

# Welcome to Shepherd of the Desert Evangelical Lutheran Church Sun City, AZ



## Fifth Week of Easter May 2,3, 2026

### 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 in body or spirit.

## Preludes

## Words of Welcome

### ✠ Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C **Amen.**

P 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.

C **Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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.

C **Amen.**

## 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 communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort  
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -  
 3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to  
 4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,  
 guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort  
 wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!  
 throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.  
 me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.  
 trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

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| <p>5 He lives to bless me with his love;<br/>                 he lives to plead for me above;<br/>                 he lives my hungry soul to feed;<br/>                 he lives to help in time of need.</p>                       | <p>7 He lives and grants me daily breath;<br/>                 he lives, and I shall conquer death;<br/>                 he lives my mansion to prepare;<br/>                 he lives to bring me safely there.</p> |
| <p>6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;<br/>                 he lives and loves me to the end;<br/>                 he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;<br/>                 he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!</p> | <p>8 He lives, all glory to his name!<br/>                 He lives, my Savior, still the same;<br/>                 what joy this blest assurance gives:<br/>                 I know that my Redeemer lives!</p>    |

‡ **Prayer of the Day**

A The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

**First Reading: Acts 7:55-60**

Pew Bible

L The word of the Lord  
C **Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16**

Pew Bible

- <sup>1</sup> In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be I put to shame;  
deliver me I in your righteousness.
- <sup>2</sup> **Incline your I ear to me;**  
**make haste to de- I liver me.**
- <sup>3</sup> Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag I and my stronghold;  
for the sake of your name, lead I me and guide me.
- <sup>4</sup> **Take me out of the net that they have secretly I set for me,**  
**for you are my tow- I er of strength.**
- <sup>5</sup> Into your hands I com- I mend my spirit,  
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, I God of truth.
- <sup>15</sup> **My times are I in your hand;**  
**rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who I persecute me.**
- <sup>16</sup> Let your face shine up- I on your servant;  
save me in your I steadfast love.”

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10**

Pew Bible

L The word of the Lord  
C **Thanks be to God**

**† Gospel Acclamation**

**Setting 4**



P The Gospel of Our Lord  
C Thanks be to God

**Message**

**Hymn of the Day** Take My Life, That I May Be

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1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;  
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days;	let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my feet and let them be	swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
take my lips and let them be	filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
take my in - tel - lect, and use	ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;  
 it shall be no longer mine.  
 Take my heart, it is thine own;  
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
 at thy feet its treasure store;  
 take myself, and I will be  
 ever, only, all for thee.

## **‡ 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, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.\*  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again 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 Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

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

**C Amen.**

## **‡ Share the Peace**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

## **Offering Music**

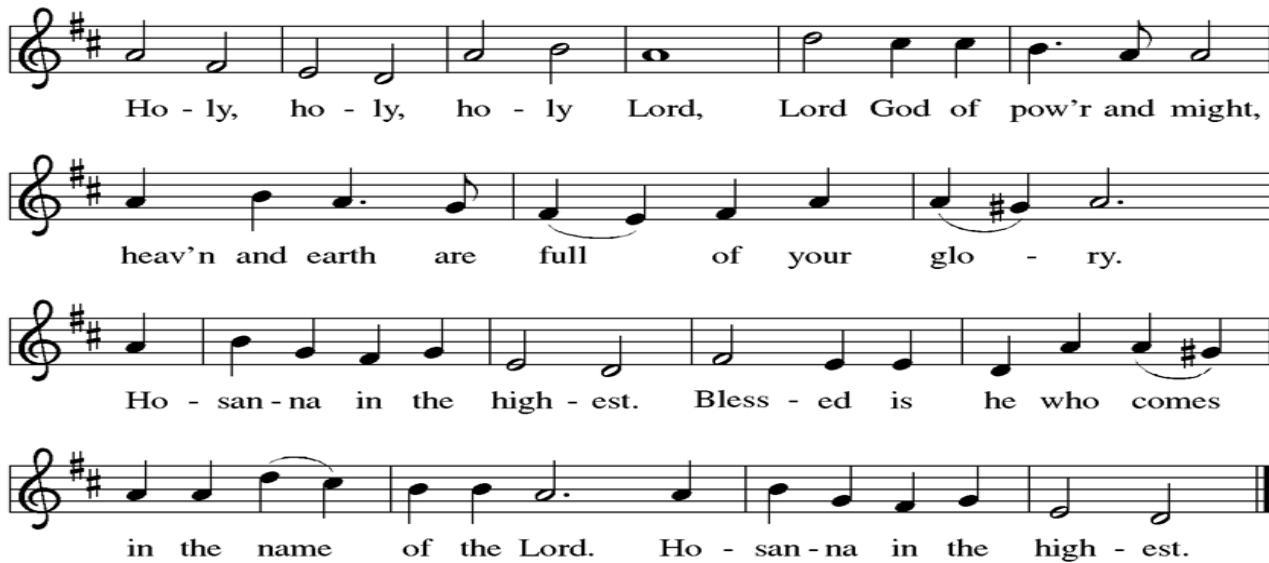
Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
 bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
 fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
 nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble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

‡ 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 our thanks and praise.**
- P It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Holy, Holy, Holy

## Setting 4



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.

