# **GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
A Reconciling in Christ Congregation
An AMMPARO Welcoming Congregation

... We Are God's People and the Sheep of God's Pasture ...

Psalm 100:3

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# THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

Vigil of Easter Affirmation of Baptism Saturday, April 16, 2022 7:00 p.m.

#### ORDER OF WORSHIP

**ELW** (red book in pew) Evangelical Lutheran Worship
Page numbers (P.) in front of red book and hymn numbers (#) in back of books;
Congregational responses are in bold; rise in body or spirit when indicated by \*

## **GATHERING**

We light a new fire that reminds us of God's eternal presence.

### **WELCOME**

Beloved of God, this is the night!

This is the night in which our Savior passed from death to life. On this most holy night we join with the church throughout the world in vigil and prayer. We gather at a fire as the sun sets. From this fire, we light the Paschal candle - a new flame for a new beginning, a sign that the light of Christ cannot be contained in a tomb. We tell stories of God's faithfulness throughout history. We wait for and then celebrate Christ's Passover from death into life. The first Alleluias of Easter are sung in the dark night of the Vigil, assuring us that hope begins in the dark.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we too pass from death to life. The Easter Vigil is a wonderful night to affirm the promises of our baptism as Leah Holland, Brayden Bakke and Gabe Hiner will do tonight. Then, with the whole church, we share the meal of the Risen Christ who was made known to his grieving disciples in the breaking of bread.

The grace of Christ Jesus, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.** Let us pray...**Amen.** 

## \*BLESSING OF THE NEW FIRE and PASCHAL CANDLE

## \*PROCESSION into the Sanctuary

As the procession begins:



Midway through the procession:



As the procession reaches the sanctuary doors:



We share the flame of the Paschal Candle. The assembly will enter the sanctuary through three doors. As you enter, light your candle from one of the candles at the door.

Please tip unlit candles toward lighted candles.

**HYMN:** ELW #452 Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death vs. 1-4 (see next page) Text copyright 1980 Augsburg Publishing Home



- 1 A wake, O sleep-er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;
- 2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear re lease,
- 3 There is one bod y and one hope, one Spir it and one call,
- 4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;
- 5 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and con-quered in the strife.



so learn his love, its to give the Spir - it's one Lord, one faith, and with kind and gen - tle A - wake, a - rise, go length and breadth, its u - ni - ty, the ver - y bond of peace. one bap - tism, one God who made us all. hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave. forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

# \* PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...Amen. Handheld candles are extinguished

### **WORD**

We hear the great stories of our faith. From the beginning, God is at work saving us from sin, death, and fear.

# EXCERPTS FROM "THE GREAT STORY" A poetic retelling of God's stories of deliverance

1. In the beginning...

2. In the days of Noah...

3. In the time of Abraham...

Refrain

4. In the days of Moses...

5. In the days of Wisdom...

6. In a time of exile...

Refrain

REFRAIN: #262 Wait for the Lord

7. In a time of Zephaniah...

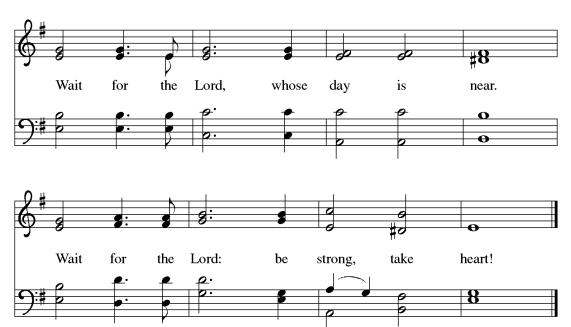
8. In the days of Jonah...

9. In the days of Daniel...

Refrain

10. In the days of Ezekiel...

11. In the time of Isaiah...



12. In the time of exile... Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW #172 Halle, Halle, Hallejuah, repeated as the sanctuary comes alive for Easter! We turn on the lights in the sanctuary, bring up the alleluia banner, and decorate the church while we sing our first Easter hallejuahs and welcome the resurrected Christ into our midst.



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#### \*GOSPEL John 20:1-18.

The Holy Gospel according to John. Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Like Mary Magdalene, we are called to share the good news.

Tonight, our Confirmands share good news with us in the scripture verses they have chosen as their Confirmation verses.

**Brayden Bakke:** Jeremiah 29:11 - For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

**Leah Holland:** Psalm 28:7 - The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him.

**Gabe Hiner:** Philippians 4:8 - Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

### **REFLECTION**

\*HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW #449 We Know that Christ is Raised

#### AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Baptism joins us to Christ's death and resurrection; we pass over from death to life.

### **PRESENTATION**

Confirmands, parents, and sponsors come forward and stand in front of the altar facing the congregation. As parents or sponsors present them, the confirmands step forward.

