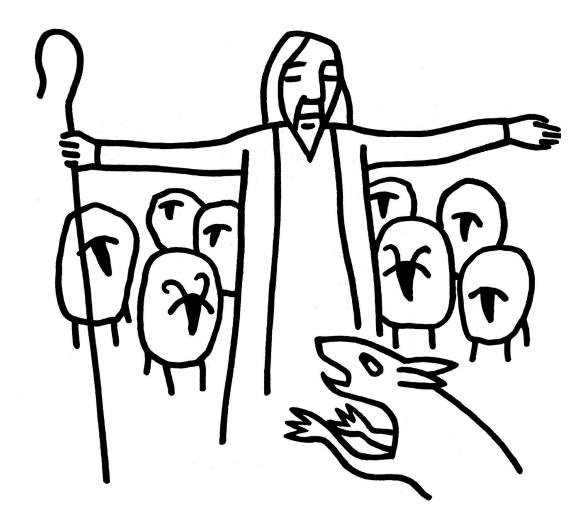
KING OF GLORY LUTHERAN CHURCH, BOISE, IDAHO Fourth Sunday of Easter April 21, 2024



Prelude

Leader: I welcome you to King of Glory. May this service be a blessing as we listen to the Word, sing God's praises and focus on God as we pray. Welcome!

<u>Welcome</u>

We welcome those in our balcony joining by Live Stream or watching a recording. You are important to us and you are a wonderful part of our worship experience.

Please know that you may want to gather a few items for worship, <u>a bulletin from our</u> <u>website, KOGlutheran.org</u>, some celebratory food like wine/juice and some bread and a lit candle, etc. for communion later on in this service.

If you have a prayer request please put it in the chat. We are grateful that you are worshiping with us.

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: We pause in our busy lives to turn our thoughts to God and tell God of our missteps on our journey following Jesus.

Congregation: Gracious God, we acknowledge that when the going gets rough, we begin to assert ourselves and our own needs, and we pull back from community with others. Like the Israelites in the desert, we murmur and complain; we criticize and blame. In your compassion, forgive us and help us. Show us how to work toward unity in our commitment to you, even when we feel like we are having a wilderness day. We pray for your help and love through Jesus who is your beloved Son. AMEN

Pastor: The good news is actually fantastic news! We are forgiven through the love and compassion of Jesus Christ. **AMEN** (Connie Winter-Eulberg and Ruth C. Duck, "Flames of the Spirit, pg. 32-33)



- 2 Pues nuestro Señor ha hecho prodigios. Pues nuestro Señor ha hecho prodigios. Pues nuestro Señor ha hecho prodigios. ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!
- 3 Cantad al Señor, alabadle con arpa. Cantad al Señor, alabadle con arpa. Cantad al Señor, alabadle con arpa. ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!
- 4 Es él que nos da el Espíritu Santo. Es él que nos da el Espíritu Santo. Es él que nos da el Espíritu Santo. ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!
- 5 ¡Jesús es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya! ¡Jesús es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya! ¡Jesús es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya! ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!

Greeting

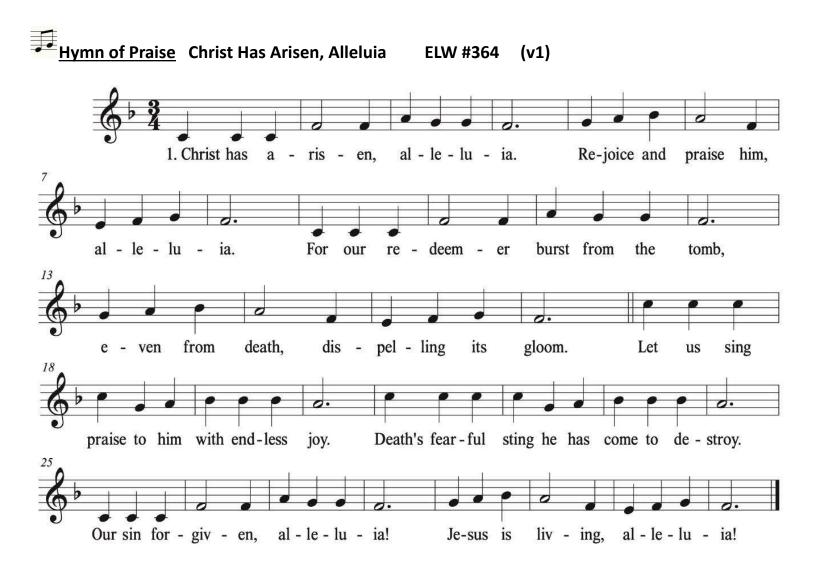
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray,

