



*Fourth Sunday of Easter*  
*April 30, 2023*  
Lutheran Book of Worship  
Holy Communion Setting Two

**GOD GATHERS US AS HIS HOLY PEOPLE**

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESURRECTION GREETING

Alleluia, Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*In remembrance of Baptism, you may sign a cross on your chest or forehead.*

We gather in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (LBW p. 77) *Matthew 28:19; 1 John 1:8-10*

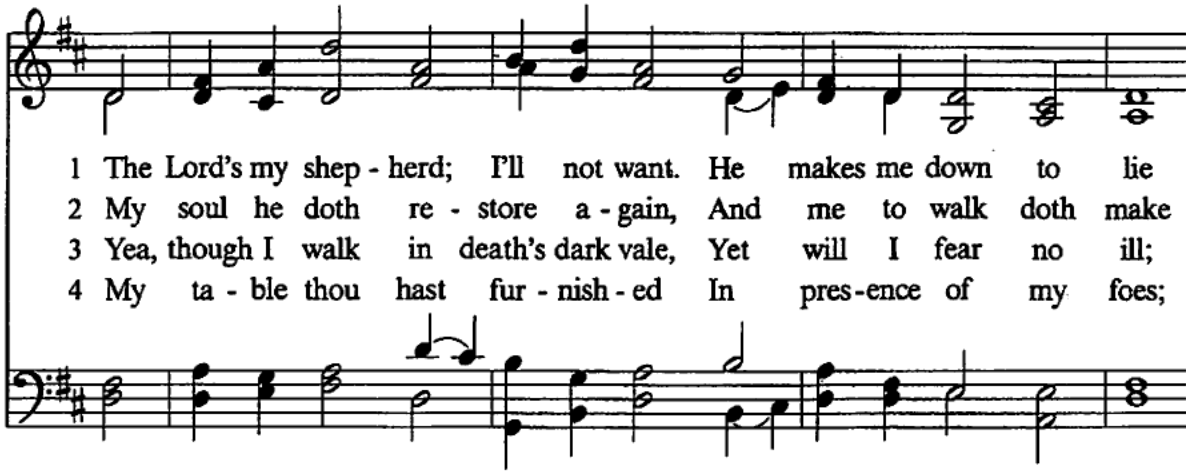
Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We confess our sins in the assurance and joy of God's forgiveness through Jesus Christ.

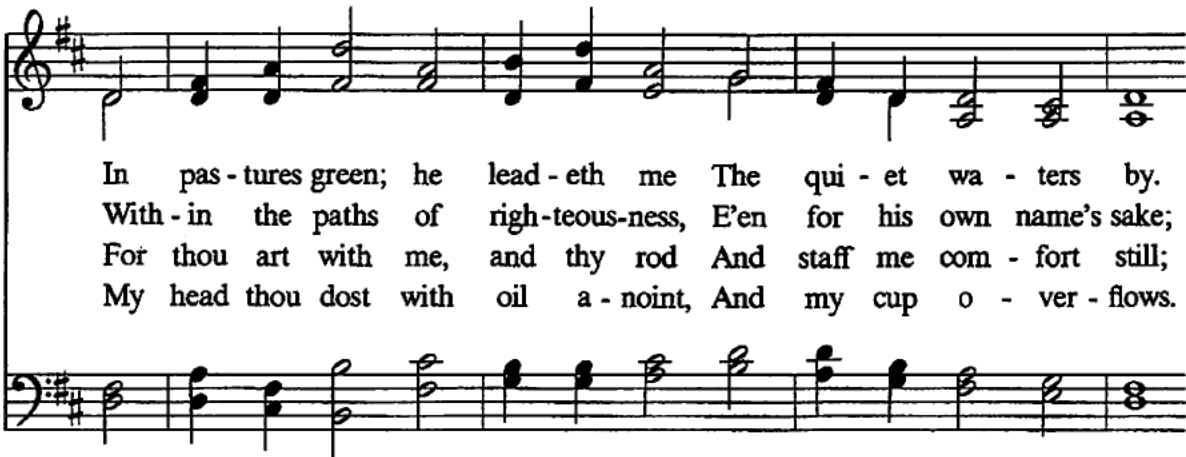
Most merciful God, **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

