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The  
sheep  
follow  
him  
because  
they  
know  
his  
voice.

John 10:4, NRSV



#### **Easter 4**

April 30, 2023  
9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service

## Easter 4

*St. Timothy Lutheran joyfully welcomes all people of any race, national origin, age, gender, ability, relationship status, political affiliation or sexual orientation, whether you are a believer, doubter or seeker. We welcome all because God welcomes all. Sharing and learning from our different experiences and ideas about life and faith, we live the love of Christ together.*

### Gathering

Welcome

Prelude

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, O Living One, for you have created all, and you water the earth abundantly. Oceans and aquifers praise you. Rivers and streams bless you. All life is sustained by you, our Source. We praise you for Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who frees us from sin and raises us up to new life. Here at this font we touch the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing through the city of God. Here, death is washed away forever. Here, we are grafted into the tree of life, with leaves for the healing of the world. Pour out your Holy Spirit on this assembly, into this community, and throughout all creation. Cleanse us from our fears and drown our divisions. Grant that all may drink of your mercy and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn ..... **“Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us”** ..... #789

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.**

This is the Feast

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

*Refrain*



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

*Refrain*



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

**Word**

Prayer of the Day

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Children’s Sermon

First Reading ..... *Acts 2:42-47*

<sup>42</sup>[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

<sup>43</sup>Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup>they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia Verse

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

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the tenth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading ..... *John 10:1-10*

[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon ..... *Pastor Sarah*  
*Copies of the sermon can be found on the worship table.*

Hymn of the Day ..... **“Shepherd Me, O God”** ..... #780

Sacrament of Holy Baptism ..... p. 227

Prayers of Intercession

*After each petition the Assistant says:*

Gracious God,

*The people respond:*

**Receive our prayer.**

*After the final petition, the people say:*

**Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

Offering of Our Gifts

Offering Anthem ..... **“The Lord Is My Shepherd”** ..... *Dexter*  
*(The Choir)*

Offertory Prayer

Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread, reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

It is indeed right.... praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

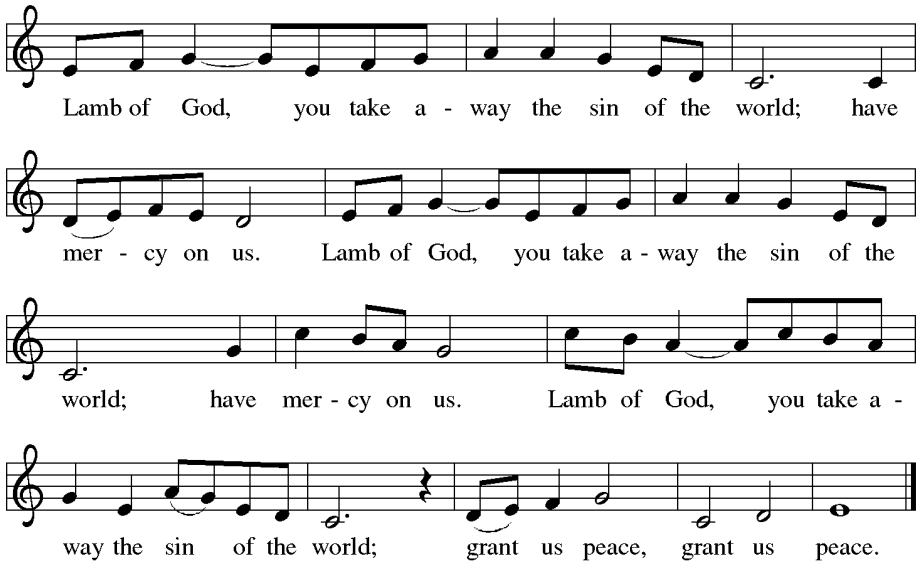
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

The 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



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.

Communion Music

## Distribution of Communion

*All people are invited to the Lord's table of grace. We offer Holy Communion by individual glass, **the red glasses are filled with wine and the white glasses are grape juice.** Gluten free wafers are available from a pastor upon request. If you prefer to receive communion at your pew, just let the usher know. Children who have not yet received Holy Communion instruction are invited forward to receive a blessing as well as anyone who doesn't want to receive communion.*

## Post Communion Blessing

### Post-Communion Prayer

Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

### Benediction

May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

Sending Hymn ..... **"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"** ..... #619  
(Stanzas 1, 2, 7 & 8)

### Dismissal

People of God, loved by God what have you been called to do?  
**Live the love of Christ!!**

Go in peace, serve the risen Lord. Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## Postlude

*If you are a visitor, we welcome you as siblings in Christ as together we "Live the love of Christ." We are happy you are here, and we would like to get to know you. As you leave the sanctuary, please introduce yourself to the pastors and sign the guest register at the Welcome Center in the narthex.*