

Welcome to Shepherd of the Desert  
Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Seventh week of Easter  
May 11,12, 2024



♥ HAPPY ♥  
*Mother's Day*

Shepherd of the Desert Mission Statement

"To be a congregation that puts the Love of Christ into action from one generation to another and from our community to our world".

✠ Please stand as you are able when noted.

**Preludes** Come More, My Soul  
My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Shearing  
Hebble

### Words of Welcome

### ✠ Confession and Forgiveness

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

P Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C **Amen**

✠ Gathering Hymn My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

ELW 782

### ✠ Greeting

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

### ✠ Kyrie

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

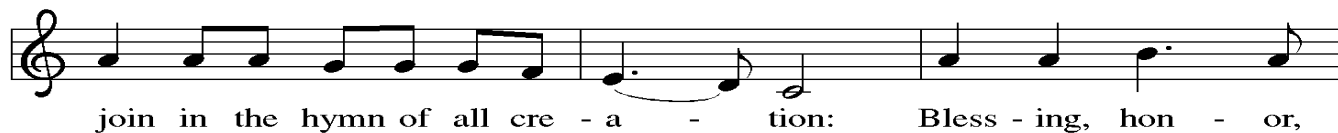
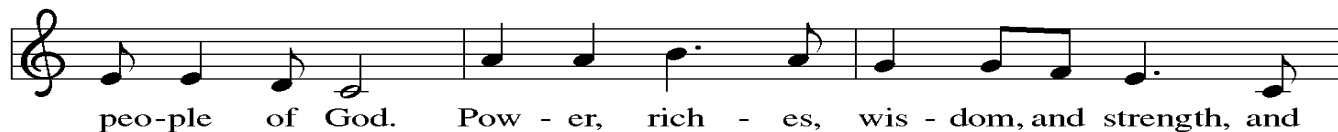
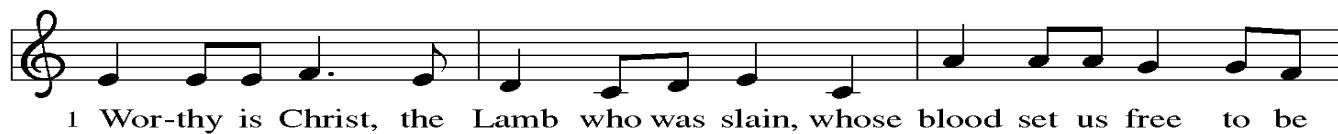
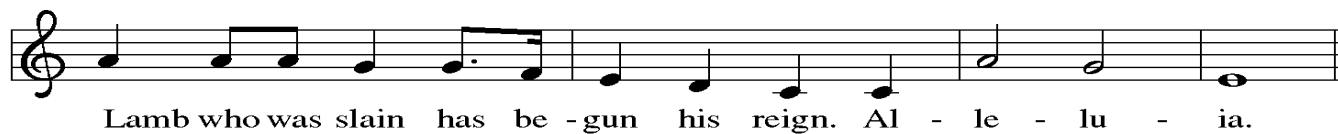
A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen**

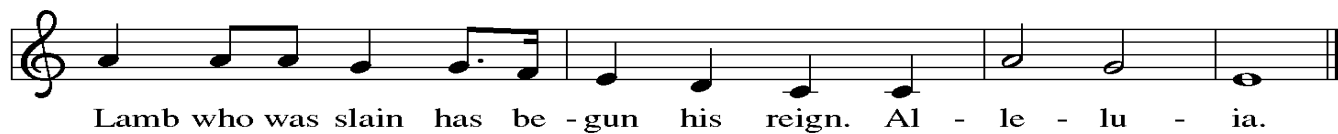
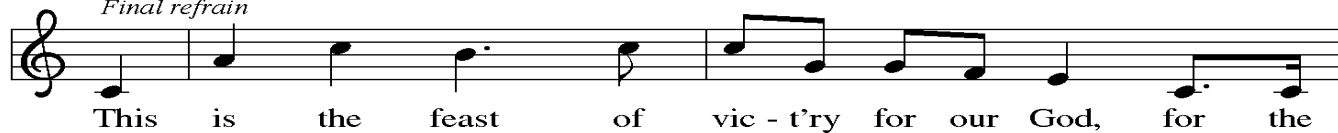
# ⦿ This is the Feast

## Setting 8

*Refrain*



*Final refrain*



## ✠ Prayer of the Day

A Gracious Heavenly Father, on this day we thank you for the gift of life you gave us through our mothers. We thank you for providing them to love us, care for us, and share Your word with us. Give them the faithful support of husband, family and friends as they care for the physical and spiritual growth of their children. In Jesus' name we pray.