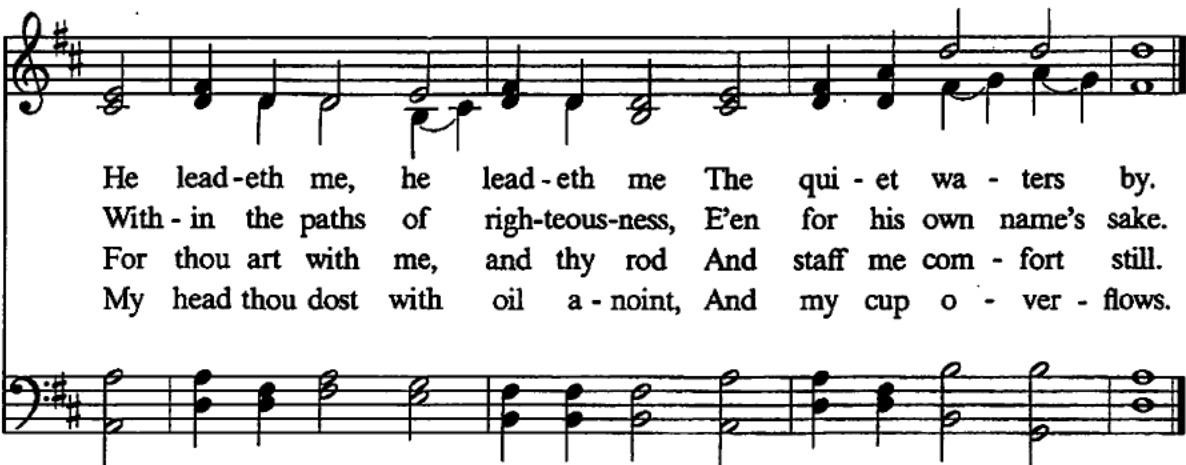
GATHERING HYMN "The Lord's My Shepherd" (LBW #451)



1 The Lord's my shep - herd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie  
2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain, And me to walk doth make  
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I fear no ill;  
4 My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed In pres - ence of my foes;



In pas - tures green; he lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.  
With - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, E'en for his own name's sake;  
For thou art with me, and thy rod And staff me com - fort still;  
My head thou dost with oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.



He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.  
With - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, E'en for his own name's sake.  
For thou art with me, and thy rod And staff me com - fort still.  
My head thou dost with oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.

5 Goodness and mercy all my life  
Shall surely follow me,  
And in God's house forevermore  
My dwelling-place shall be.

Text: Psalter, Edinburgh, 1650  
Tune: J. L. Macbeth Bain, c. 1840-1925, adapt.



# HYMN OF PRAISE (LBW pp. 81-82)

Luke 2:14; John 1:29; Mark 16:19; Acts 7:55-56; Romans 8:34; Ephesians 1:20; Colossians 3:1; Hebrews 8:1, 12:2



Ⓐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Ⓑ Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



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



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

SALUTATION (LBW p. 82) *Spoken by the pastor.*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY (LBW p. 82) *Ruth 2:4*

Let us pray together: **Almighty God, you show those in error the light of your truth that they may return into the way of righteousness. Grant to all that are admitted into fellowship with Christ the power to avoid all things that are contrary to the faith and to follow you according to the will of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 2:42-47

<sup>42</sup>{The believers} devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup>And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup>And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23 - *Sung responsively with the cantor. (Psalm tone #9)*

<sup>1</sup>The Lord | is my shepherd;\*

I shall not | be in want.

