

*10:45am Celebration
Worship Service*



April 21st, 2024



Welcome to all, especially visitors! It is no accident that you are here! We've been praying for you. We believe God has brought you here and wants to touch your life. You are among friends.

- ◆ If you are visiting, please sign in on our guest sign in sheet in the Narthex Hallway.
- ◆ ***At our 10:45 service:*** words for the hymns are projected on the screens at the front of the sanctuary.
- ◆ ***For the hearing impaired:*** hearing devices are available in the Narthex outside the sanctuary.
- ◆ ***Restrooms:*** To locate a restroom, exit the back of the worship area. Take two rights and proceed down the hallway. At the stairs, go left. The Women's Room is on the left, the Men's Room is straight ahead.
- ◆ ***Holy Communion at ELC:*** We welcome to the Lord's Table all the baptized people of God. Gluten free options and grape juice are available.
- ◆ ***Nursery:*** We have a fully staffed nursery for infants through children six years of age or children of any age with special needs. The nursery opens at 10:30 AM on Sunday morning for our 10:45 AM worship service. The nursery is equipped with a pager system to help parents feel at ease.
- ◆ ***Photo Release Form:*** Our 10:45 service is live-streamed to our Facebook Page and YouTube Channel. All children coming to the front for the Children's Message or Holy Communion will be visible on the live-feed. If you do not want your child's image online, please do not send them up to the front. If you are ok with it, please fill out a Photo Release Form located on the sign-up table in the Narthex and put it in the offering box.

***Criminal Background Checks have been done for all of our Nursery & Children's Ministry Volunteers.**

April 21st, 2024 The Fourth Sunday of Easter

The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY SHARING

Please stand

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the wellspring of grace,
our Easter and our joy.

C Amen.

P Look, here is water!

C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P Immersed in the promises of baptism,
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning
your voice thundered over the deep
and water became the essence of life.
Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.
The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.
Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea
into freedom's land.
In a desert pool the Ethiopian official
entered your boundless baptismal life.

P Look, here is water!

C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,
freeing us to live as Easter people.
We rejoice with glad hearts,
giving all honor and praise to you,
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Look, here is water!

C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

GREETING**P** Christ is risen!**C** Christ is risen indeed!**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.**PRAYER OF THE DAY****P** Let us pray. 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.**C** Amen.*Please be seated***WORD****FIRST READING****1 JOHN 3:16-24***Jesus' death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God's commandments.*¹⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How 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?¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.²³And 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. ²⁴All 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.**L** The word of the Lord.**C** Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING:

¹ The Lord is my shepherd;
 I shall not want.
² He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
 He leads me beside the still waters.
³ He restores my soul;
 He leads me in the paths of righteousness
 For His name's sake.
⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
 I will fear no evil;
 For You are with me;
 Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.
⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
 You anoint my head with oil;
 My cup runs over.
⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
 All the days of my life;
 And I will dwell in the house of the Lord
 Forever.

Please Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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

Repeat alleluia

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

GOSPEL

John 10:11-18

In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.

P The holy gospel according to St. John the 10th Chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The 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. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I 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. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No 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.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Debbie Zacher

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP

After the children’s message, the children are welcomed to be a part of the Children’s Worship that takes place in our Sunday School Room #105. Children return from Children’s Worship during the sharing of the peace.

SERMON

Pastor D

Please stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ELW 502

THE APOSTLES 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 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 INTERCESSION



Members of Our Congregation: Don Cool and Karla Oller, Amy Pitts, Linda Rausch, Joyce Van Breeman, and the family of Birgitta Bauer.

Friends of the Congregation: Paul & Rebecca Corderman, Kathy Freese, Jim Gleason, Tyler Kreiter & Family, Ron Provard, Dan & Sebastian Rovelstad, Barbara Sarlouis, Marianne Smits, Regina Spagnoletti, Susan Spagnoletti, Gene & Sally Weagley, Abraham and Naziha Hanna, Alicia Wood and Quincy Village Charter House Residents

(Names will be posted for a month. If you would like to have them on longer, please contact the church office.)

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please be seated

CHOIR ANTHEM

The Lord Will Be My Shepherd

Nancy Price/ Don Besig

Please stand

MEAL

A LITANY OF GENEROSITY

Let us give thanks to God
for his gifts so generously given to us,
and for the blessings we are called to share.

**For recognizing that all things come from you,
for remembering that we are stewards of your gifts,
for wisely using the resources entrusted to us.**

We offer ourselves to you, O God.

**For rejoicing in the beauty of creation,
for the care of your world,
for sharing the fruits of creation equally among all people.**

We offer ourselves to you, O God.

**For encountering the joy of giving,
for humility in putting others' needs before our own,
for embracing the privilege of sharing in the ministry to the saints.**

We offer ourselves to you, O God.

**For courage in offering sacrificial generosity,
for giving to be an act of worship,
for grace in offering our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice.**

We offer ourselves to you, O God.

**For all financial gifts offered to your Church,
for freely giving as we have received,
for giving and not counting the cost.**

We offer ourselves to you, O God.

**For living a generous life,
for our actions to point beyond themselves,
for our generosity to be an expression of love and gratitude.**

We offer ourselves to you, O God.

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray. Risen One, 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.

C Amen.

*Thank you for your continuous support of ELC ministries. Your generosity is making a difference. Please place your offering in one of the boxes at the entrance to the Sanctuary.
You are a blessing!*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE

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.

The image shows a musical score for a four-part dialogue. Each part is written on a single staff in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: '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.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The melody is simple and homophonic, with lyrics placed below the notes.

PREFACE

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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; 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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Holy, Holy, Holy'. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The melody is simple and homophonic, with lyrics placed below the notes.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P 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.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

Please be seated

COMMUNION SONG



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.

Please stand

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

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray. Shepherding God, 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.

C Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

Shout to the Lord

DISMISSAL

P Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

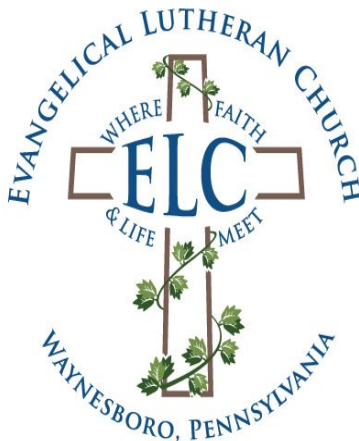
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*In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Haugh Sr.
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