

St. Luke Lutheran Church

"Energized by God's Love"

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The Rev. Daniel Tisdell

Evangelical Lutheran Worship
4th Sunday of Easter

Setting III
April 26, 2026



Dear Members & Guests - Welcome to Worship!
God has greatly blessed us with your presence today.
Thank you for responding to his invitation.

If you have a prayer request, please send it by email or voicemail to Letty in the church office.



Sunnyvale Community Services
Preventing Homelessness and Hunger in Our Local Community

SERVING US THIS MORNING

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Greeters: TBD (Front Door), Don & Loretta Merry (Side Door)

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Background Worship: Beth Stauter

Organist: Beth Stauter

Choir Director: Chris Frye

Bell Choir Director: Wil Mandac

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Prayer Chain Coordinator: Marlene Custer

Hearing Assistance devices are available in the Library/AV Room.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Beth Stauter

PRELUDE "GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS, REJOICING AND SING" Beth Stauter

WELCOME

Pastor Dan Tisdell

GATHERING

HYMN "GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS, REJOICING AND SING!" ELW #385

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

[P] Alleluia! Christ is risen.

[C] **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

[P] Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

[C] **Amen.**

[P] Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

[P] Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

[C] **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

[P] Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

[C] **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

[P] Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

[C] **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

[P] Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

[C] **Amen.**

INVOCATION

(music found on page 138)

[P] The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all

[C] **And also with you.**

KYRIE

[A] In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

[C] **Lord, have mercy.**

[A] For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

[C] Lord, have mercy.

[A] For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

[C] Lord, have mercy.

[A] For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

[C] Lord, have mercy.

[A] Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

[C] Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE “The Feast of Victory” – (Congregation sings all verses and refrain)

(music located in hymnal on pg. 140)

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

vs. 1 Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

vs. 2 Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

vs. 3 Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

vs. 4 For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

[A] Let us pray...

[C] 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 MESSAGE WITH BETH STAUTER

GOD ENCOUNTERS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

1st Reading – Acts 2:42-47

Today’s reading is a description of life in the community following Peter’s sermon on the day of Pentecost, when the Spirit was poured out on God’s people. The new community is sustained in worship and fellowship, shares what they have, and ensures that everyone has enough.

[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. 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, 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.

Psalm 23

OT => Old Testament windows (right) side of sanctuary

NT => New Testament windows (left) side of sanctuary

[OT] The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

[NT] *The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.*

[OT] You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

[NT] *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.*

[OT] You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

[C] **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

CHOIR ANTHEM

"TEND MY SHEEP"

St. Luke Choir

(By Canedo with John Purifoy)

2nd Reading – 1 Peter 2:19-25

Doing the right things does not guarantee that one will not experience difficulties, hardships, rejection, or even suffering. Here Christ is presented as the model for our path of endurance and loyalty to God, particularly amid adversity.

It is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by

his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(music found on page 142)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

[P] This is the Holy Gospel according to John ...

[C] **Glory to you, O Lord.** (spoken)

Gospel – John 1:1-10

Read by Pastor Dan Tisdell

Jesus uses an image familiar to the people of his day to make a point about spiritual leadership. Those who listen to Jesus are led to abundant life.

[Jesus said:] “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. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

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

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

[C] **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

“KNOW HIS VOICE”

Pastor Dan Tisdell

HYMN OF THE DAY “YOU, LORD, ARE BOTH LAMB AND SHEPHERD” ACS #954

GATHERING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Prayer requests collected in the offering plates will be brought forward for the Prayers of the People.

OFFERING MUSIC

Beth Stauter

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

[A] Let us pray...

[C] **Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of**

these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

[C] I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
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.
Amen.
(*universal)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

[P & A] Merciful God,

[C] Receive our prayer.

PEACE OF CHRIST

TRANSITIONAL PRAYER

[A] Let us pray...

[C] Oh God, each time I worship and take communion, I want to recommit my life, my heart, my thoughts, my everything to You. Fill me today with Your powerful Spirit and help me grow closer to you and to my neighbor. Amen.

MEAL

Sung by Pastor Dan Tisdell

The Great Thanksgiving

[P] The Lord be with you.

[C] And also with you.

[P] Lift up your hearts.

[C] We lift them to the Lord.

[P] Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[C] It is right to give our thanks and praise.

[P] It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . .

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND BLESSING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

[C] 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"

(music found on page 146)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION - THE EUCHARIST (be seated)

Our Lord Jesus is the host of his table. He invites all to come to him. Everyone is welcome to commune with communion fellowship cups or by intinction with bread and your choice of wine or grape juice. If you are not communing, please come up to receive a blessing of the day.

COMMUNION MUSIC

**"HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S
LOVE FOR US"**

Led by William Polzin

(By Stuart Townsend)

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

[P] Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,

[C] Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

"AT THE LAMB'S HIGH FEAST WE SING"

ELW #362

BENEDICTION

[P] God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✝ bless you now and forever.

[C] Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

[A] Our worship continues; our service is just begun. Go in peace to love and serve The Lord.

[C] THANKS BE TO GOD!

POSTLUDE:

"EASTER JOY"
(By George Blake)

Beth Stauter