



## ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter April 25, 2021

Worship 11:00 A.M.

Minister  
Musician

Rev. Diana Edis  
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Our worship will be live streamed on our Facebook page: St. Paul's Lutheran, Prince Rupert. You do not have to have a Facebook account to access worship.

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*Welcome to Worship with St. Paul's Lutheran Church. 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.*

### Weekly Prayer Petitions

**Local:** Christ the King, Anglican, Pt. Edward – Rev. Anthony Adams, Yvonne Hill

**Synod Parishes:** Oakridge Lutheran – Rev. Matthew Senf, and Redeemer Lutheran – Rev. Katrina Vigen

**Anglican/Lutheran Joint Prayers** - The Rt. Rev. Todd Townshend, Bishop and the people of the Diocese of Huron/Dean, council & congregations of the Manitoba W. Area of the Manitoba-NW Ontario Synod.

### Discipleship Opportunities

1. The Pastor will be Public by Zoom every Wednesday from 9:30 - 11:30AM. You may join by computer, tablet, or smart phone by either clicking the link below or by typing it into your browser.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87222984486?pwd=OHFIcWZySkR1dHNpek1qMzU4RIJWUT09>

Meeting ID: 872 2298 4486

Password: 263906

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*Prelude*

*Announcements*

L: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, the ELCIC as we often refer to it, today has been set aside to consider our vocational callings in Christ. The word "vocation" is rooted in the Latin word, *vocacio* meaning call or summons. A vocation is a calling: to serve God, to an occupation or profession, and/or an inclination to a particular activity. Individuals and congregations play a vital role in leadership formation. In faithful, prayerful community, we help each other to hear God's call and encourage each other to exercise gifts for ministry. Let us begin by giving thanks.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

*Water is poured into the font as the minister gives thanks.*

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers. Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life. Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

*Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*

No. 645 (tune 275)

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and  
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of  
 3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from  
 4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,  
 hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,  
 you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er  
 to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,

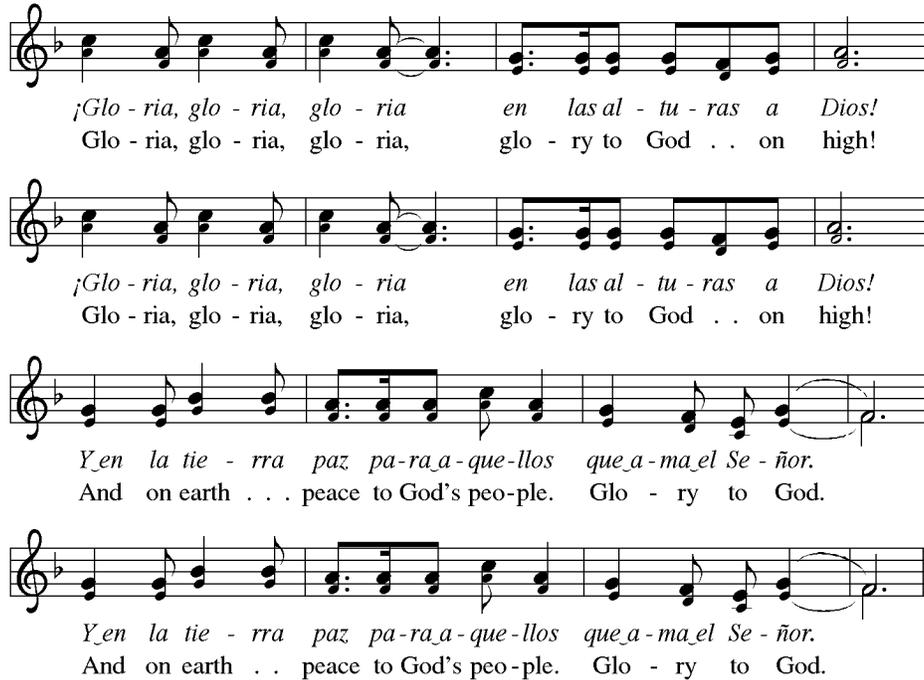
bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
 hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est  
 with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter  
 ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and

help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.  
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.  
 in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.  
 one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

L: 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.**

Canticle of Praise

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*¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!*  
Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!

*¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!*  
Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!

*Y en la tie - rra paz pa - ra a - que - llos que a - ma el Se - ñor.*  
And on earth . . . peace to God's peo - ple. Glo - ry to God.

*Y en la tie - rra paz pa - ra a - que - llos que a - ma el Se - ñor.*  
And on earth . . . peace to God's peo - ple. Glo - ry to God.

*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.**

Our first reading is Psalm 23

You are my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

You make me lie down in green pastures and lead me beside still waters.

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

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil for you are with me.

Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of your enemies.

You anoint my head with oil and my cup is running over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in your house forever.

L: The word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God**

Our second reading is from 1 John beginning at the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter

3:16-24

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. 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 truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him

whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. 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. 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.

L: The word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation

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*¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!*  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
*¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!*  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
*¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya,*  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
*a - le - lu - ya! ¡A - le - lu - ya!*  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The holy gospel according to John, beginning at the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter  
**Glory to you, O Lord**

10:11-18

Jesus said:] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 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. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. 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. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. 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.”

L: The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sermon*

Prepared by: Rev. Nathan Fong  
 Grace Lutheran Church, Burnaby, BC  
 Preached by: Rev. Diana Edis

Hymn of the Day

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

No 502

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness  
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed  
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in  
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant  
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der  
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
 thine unction grace bestoweth;  
 and, oh, what transport of delight  
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,  
 thy goodness faileth never.  
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
 within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877  
 Music: ST. COLUMBA. Irish tune

**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:* (petition end: Hear us, O God.  
(petition response: **Your mercy is great.**)

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*Offering*

*Offerings may be mailed to the church or placed in our mailbox. You can send e-transfers to  
offering2stpauls@citywest.ca. You may also give electronically through CanadaHelps.  
We can be found there at St.Paul's Lutheran, Prince Rupert.*

*Offering Prayer*

God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts  
we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child,  
Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

*Lord's Prayer*

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit across time and space, let us pray as Jesus taught us. Using  
whatever version of that prayer comforts you, we pray...

**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.**

*Blessing*

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.  
The God of life, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

Sending Hymn

*Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*

No. 789

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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Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779–1847  
 Music: BRADBURY, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**