P We praise you for the heart of Jesus, so filled with your love for this earth.  
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.

P With hearts full of memories and hopes, we break this bread and share this cup,  
remembering the death and resurrection of Christ, and his promise to be with us always  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

Gather us into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

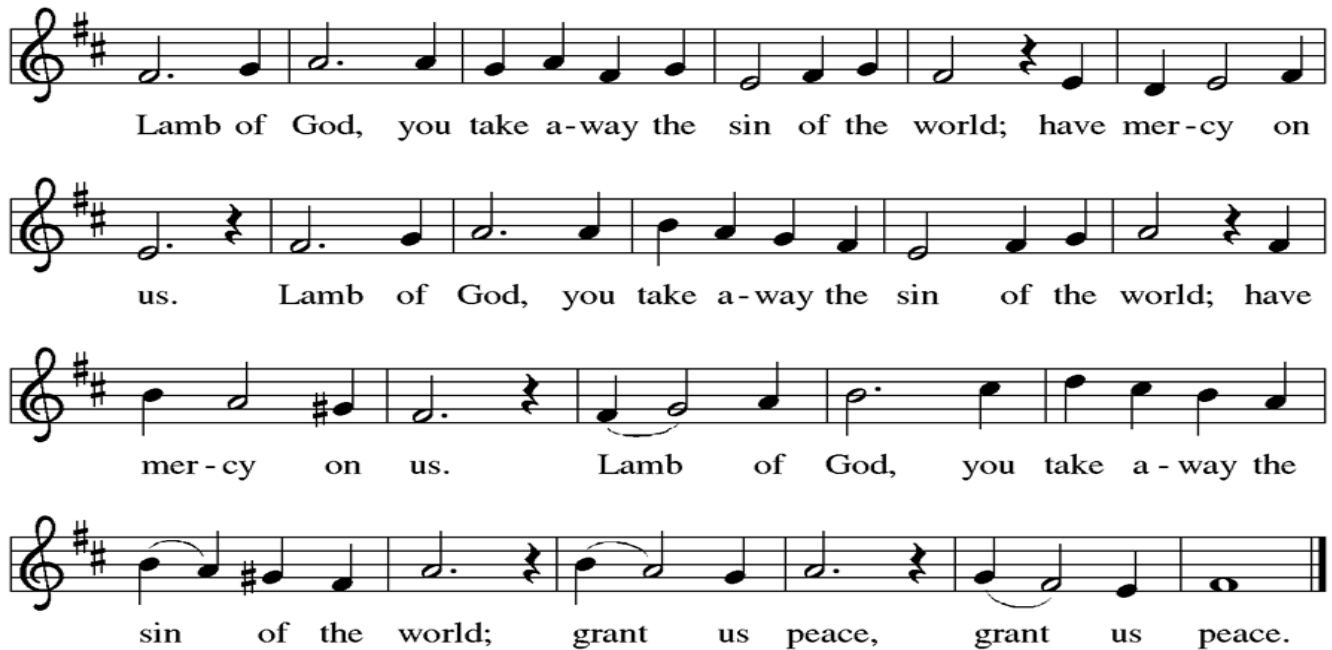
**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## Invitation to Communion

P There's a place for everyone at the table. All are welcome here.

## ‡ Lamb of God

## Setting 4



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.

## ‡ Post-Communion Blessing

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

## ‡ Post Communion Prayer and Sending of Communion

A Let us pray.  
Holy One and God of tender compassion, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. As we have been nourished by the Bread of Life, bless now those who leave this assembly to share these gifts with our sisters and brothers who are homebound. May they be sustained by the love of this community and by the grace of Jesus Christ, who satisfies all hunger.  
Send us all now into the world to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray.  
C Amen.

## ‡ Blessing

P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.  
A Amen



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!

✠ Dismissal

- A Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
- A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

# Shepherd of the Desert Announcements

**Monday Morning Bible Study** 10:00 a.m. in the Founders Room. Remember to bring your Bible and a beverage. We will be reading the lessons for the upcoming weekend services. **No Bible Study on May 25th.**

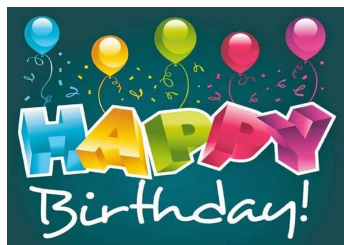
## **First Wednesday Bingo at Shepherd of the Desert**

First Wednesday of **every month** from May through November. Fellowship and Games: Bingo and Prizes; Food and Surprises. The first Bingo Night is **May 6th at 5PM** in Walton Hall. We will be serving pizza for dinner please make sure to sign up in the Narthex or the church office.

## **Paint Night**

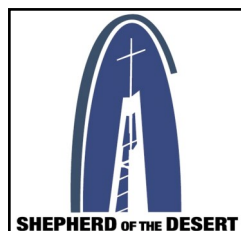
**May 13th at 5:30 p.m.** Please make sure to sign up so we can plan on snacks and supplies. Bring a beverage there is snacks provided.

**Mission of the Month** - May- **Native American Urban Ministry** This Ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America who meets at Grace Lutheran Church 1124 N 3rd St down town Phoenix.



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