God, whenever we read Psalm 23 we are comforted by the words, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." We need your comfort as our shepherd today. We worry about the future of our country, the health of ourselves and our loved ones, housing for the unhoused and the safety and well-being for those in war zones. With you, our sheltering rock of ages, we are not alone. **AMEN** (Connie Winter-Eulberg)



<u>First Lesson</u>

Acts 4:5-12

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶ with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷ When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹ if we are being questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are being asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ This Jesus is

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

¹² "There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 23 CEV Version (read responsively) With Mbira/Kalimba/Sansa (Choir will be the Leader and the CONGREGATION is the bold)

You, Lord, are my shepherd. I will never be in need.

You let me rest in fields of green grass.

You lead me to streams of peaceful water,

and you refresh my life.

You are true to your name,

and you lead me along the right paths.

I may walk through valleys as dark as death,

but I won't be afraid.

You are with me,

and your shepherd's rod makes me feel safe.

You treat me to a feast,

while my enemies watch.

You honor me as your guest,

and you fill my cup until it overflows.

Your kindness and love will always be with me each day of my life,

and I will live forever in your house, Lord.

Second Lesson 1 John 3:16-24

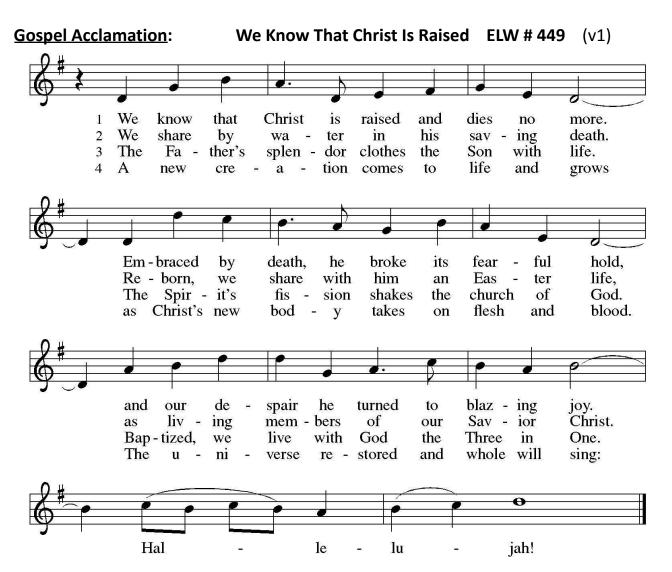
We know love by this, that Jesus laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. ¹⁹ And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before God ²⁰ whenever our hearts condemn us, for God is greater than our hearts, and God knows everything. ²¹ Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God, ²² and we receive from God whatever we ask, because we obey God's commandments and do what pleases him.

²³ And this is God's commandment, that we should believe in the name of God's Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as God has commanded us. ²⁴ All who obey God's commandments abide in God, and he abides in them. And by this we know that God abides in us, by the Spirit that God has given us.

