

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Fourth Sunday of Easter – April 25, 2021 – 8:30 a.m. Service

*Gathering Song: ELW 392 “Alleluia, Sing to Jesus”*

**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

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.

**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.**

## First Reading: Psalm 23

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O LORD,

and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>**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.**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

<sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

## 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.”

## Sermon

### Prayers of the People

*Pastor will begin a time of prayer. You are invited to add petitions to this time of prayer. You may end your petition: “Lord in your mercy.” The congregation will respond: “**Hear our prayer.**”*

## The Lord's Prayer and Communion

*Sending Hymn: ELW 619 “I Know That My Redeemer Lives!”*

## Benediction and Dismissal

*After the service, we kindly ask that you take this bulletin home with you,  
to help curb the spread of COVID-19.*