

Celebration Lutheran Church

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4th Sunday of Easter Worship: 10:00am April 21, 2024

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WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Call to Worship

L: Awaken!

The new day reveals itself in every moment, and by the grace of God all things are made possible. Come, let us give thanks.

C: We give thanks to you, blessed, mysterious Life-giver, for one more day to experience the miracle of creation.

L: With every breath we remember that life is a gift from you, O God, and we give thanks.

C: With every bite of healthy food, we know the wonder of your diverse and fruitful Earth, and we give thanks.

L: With every word, we affirm your transforming love for each of us, and we give thanks.

C: Holy Beloved, through you all things are made new. Creation is full of your glory. All praise be yours!

Entrance Song.....*"The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done"*..... # 366



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



1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's
2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst; Je - sus their le - gions
3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es glo - rious
4 Christ closed the yawn - ing gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high
5 Lord, by the stripes which wound-ed you, from death's sting free your



tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
has dis - persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!
por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!
ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!

After the final stanza



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

Greeting

L: 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 (in unison)

L: 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. Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Acts 4:5-12

⁵The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let 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. ¹¹This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.'

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

Psalms 23

"Still Waters"

Refrain:

Still waters restore my soul. Calm waters revive my spirit.

Still waters restore my soul. My cup overflows.

¹The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

² **The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures;
and leads me beside still waters;**

³ You restore my soul, O Lord.
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴ **Though I walk through valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your
staff-they comfort me. [Refrain]**

⁵ You prepare a table before me; in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup is running 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. [Refrain]**

Holy Gospel: John 10:11-18

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John in the 10th chapter

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

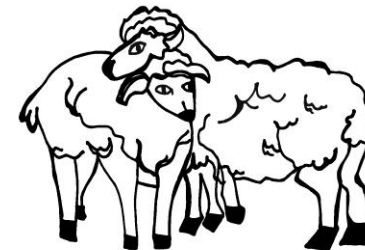
[Jesus said:] ¹¹"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a 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 our Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

WE RESPOND IN THANKFULNESS



Song of the Day..... *“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”*..... # 789

(Please pass prayer request to center isle for ushers to collect)



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.



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Prayers

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

Shepherding God, gather your church whenever we wander from you and one another. Empower our church in ministries around the world to worship and serve alongside global companions as equal partners and coworkers in the gospel. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Nurturing God, preserve the health of biomes and ecosystems. Inspire scientists, researchers, conservation organizations, and all people entrusted with the task of caring for creation, that we may be better stewards of the world around us. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, lead nations and communities to share resources, cooperate in solving conflicts, and listen to the wisdom of Indigenous peoples. Help all those with power to share it and to use such power for good. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, protect the very young and the very old, those living without housing, victims of domestic abuse, and all who live with chronic illness or compromised immune systems. Guide communities to actively care for people who are vulnerable. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, help this and all communities of faith to listen for your voice. Call us away from things that distract us from following you. Invite us to more deeply love and serve people who are lonely, isolated, and on the margins. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Living God, we give thanks for our ancestors in faith (*including Anselm of Canterbury and all who labored to help generations understand the good news of the gospel*). Strengthen us to share the good news in our own day. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**

Greeting of Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always

All: And also with you.

We Offer Our Gifts

Presentation Song *“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful # 184*

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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: 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. Amen.

WE SHARE CHRIST’S MEAL

The Great Thanksgiving

- L:** The Lord be with you. **C:** And also with you.
- L:** Lift up your hearts. **C:** We lift them to the Lord.
- L:** Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord our God.
- C:** It is right to give our thanks and praise to the Lord!

The Story of Our Lord's Supper

The Lord’s Prayer

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

All: 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.

Distribution of Our Lord’s Supper

Communion Hymns:

“Lamb of God”

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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.

“Where Charity and Love Prevail”

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1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
 2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;
 3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;
 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
 5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
 let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.
 as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
 Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
 that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

Prayers & Blessing

Sending Song ... *“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”* # 367



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: “Christ has
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: “Christ has
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we
 and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: “Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!” Sing, choirs of
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!” Now still he
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!” Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: “Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!”
 strife. “Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!”
 say: “Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!”
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



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

Dismissal **P:** Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
C: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

WE ENTER INTO MISSION

SUNDAY: 04/21/2024

- **9:00am Adult Forum/Sunday School/Youth Group**
- **10:00am Worship**
- **11:00am Fellowship**
- **1:00pm New Vision Church**

MONDAY: 04/22/2024

TUESDAY: 04/23/2024

- **5:30pm-7:30pm Boy Scouts**

WEDNESDAY: 04/24/2024

THURSDAY: 04/25/2024

- **7:00pm NVC Prayer Service**

FRIDAY: 04/26/2024

- **7:00pm NVC Music Practice**

SATURDAY: 04/27/2024

SUNDAY: 04/28/2024

- **9:00am Adult Forum/Sunday School/Youth Group**
- **10:00am Worship**
- **11:00am Fellowship**
- **1:00pm New Vision Church**
- **2:00pm Fellowship Fun!**

Month	Budgeted Income	Income Received
January	\$20,000	\$12,230
February	\$20,000	\$16,696
March	\$20,000	\$15,182
April	20,000	\$9,840

Announcements:

- **Pastor Sarah Toney's new email**
address: pastorsarah@clcewen.org
- **April 26th 5:30pm-7pm & April 27th 9:30am-4pm** ~ The mini-retreat, Practicing Resurrection, is coming up on the **evening of April 26th** and the **day of the 27th**. This is a free retreat for you to explore the power of resurrection in your life along with how you might more deeply open up to the movement of the Spirit. **If you would like to do this, please let Pr. Sarah or Darcie know by the end of the 21st (this Sunday).**
- **April 28th ~ 2pm ~ Fellowship Fun! ~ Chateau Faire Le Pont Winery**
1 Vineyard Way, Wenatchee, WA 98801. Come enjoy fellowship, laughter and the unique wineries in the valley. Invite a friend!
- **Holden Village Retreat! ~ July 22-26th ~ All are Invited! Celebration members, families, youth! Reserve by April 15th!** Join Pastor Sarah and others at Holden Village for 4 days focusing on the Love of Creation. For more details ask Pastor Sarah or call the church office.