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Gospel Reading John 10:11-18

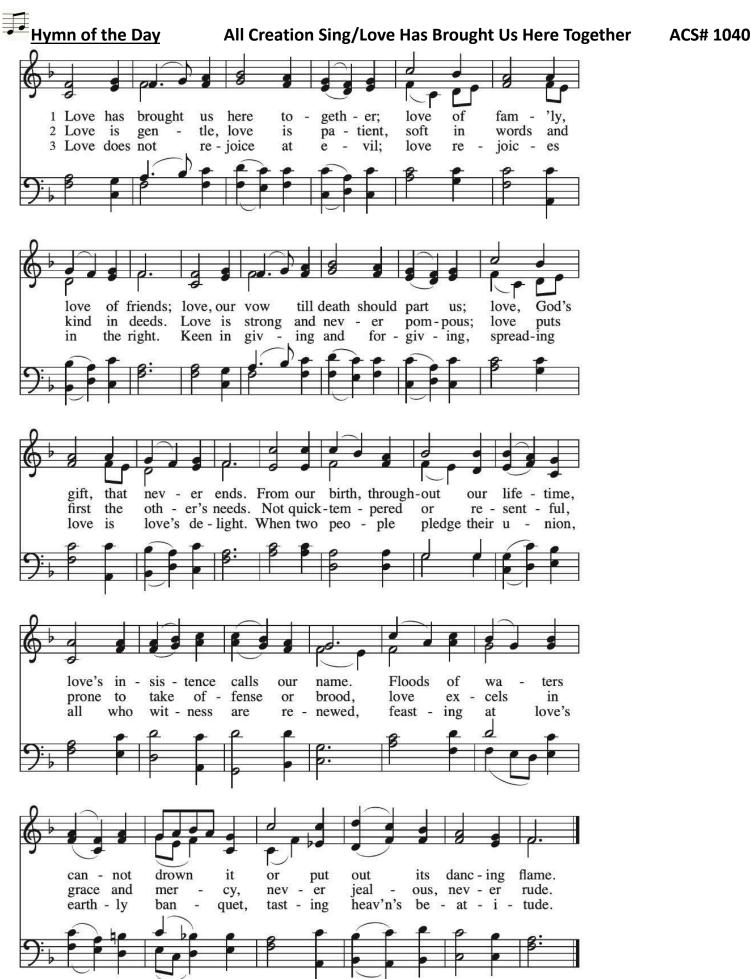
"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸ 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."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Kids Message

<u>Sermon</u>



Creed -I Believe In the God of Abraham

I believe in the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the Living, the Promise

I believe in the God of Jesus of Nazareth, the deceased, the tortured, the crucified then, now, all over the world, again and again.

I believe in a God who raises the oppressed and brings the exiles home.

I believe in Jesus who gave himself for all humankind To gather all the scattered children of God together in one house. Jesus is the hope of the world.

I believe in the God of Jesus, the Risen one, the happy one, the perfect one, who we strive to emulate and obey.

I believe in the all-embracing Love, in the Spirit of peace and unitywho makes us speak the same language, who will fulfill what was promised to us. The Holy Spirit is God with us today. AMEN *(found at a church in Bruges Belgium in July 2010)* by ProgressiveChristianity.org on May 24, 2013 and Pastor Connie Winter-Eulberg

Intercessory Prayers

Let us pray,

Holy One, we know you by many names, but still we are part of one human family, Your family. Open our hearts and minds so that we see Your reflection in the face of every person on this earth. Help us to forge bonds of compassion, dignity, and respect with every person.

We place in your hands, O God, all those who are ill, feeling lonely, rejected, depressed, or hopeless. Give them your love and compassion.

Let prejudice, stigma, fear, and presumptions never interfere with our ceaseless efforts to assure that each and every person is able to feel the embrace of family, community, and of God. **AMEN**

("A Prayer for Inclusion" By Rabbi Edie Menscher and Rabbi Rick Jacobs and Pastor Connie)

