



**Easter 4**

April 21, 2024

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.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Thanksgiving for Baptism

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

Children: Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, in the very beginning your voice thundered within the void and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve played in Eden's 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. And in a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Children: Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the Jordan river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. And through the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love to us, freeing everybody here to live as Easter people!

Children: Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

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. **Amen.**

Children's Sermon

Gathering Hymn.....“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” ..... #369

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 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.**

First Reading ..... *1 John 3:16-24*

<sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>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?

<sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

<sup>23</sup>And 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. <sup>24</sup>All 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.

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 10:11-18*

[Jesus said:] <sup>11</sup>“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>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.”

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 ... **“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”** ..... **#502**  
*(Please stand as you’re able) (Stanzas 1-4)*

## Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## 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 .....“He Leadeth Me” ..... Cox  
(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

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:  
 beyond the stars; beneath the sea;  
 within each cell; with every breath.

**We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness:  
 through the water; by night and day;  
 across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

**We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son:  
 at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer;  
 beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

**We thank you, O God.**



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.**

Look here is bread. Look here is wine.  
Come receive the life of Christ to share the love of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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.....“Shepherd Me, O God” .....#780

## Invitation to Holy 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 wash away our sin and fill us with grace. Send us forth from this communion to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant love of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

**Amen.**

## Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Shepherding God, we give thanks to you and ask that you lead us into the joy of Easter hope. May the Lord ☩ bless you now and always.

**Amen.**

Sending Hymn ..... **"Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us!"** ..... #789

## 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.*

*If you wish to request prayers for fellow members, family members or friends, please email them to [prayerline@sttimothylutheran.com](mailto:prayerline@sttimothylutheran.com). Our Prayer Line members will join you in praying for anyone who needs your prayers.*

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