



## Sunday - April 26, 2026 Fourth Sunday of Easter



*OUR MISSION: God calls us to live and share the amazing love and grace of Jesus Christ with all people.*

*Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church. Christ Lutheran Church is a Reconciling in Christ congregation that welcomes all. May God bless us in Word and Sacrament, music and community in our worship today. The service is complete in this bulletin. The spoken responses are bolded text.*

*We acknowledge that our building of worship is built upon the territory of xučyun (Huichin), the unceded land stewarded by the Ohlone people who speak to their Creator and loved ones in the language of Chochochenyo.*

### **INTRODUCTION**

Today is sometimes called “Good Shepherd Sunday.” Jesus is called the “gate” of the sheep in today’s gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world’s violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God’s tender care to all creation.

### **PRELUDE**

### **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb! **Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

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 (*local waters may be named*).

Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

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. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

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. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

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.  
**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

ELW 789 - Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

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| 1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us;<br>much we need your tender care.<br>In your pleasant pastures feed us,<br>for our use your fold prepare.<br>Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,<br>you have bought us; we are yours. | 3 You have promised to receive us,<br>poor and sinful though we be;<br>you have mercy to relieve us,<br>grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.<br>Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,<br>early let us turn to you. |
| 2 We are yours; in love befriend us,<br>be the guardian of our way;<br>keep your flock, from sin defend us,<br>seek us when we go astray.<br>Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,<br>hear us children when we pray.       | 4 Early let us seek your favor,<br>early let us do your will;<br>blessed Lord and only Savior,<br>with your love our spirits fill.<br>Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,<br>you have loved us, love us still    |

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE** - *This is the Feast (on insert)*

**FIRST READING:** Acts 2:42-47

<sup>42</sup> [The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

<sup>43</sup> Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup> they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> 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, <sup>47</sup> 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.

*Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.*

**PSALM 23** “Lay Me Down in Green Pastures” - sung by Elsa-Jennie Bliss

*Lay me down in green  
pastures  
By the waters still and calm  
Lord I need you as my  
Shepherd,  
But you'll be my King as well  
Lay me down in green  
pastures  
By the waters still and calm.*

*So very close to you  
You prepare a large table  
With my enemies all around  
But you bless my head with oil  
And my cup it overflows*

*Lay me down in green  
pastures  
Never ever let me go*

*When I walk in dark valleys  
And the shadows 'round me  
creep  
Lord, your staff will guide me  
And by my side you'll keep.*

*Lay me down in your  
goodness  
Lay me down in your light  
Lay me down in your presence  
Every day and every night*

*Lay me down in green  
pastures*

**SECOND READING** 1 Peter 2:19-25

<sup>19</sup> It is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup> 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. <sup>21</sup> 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.

<sup>22</sup> “He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

<sup>23</sup> 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. <sup>24</sup> 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. <sup>25</sup> For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

*Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.***

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Come let us shout, re-joic - ing. Now let us sing;  
Let's lift our hands be - fore the King!  
Come let us bow be - fore Him. Now let us praise;  
Let's give all glo - ry to His name!  
Hal - le - lu - jah to the King of glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah to the Lord of Lords!  
Hal - le - lu - jah to the God of Is - ra - el, for he reigns for - ev - er more!

## **GOSPEL John 10:1-10**

*The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O God.***

[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>“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. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

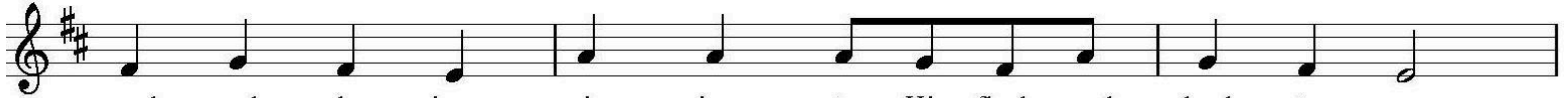
<sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "Christ our Shepherd"



- 1. Christ our shep-herd, ev-er
- 2. Christ our shep-herd will bind
- 3. Christ our shep-herd died to
- 4. Christ our shep-herd He will



good and glor-ious, giv-ing to His flock good land to graze.  
up the wound-ed, giv-ing strength to all the weak and frail.  
save His lost ones, lay-ing down His life of His acc-ord.  
go be-fore us, list-en to His voice He knows your name.