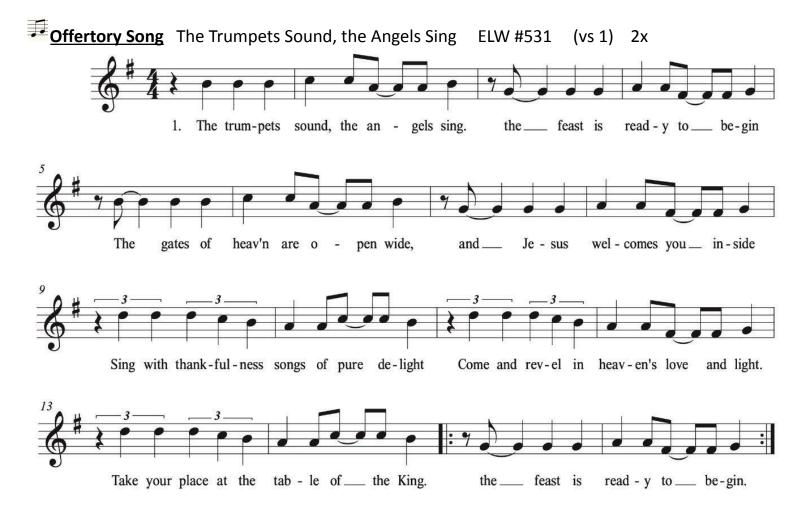
Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

Congregation: And also with you.

Offering

Offertory Choir Anthem: The King of Love My Shepherd Is



Offering Prayer

Let us pray,

God, as we offer our gifts to you, may we remember those who are forgotten by us too many times – the hungry, the lonely, the unhoused, the vulnerable – yet are important citizens in your kingdom of grace, justice, and hope. In Jesus' name, we pray. **Amen.** (Thom Shuman)

(Congregation rises)

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And also 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.

Eucharistic Prayer

Jesus, we are grateful for this meal and those around the world who are eating this same meal as their spiritual practice to remember what you did for us. In thanksgiving and remembrance, we ask you to bless this bread and wine. We share them together with all the Churches on earth and all the saints.

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 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 in remembrance of me.

God, you reach out to us in this meal.

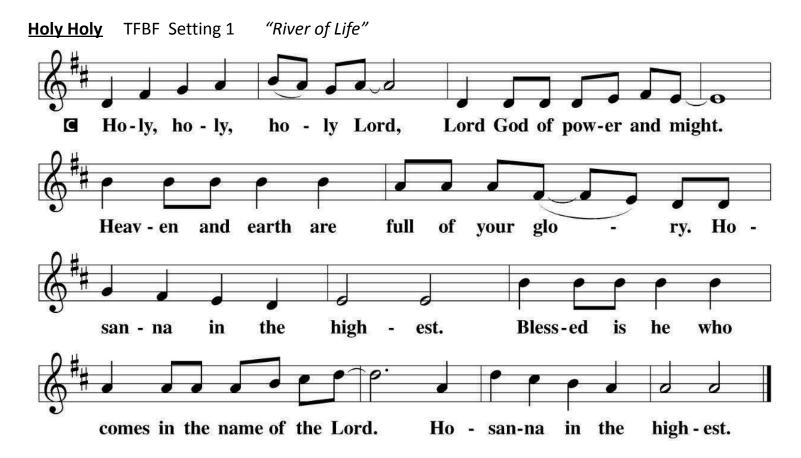
You refresh us at your table.

You supply our deepest needs.

Your love knows no boundaries.

You provide us with courage and joy in the name of Jesus Christ.

May we become bread and peace for one another and for the world. **AMEN** (Flames of the Spirit pg. 105-6, edited by Connie Winter-Eulberg)



