup with bless-ings o-ver-flows, your oil a-noints my head.
no more a strang-er or a guest, but like a child at home.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt., based on Psalm 23
Music: RESIGNATION, North American traditional

Nicene Creed

Let us confess our faith using the words of the 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

☒ Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

Each petition ends with the response:

☒ God, in your mercy,

☑ **Hear our prayer.**

☒ In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

☑ **Amen.**

Sharing God's Peace

☒ The peace of Christ be with you always.

☑ **And also with you.**

*Greet one another with a sign of God's peace saying **Peace be with you** or similar words.*

Sit

Offering Message

Offering Music

5:30

This Joyful Eastertide

arr. John Leavitt

Shelbie Simmons, organ

8:30

Alleluia, Alleluia

John Ray/ Susan Naylor Callaway

Chapel Choir

11:00

For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter

Sanctuary Choir

Stand

Offertory Response

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

Now all the vault of heav'n resounds in praise of love that still abounds:

“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”

Sing choirs of angels, loud and clear! Repeat their song of glory here:

“Christ has triumphed, He is living!”

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Offering Prayer

☒ Let us pray: Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☒ Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

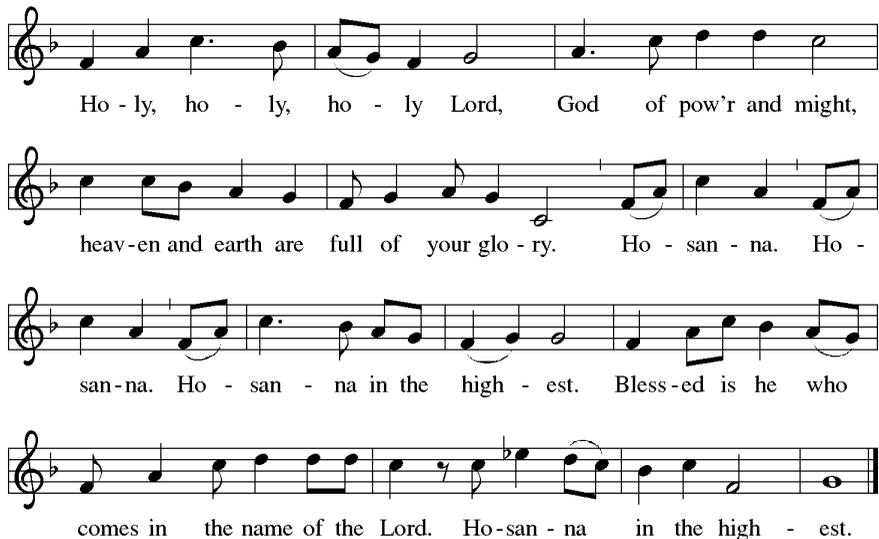
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

☒ It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

Eucharistic Prayer

☐ You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God...

Words of Institution

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

☐ Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again... be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

☑ **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

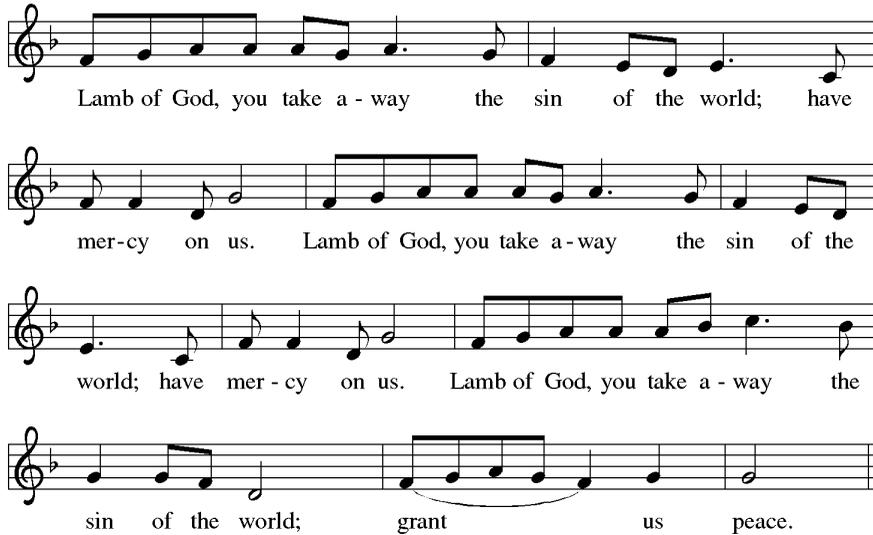
☐ Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

☑ **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.**

Sit

Invitation to Communion

Agnus Dei



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.

Stand

Communion Blessing

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

Prayer after Communion

- Let us pray: We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.
- Amen.

Blessing

- God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, ✠ bless you now and forever.
- Amen.

Sending Hymn ELW 376

Amazing Grace



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5
 Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

Dismissal

- Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- Go in peace. Tell what God has done.
- Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Lasst Uns Erfreuen
 Shelbie Simmons, organ

Rebecca te Velde

Serving in Worship

Lector Donna Johnston Greg Wilson Cindy Ainsworth Acolyte Sam Cox Catherine McLin	Assisting Minister Valerie Dillon Barbara Rodgers Paul Dvorak	Sound Jay Dewald John Brendel John Perry Video Jason Scarlett
---	---	--

Liturgical texts, music, and prayers from *Sundays and Seasons.com* © 2022 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.

Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #SAS022711

Permission to reprint and podcast the music in this service obtained from

ONE LICENSE, License # A-705667 AND CCLI License #946101. All rights reserved.

New at Abiding Presence?

We'd love to connect and help you find your way in this community of grace.
Send us a message and we'll be in touch



Steven Cox, Senior Pastor

Heather Hansen, Associate Pastor

Dr. Shelbie Simmons, Minister of Music

Angus McLeod, Sanctuary Choir Director

Mike Ceyanes, Minister of Youth Faith Formation

Chip Wilson, Minister of Adult Faith Formation and Multimedia

Sue Evans, Business Manager

Gaye Hank, Communications Manager

Frances Harrelson, Day School Director



Abiding Presence
LUTHERAN CHURCH

A PLACE OF GRACE. ALL ARE WELCOME.

14700 SAN PEDRO AVENUE, SAN ANTONIO, TX 78232 | 210.494.8884 | APLC.ORG |  APLCSA