<sup>2</sup>**He makes me lie down | in green pastures\*  
and leads me be- | side still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>He re- | vives my soul\*

and guides me along right pathways | for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>**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.**

<sup>5</sup>You spread a table before me in the presence of those who | trouble me;\*  
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

<sup>6</sup>**Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,\*  
and I will dwell in the house of the | Lord forever.**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:19-25

<sup>19</sup>For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly.

<sup>20</sup>For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. <sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.

<sup>22</sup>He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup>When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

VERSE (LBW p. 83) *John 6:68*

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

GOSPEL ANNUNCIATION (LBW p. 83)

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the tenth chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING: John 10:1-10

<sup>1</sup>{Jesus said to the Jews,} “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup>But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. <sup>7</sup>So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

GOSPEL RESPONSE (LBW p. 83)

Praise to you, O Christ.  
*Please be seated.*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

# GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND IN FAITH

*Please stand as you are able.*

HYMN OF THE DAY: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" (LBW #456)



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.

NICENE CREED (LBW p. 84) *Genesis 1-2; John 3:16; Luke 2; Acts 2*

Living together in the trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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;**

**by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**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.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He 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.**

#### INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people as they have need...

*Each petition ends with these words:* Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude with these words:* ...through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

#### OFFERING OF PEACE *John 20:19-21*

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*Having been reconciled to God in Christ, we share His peace with others.*

#### OFFERING OF TITHES & ADDITIONAL GIFTS with SPECIAL MUSIC as available

*We offer our time, talents, and treasure in gratitude for all of the blessings God has given us.*



*Please stand as you are able.*

OFFERTORY HYMN: "Let the Vineyards" (LBW p. 86)

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER (LBW p. 87)

Let us pray... Merciful Father, **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING (LBW p. 88)

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 him thanks and praise.

PREFACE (LBW p. 68) *Spoken by the pastor.*

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and ever-living God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his 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:

SANCTUS (“Holy” LBW p. 89) *Psalm 118:25-26; Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9; Mark 11:9*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heav'n 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (LBW Minister's Desk Edition p. 201-261)

*1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20*

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,

that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,

that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (LBW p. 91) *Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4*

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray...

**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.**

COMMUNION HYMN (“Lamb of God...” LBW p. 92) John 1:29

☞ 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.

*Please be seated.*

**WE RECEIVE THE LORD’S SUPPER**

*All who are baptized and trust that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine may come forward by families or groups to commune. The usher will direct you and offer you hand sanitizer.*

- *If you require gluten-free wafers or abstain from wine, indicate so to the pastor.*
- *To receive the Sacrament in your seat, notify the usher and it will be brought to you.*
- *If you abstain from the Sacrament altogether, you have full forgiveness of sins by God’s Word alone.*

The body of Christ given for you. **Amen.** The blood of Christ shed for you. **Amen.**

*After the elements are covered, please stand as you are able.*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & CANTICLE (LBW pp. 92-93)

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

☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.

Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.

He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy

with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER AND BENEDICTION (LBW pp. 94-95)

Let us pray...Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION (LBW p. 95)



☩ The Lord bless you and keep you. A - - men  
 The Lord make his face shine on you  
 and be gracious to you.  
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**GOD SENDS US FORTH TO SERVE**

SENDING HYMN: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" (LBW #481)

1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; Much we need your ten - der care.  
 2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, Be the guard - ian of our way;  
 3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and sin - ful though we be;  
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, Ear - ly let us do your will;

In your pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, For our use your fold pre - pare.  
 Keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.  
 You have mer - cy to re - lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
 Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, With your love our spir - its fill.

Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have bought us; we are yours.  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us chil - dren when we pray.  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to you.  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have loved us, love us still.

*Text: Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779-1847*  
*Tune: Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812-1887*

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DISMISSAL

Alleluia, Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**  
 Go in peace to share this good news. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

**WELCOME!** We are delighted to have you join us for worship today!



Love God. Love neighbor.  
Serve with joy in Jesus' name.  
worship + fellowship + discipleship

**Who We Are -**

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