Lord's Prayer

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

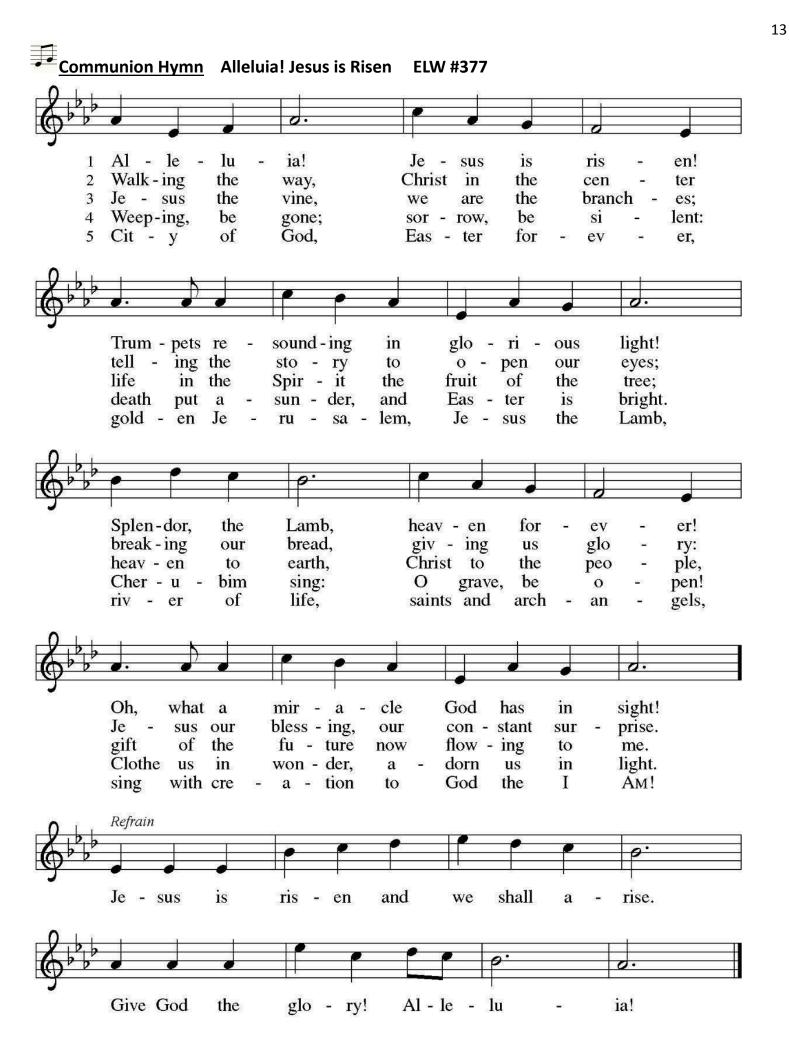
Lord's Prayer	Notre Pere
Our Father in heaven,	Notre Père, qui es aux cieux,
hallowed be your name,	Que ton nom soit sanctifié, Que ton règne vienne, Que ta volonté soit faite sur la terre comme
your kingdom come,	
your will be done,	au ciel.
on earth as in heaven.	Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre pain de ce jour. Pardonne-nous nos offences
Give us this day our daily bread.	
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.	Comme nous pardonnons aussi à ceux qui nous ont offensés.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.	Et ne nous laisses pas entrer en tentation, mais délivre-nous du mal. Car c'est à toi qu'appartiennent le règne, la puissance et la gloire, aux siècles des siècles. Amen
For the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours,	
now and forever. AMEN	

Invitation to the Table

Pastor: This is the meal. It is for all people.

Communion of the people

(There are two communion stations on either side of the baptismal font where you will receive bread. Then you can go to the right or to the left to receive wine/juice in an individual cup. You then place your empty cup in the basket by the wine/juice station.) (If gluten free please ask for a GF wafer)



Post Communion Prayer:

Let us pray,

Creative and love giving God, the gift of holy communion is essential to our lives. This sustains us as it has our ancestors for thousands of years. We can imagine how the people in the first century gathered on the hillside, in small homes and on the shore of the Sea of Galilee sharing bread and wine and telling each other the story of Jesus. We are grateful for this life-giving food.

AMEN

(Connie Winter-Eulberg)



Benediction

Because the tomb is empty, your life can be full. Go into every place and every day as people brimming with the love of God.

Be graceful in spirit, hopeful in word, and faithful in all that you do. The risen Christ lives in you.

Alleluia and Amen!

Amen.

<u>Dismissal</u>

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God! French: Allez en paix. Servez le Seigneur. Dieu soit loué.

Postlude

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