



Advent

Lutheran Church

Wednesday, April 28, 2021

GATHERING

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, source of all goodness and life, who clothes us with Christ Jesus and makes us one by the Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God forever.

KYRIE

Assisting Minister

In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

All

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e -

le - i - son, e - le - i - son, e - le - i - son.

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Assisting Minister

*For peace between nations... let us pray.
For the hungry...
For patience...*

Assisting Minister

Help, save, com-fort and de - fend us, O

All

God. A -

To the Evening Hymn of Praise

men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

All

1. Your can - o - py of vig - il lights, each
(2. You) walk with us a - long the way, your
(3. Re-) freshed by sab - bath rest this night, a -



star your hand has set in place, be - stows a bless - ing
Word, a lamp to pil - grim feet; stay with us now at
wak - en us to your sha - lom: the reign of Christ, un -



on the night, and all cre - a - tion sings your
close of day, our un - known guest, our host and
fail - ing Light, where peace and jus - tice are at



praise. You formed the moon and fired the sun, you
feast. Grant those who share this eve - ning meal the
home and saints need nei - ther moon nor sun to



quick - ened dust with ho - ly breath, and
faith and vi - sion to be - lieve that
sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly, O



bind - ing us to your dear Son, re -
hearts might see what eyes con - ceal: by
mer - ci - ful, im - mor - tal One, O



newed our life, de - stroyed our death. 2. You
grace your pres - ence we re - ceive. 3. Re -
bless - ed, ho - ly Trin - i - ty.

GREETING

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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 – Acts 4:5 – 12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The next day their 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 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 questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are 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. This Jesus is

*'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.'*

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Still Waters

The musical notation is written on two staves, a treble staff and a bass staff, both in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Still wa-ters re - store my soul. Calm wa-ters re -

vive my spir - it. Still wa - ters re -

store my soul. My cup o - ver - flows.

Text and music: Rolf Vegdahl, based on Psalm 23

READING – 1 John 3:16 – 24

A reading from the first letter of John.

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us--and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. 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? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. 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. 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.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Refrain

Verse

To Refrain

HOLY GOSPEL – John 10:11 – 18

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

"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.

HYMN

The King of Love My Shepherd Is



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
com - fort still; thy cross be - fore 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

Music: St. COLUMBA, Irish tune

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 into 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*God in your mercy,
Hear our prayer*

GREETING OF PEACE

*The peace of the risen Christ be with you all.
And also with you.*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY



All

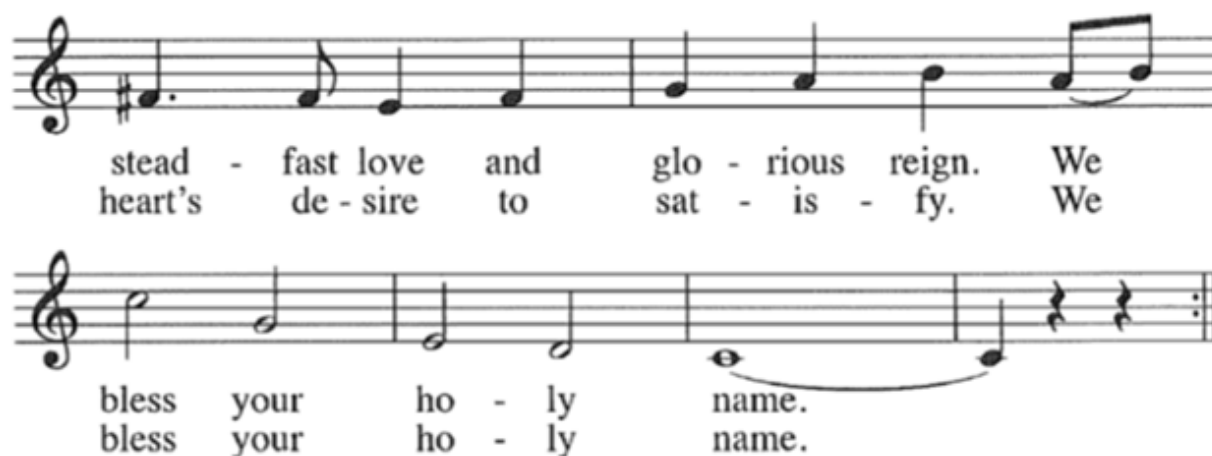
1. The eyes of all look to
2. To all who hun - ger

you, O God, to give them life and food. You
you pro - vide the fruit of vine and field. From

o - pen wide your gra - cious hand and
these, your gifts, we set a - side a

grant them ev - 'ry good. With
por - tion for this meal, where

all cre - a - tion we pro - claim your
you draw near to those who cry, their



COMMUNION GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in 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.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering, upon this bread, within this cup, among your people, throughout the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, Holy God, for your mercy, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your Church, without end.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us.



world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and give you grace.

Amen.

BLESSING

Holy God, Blessed Trinity, strengthen your faith, increase your hope, deepen your love, and give you peace this night and always.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Rest in God. Rise to serve.

Thanks be to God.