C **Amen.**

### **First Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26**

*In the days between Jesus' ascension and Pentecost, Peter oversees the process whereby one of the members of the community of believers is chosen to be the twelfth apostle, in order to fill the vacancy created by Judas's treachery and death.*

<sup>15</sup>In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, <sup>16</sup>"Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—<sup>17</sup>for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." <sup>21</sup>So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection."

<sup>23</sup>So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." <sup>26</sup>And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm: Psalm 1**

*The LORD knows the way of the righteous. (Ps. 1:6)*

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel | of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats | of the scornful!

<sup>2</sup>**Their delight is in the law | of the LORD,  
and they meditate on God's teaching | day and night.**

<sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that | do not wither;  
everything they | do shall prosper.

<sup>4</sup>**It is not so | with the wicked;  
they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.**

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment comes,  
nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup>**For the LORD knows the way | of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked shall | be destroyed.**

## **Second Reading: 1 John 5:9-13**

*God has borne witness to the gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ. Whoever believes in the Son of God believes in the witness of God and has the promise of eternal life.*

<sup>9</sup>If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. <sup>10</sup>Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. <sup>11</sup>And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup>Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

<sup>13</sup>I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

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

**Gospel: John 17:6-19**

*In this reading the church hears Jesus' words on the night before his death—his prayer for his disciples and for all who would believe in him through their words.*

[Jesus prayed:] <sup>6</sup>“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

<sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.

<sup>15</sup>I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

**P** The Gospel of our Lord.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** Saturday Pastor Phil Gustafson / Sunday Pastor John Maroni

‡ **Hymn of the Day** Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

ELW 752

## **‡ Apostles Creed**

A With the whole church let us confess our faith

**C 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 to 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 the Gathered Community**

Each petition ends with:

A God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C Amen.**

## **Sharing the Peace**

## **‡ Offering Prayer**

P Risen One,

**C you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen**

## ⦿ Prayer at the Table

P The Lord be with you

C **And also with you**

P Lift up your hearts

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

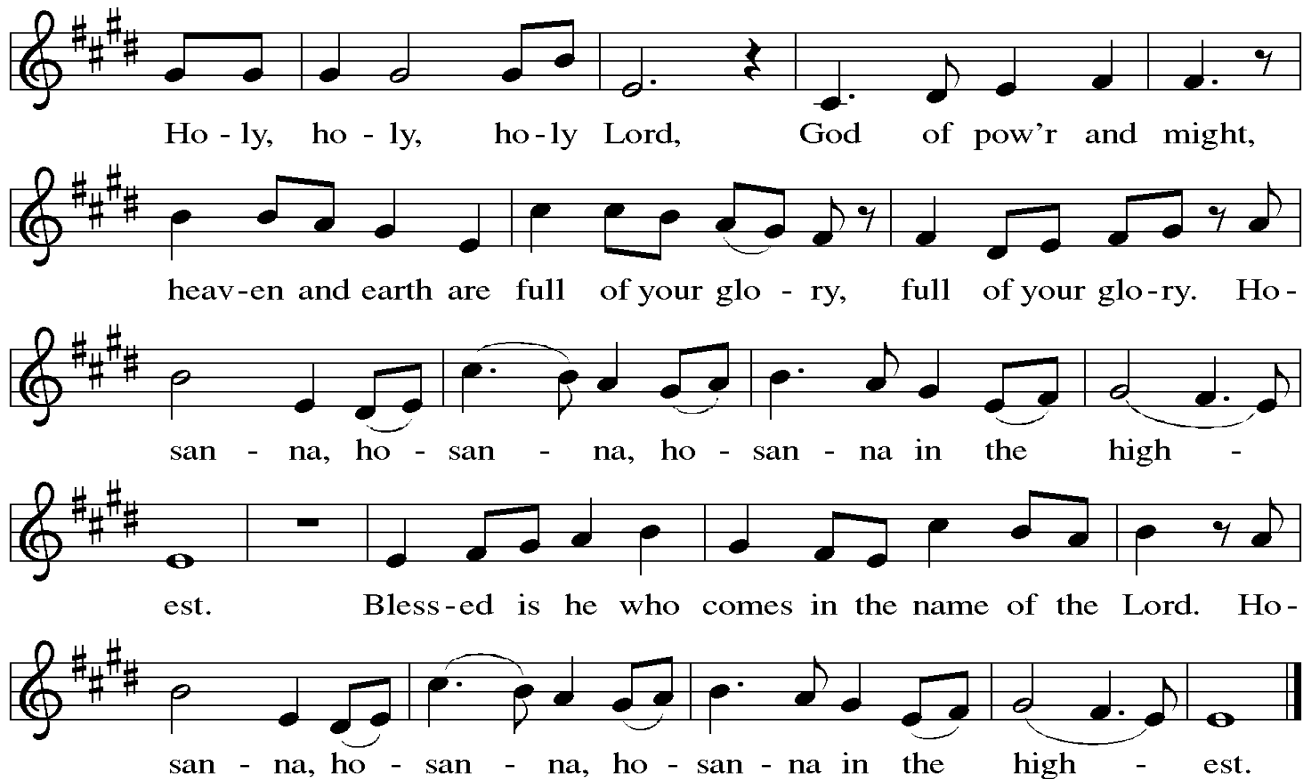
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

C **It is right to give 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, through the great shepherd of your flock, our Savior Jesus Christ; 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:

## ⦿ Holy, Holy, Holy

### Setting 8



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

P With thanksgiving we remember our Lord Jesus Christ: in the night in which he was betrayed, he 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.



**‡ Lord's Prayer**

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.

**‡ Lamb of God**

**Setting 8**



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, Lamb of God.

**Invitation to Communion**

P There is a place for you at the table. You are welcome here.

**The Communion Distribution**

We welcome all baptized Christians to receive Holy Communion with us. The ushers will guide you to the altar. You may kneel or stand. Let Pastor know you are gluten free to receive a gluten free wafer. Wine is rose/pink colored and grape juice is golden. You may share your offering as you come forward for Holy Communion.

Communion Hymns 654, 479, 597

✠ Prayer after Communion

A Let us pray. Shepherding God,

C **you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen**

✠ Blessing

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

✠ Recessional Hymn Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

ELW 858, vv. 1, 2, & 4

Dismissal

A Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude Toccata in E Minor

Pachelbel

**Cantors:** Sat. Bob Senelly & Sun. Keith LaShier

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# SHEPHERD OF THE DESERT ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Monday Morning Bible Study** Monday's at 10:00 a.m. Bring your Bible and a beverage. We are reading the New Testament book of 1 Timothy 3:14-4:16.

**Bad Girls Bible Book Club** Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. in the Founders room. The first book we are going to read is Bad Girls of the Bible by Liz Higgs. We will meet Wednesday mornings and discuss the assigned chapter. Contact Nancy Fisher if you would like to come!

**Game Night** May 24th at 6:00 p.m. We are starting a game night in Founders Room. Bring a game or join in on a game. Snacks provided but bring a beverage of your choice. Contact Nancy Fisher or Jeanne Wallrath if you have any questions. You can sign up in the Narthex.

**Free Bingo Night** Wednesday May 29th 4p.m.-6p.m. in Walton Hall. Come and enjoy food, prizes, and Fellowship! Don't forget to sign up at the sign up table in the Narthex or call the church office.

**Mission of the Month - Shepherd's Columbarium** In May, special offerings designated *Mission of the Month* will be used for general maintenance and upkeep of the Columbarium at Shepherd of the Desert.



Joanne Gollatz	5/15
Susan Johnson	5/15
Pastor John	5/17
Sheila Conn	5/17