In His pas-ture we will want for noth-ing, near the wat-ers He will  
Stray-ing sheep He has pur-sued and res-cued, He will hold us in His  
See our shep-herd on the cross to claim us, we may live be-cause His  
Through the dark-est val-ley He will bring us, rod and staff to guide the



keep us safe. He re-stores us with His lov-ing pres-ence,  
ten-der care. We will feast with-in His house for-ev-er,  
blood was poured. Ris-ing, He will lead to life et-er-nal,  
nar-row way. We are His, oh what a joy to fol-low



good-ness and mer-cy for all our days. He de-liv-ers us from  
free from all harm from the en-e-my. We will drink the cup of  
our ev'-ry sin, ev'-ry grief He bears. He has bro-ken ev'-ry  
till ev'-ry tear He has wiped a-way. Christ our shep-herd He will



dark-est pla-ces to the past-ure of un-end-ing grace.  
life ab-und-ant in the past-ure where He reigns as king.  
bond that held us, freed to live with-in His past-ure fair.  
bring us home-ward to the past-ure of un-end-ing days.

## 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

Shepherding God, draw all people to yourself and lead them in paths of righteousness. Embolden your church to enter the valleys of the world and guide us beside the still waters of your grace. We pray for military and prison chaplains serving near and far. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Great Physician, walk with those who are grieving, and anoint those who are ill or injured especially for Karen, Julie, Fred, George G., Maryann H., Evie D., Diane, Carla, Laurie & John P., Helen C., and Scott F. Restore them to health of body, mind, and spirit. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Good Shepherd, continually seek us out as lambs of your flock, and form us into a community where all are honored and cared for. Spread a feast before us and fill our cups to overflowing. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

*What else do the people of God pray for?*

Living God, we praise you for the saints who have died in faith and now dwell in your love. At our end, bring us, with them, to our heavenly home. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**



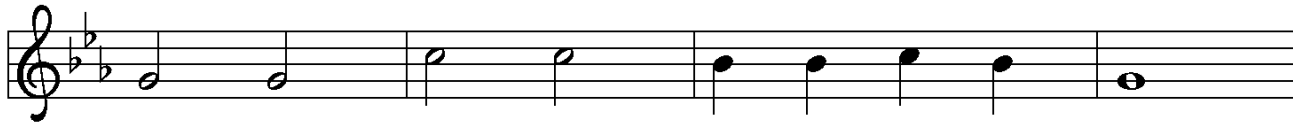
**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. **And also 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, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

# SANCTUS



San - to, san - to, san - to, es el Se - ñor,



Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to, es el Se - ñor.



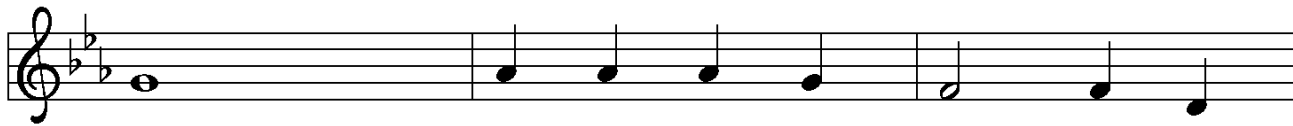
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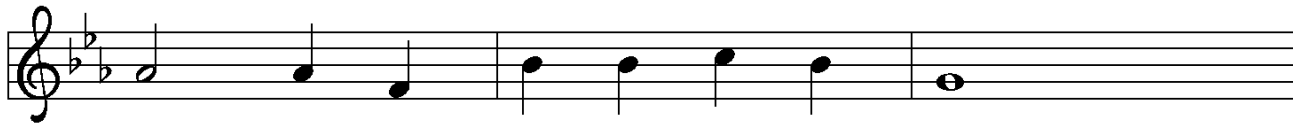
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na here on



earth. Blest is he who comes in the



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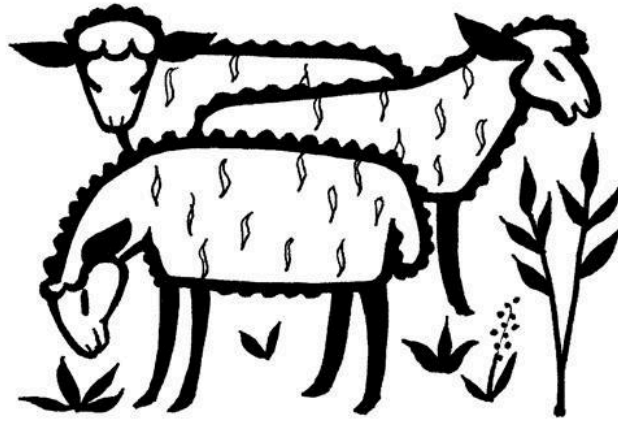
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### AGNUS DEI



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, Lamb of God.