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

Confirmands are presented by a parent or sponsor:

I present Brayden Edward Ryan who desires to make public affirmation of his baptism.

I present Leah Riedt who desires to make public affirmation of her baptism.

I present Gabriel Martin who desires to make public affirmation of his baptism.

Let us pray...Amen.

## \*PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you all to rise in body or spirit and profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

#### **AFFIRMATION**

Leah, Gabe and Brayden, you have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,

to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,

and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each person responds individually, one after another:

# I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these people in their life in Christ?

## We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Confirmands move to the altar rail to kneel. Parents and sponsors move to the altar area to be able to lay hands on the heads of the kneeling Confirmands.

Let us pray...

The blessing is repeated for each person. The parents and sponsors lay hands on the head of the person as the blessing spoken.

Stir up in.. both now and forever. Amen.

#### \*ACCLAMATION

Let us rise and rejoice with these siblings in Christ, offering the blessing spoken at the end of baptisms at Good Shepherd. The world will call you many things. The world will try to rename you. Today we echo the voice of the Triune God. Today we call you beloved of God. When we see you begin to wonder if this name is really yours, we promise to remind you: You are indeed God's beloved child.

## \*PEACE

The peace of the risen Christ be with you always. And also with you.

We share peace by waving to those worshipping online or through the public access channel. Please avoid hand contact and share a sign of peace with a gesture or a bow.

#### MEAL

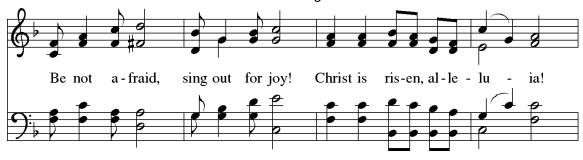
We join together in this saving meal of Christ's death and resurrection. Alleluia!

OFFERTORY "By a Quiet Stream" - Previn; "Light Shines in a Weary World"

(ELW 726) Played by Gabriel Hiner

The Offering today will be given to the ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) for the Eastern Europe Crisis caused by Russia's war in Ukraine.

# \*OFFERING SONG: ELW #388 Be Not Afraid sung twice





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Music: BE NOT AFRAID, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994
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## \*OFFERING PRAYER Let us pray... Amen.

### \*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up 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, our duty and our joy ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn

Sing the words of the hymn You Are Holy (on next page) once in unison



<sup>\*</sup> May be sung in canon.

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Blessed are you Lord our God, creator of the universe....

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O God...Grace our table with your presence. Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself...Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love. Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones...now and forever. Amen.

#### \*LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.

#### **HOLY COMMUNION**

**COMMUNION HYMNS** all from ELW # 195 Lamb of God #451, We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus, #454 Remember and Rejoice, #453 Baptized and Set Free

## \*TABLE BLESSING

\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Let us pray...Amen.

### **SENDING**

We are blessed for the journey and sent into the world to proclaim the good news of Christ.

\*BLESSING.... Amen.

\*SENDING SONG: ELW #389 Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing

#### \*DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia, alleluia! Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

### PRAYER BELL - POSTLUDE: "This is the Feast" - Ronald A. Nelson

All are welcome to celebrate with our confirmands following worship at a cake reception in the Fellowship Hall.

All are welcome to Easter Sunday worship tomorrow at 9:30am. An Easter Brunch will follow worship.

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ALL ARE WELCOME AT GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH. God makes no exceptions. In the spirit of Jesus Christ, we offer trust and respect to all, including those who may experience alienation, distrust, or rejection. We rely on the healing, unconditional love of God to shape our community in the name of the Good Shepherd. In keeping with our welcome, Good Shepherd is a Reconciling in Christ congregation, affirming our welcome to gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and queer identifying persons to participate fully in the life of our congregation. We are an AMMPARO Welcoming Congregation - Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities.

Please sign the red hospitality books for the sake of welcome and as a record of worship attendance. Guests, if you leave your email in the hospitality books, Pr. Amy will contact you if there is news of a positive case of COVID in worship.

**WELCOME GUESTS. THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU HERE.** Good Shepherd members welcome you to Fellowship Hour today!

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO SHARE IN HOLY COMMUNION.** It is Christ's table and Christ is the host. Instructions are included in the communion section of the Order of Worship.

**THE PRESENCE, ENERGY, AND NOISE OF CHILDREN ARE MOST WELCOME HERE.** The sound of a child in worship is the sound of a new Christian being formed. This congregation is glad to share in this work. We welcome and encourage kids to move and play. A nursery is also available as a quiet space for parents and children. Activity bags are available there as well. Mothers are welcome to nurse anywhere that works for you and your child. An Infant Feeding Chair is available in the music office (hallway outside of sanctuary) for more privacy if desired.

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