**COMMUNION HYMN**

WOV 679: Our Paschal Lamb, that sets us free



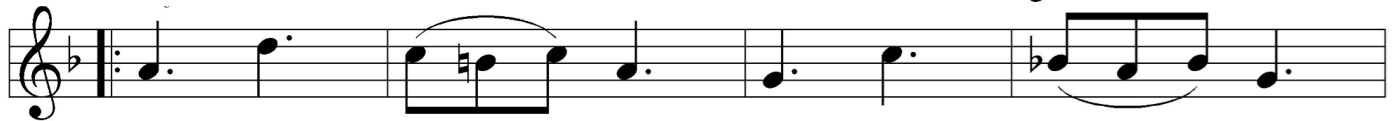
1 Our Pas - chal Lamb, that  
 2 Let all our lives now  
 3 Let all our deeds, u -



sets us free, is sac - ri - ficed. Oh, keep the feast of free - dom  
 cel - e - brate the feast; let mal - ice die. Let love grow strong a -  
 na - ni - mous con - fess him as our Lord who by the Spir - it



gal - lant - ly; let al - le - lu - ias leap:  
 new and great, let truth stamp out the lie.  
 lives in us, the Fa - ther's liv - ing Word.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

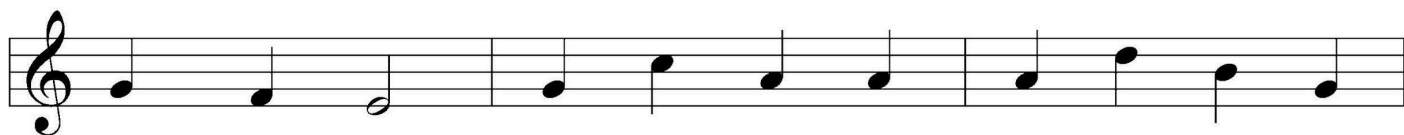


Sing al - le - lu - ia, cry a - loud: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

**SENDING HYMN** LSB 740 - I Am Jesus' Little Lamb



1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at  
2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my  
3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the



heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,  
staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,  
Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,



Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry  
In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He  
By His an - gel host at - tend - ed, He shall fold me



day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.  
bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.  
to His breast, There with - in His arms to rest.

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Bible study April 26 at 11:30am

El Cerrito Garage Sale May 16

<p><b><u>Participating in Worship</u></b>  <b>Presiding/Preaching:</b> Pr. Dee Emmert  <b>Minister of Music:</b> Daniel Alley  <b>Guitarists:</b> George Fosselius &amp; Randy Mayer  <b>Lector:</b>  <b>Communion Set-up/Clean-up:</b>  <b>Worship Assistant:</b>  <b>Flowers:</b>  <b>Coffee Hour:</b></p>	<p><b><u>Happening This Week at CLC</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Today</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">9 AM Choir Rehearsal          10 AM CLC Worship</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">9 AM- 3:00 PM Senior Center          7 PM- 8:30 PM The Scouts</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tuesday</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">7 PM Lady AA Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thursday</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">7 PM Handbell Rehearsal</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">6 PM Millennium AA Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Next Sunday</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">9 AM Choir Rehearsal          10 AM CLC Worship</p>
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**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:**

<p>Julie D.          Diane L.          Lysle P.          Mike S.          The Vale Community          Robin &amp; Wendy          George F.          Louise O., Lucas, and          El Cerrito High School</p>	<p>Laurie P.          Carolina S.          Karen H.          Fred W.          Chad B.          TJ B.          Carla L.          Helen C.</p>	<p>Mark          Girija and Mami          Jimmy D.          Vince          Thelma &amp; Mike G.          Chris          Phil C.          Scott F.</p>
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