

3rd Sunday of Easter/ Good Shepherd Sunday

May 4, 2025 9:30AM



Jefferson Prairie Lutheran Church

*As a community called by Christ, we live our faith by loving and
serving all creation*

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Prelude

Welcome

Temple Talk

Lutheran Social Services of Illinois

Cliff Johnson

GATHERING *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

Please stand as you are able

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of ☩ the One

who was, who is, and who is to come.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life,
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

. . . O Living One,

make us one as you are one.

. . . O Living One,

make us one as you are one.

. . . O Living One,

make us one as you are one.

. . . the Crucified and Risen One.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn

"The Day of Resurrection"

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Greeting

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.

Prayer

. . . one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated

WORD *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.*

First Reading

Acts 9:36-43

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Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem

Prayer

Choir

Second Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

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Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God!

Please stand as you are able

Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to John, chapter 10.

Glory to you, O Lord.

John 10:22-30

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Response to Gospel

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Sermon

Pr. Denver Bitner

Silence for Meditation *We pause in contemplation of God's word, preparing to respond with song*

Please stand as you are able

Message Response

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

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Nicene Creed

Together let us confess our faith in the words of the 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

Petition Response: **Your mercy is great.**

. . . in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

Peace

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

MEAL

Offerings Place offerings in the plate at the sanctuary entrance, mail to the church, or give through our website or Tithe.ly App. Thank you for your financial support of our ministry.

Presentation of Gifts **"We Give Thee but Thine Own"** vs. 1, 2

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We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first fruits give.

Offering Prayer

Risen One,
you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. 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.

. . . and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Promise

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.

Please be seated

Communion

Communion Hymns

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

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"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

#843

"Have No Fear, Little Flock"

#764

Please stand as you are able

Post Communion Blessing & Prayer

. . . to a wounded and weary world.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

. . . now and always.

Amen.

Bell Toll

Sending Hymn

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

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Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Worship Leaders

Ron & Joyce Splan – Ushers/Greeters

Ray Vance – Communion Assistant

Ron Splan – Reader

Steve Mentele – Choir Director

Robin Hoefer – Pianist

Denver Bitner – Guest Preacher from LSSI

The Day of Resurrection!

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1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,
 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, all praise to Christ the Son,

the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God,
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
 the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.
 all praise to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One!

From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
 and lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
 Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;
 Let all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the glad re - frain.
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!
 and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone!

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

Music: German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Matuzer Gesangbuche*, 1833

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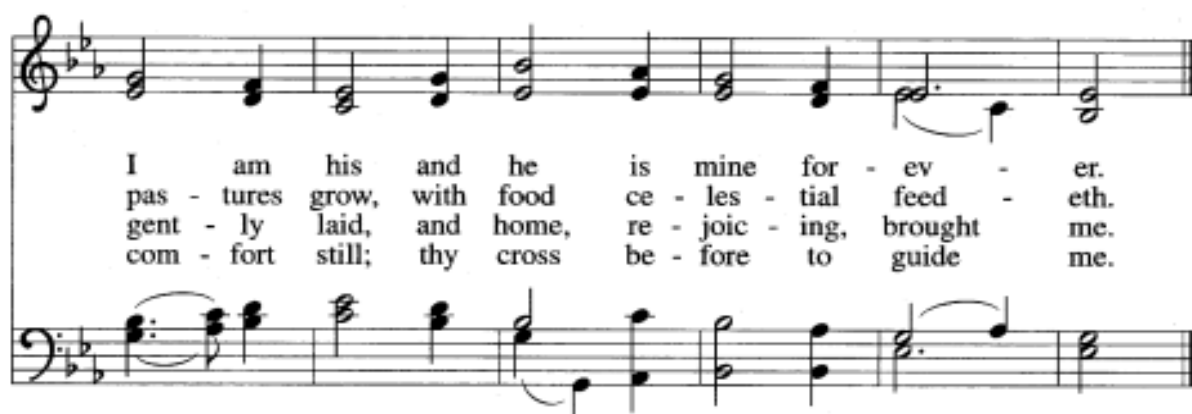
The King of Love My Shepherd Is



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.

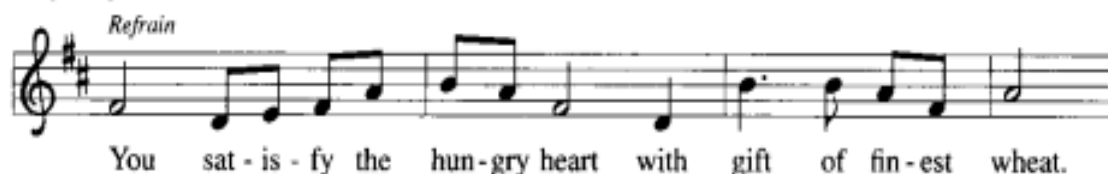
5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thine unction grace bestoweth;
and, oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

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

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Gift of Finest Wheat

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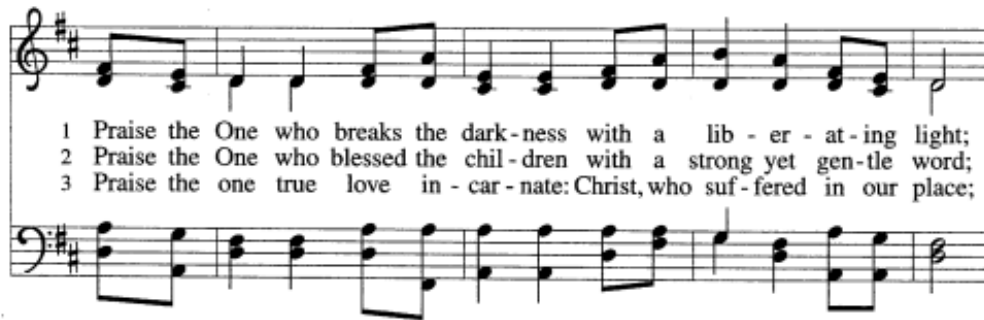


- 1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?
4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,

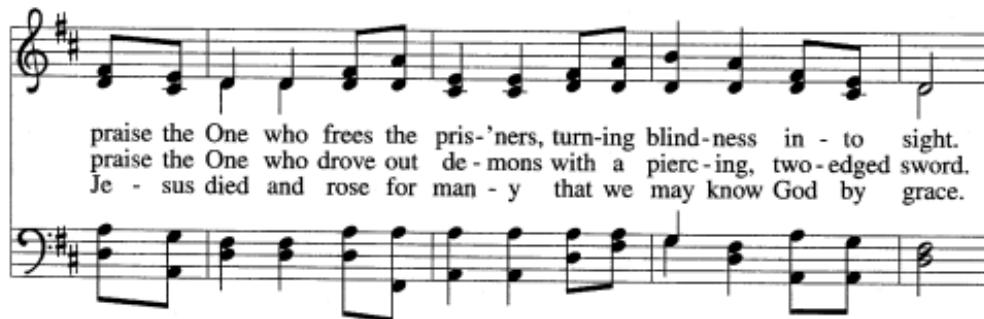


so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav'n - ly food.
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness 843



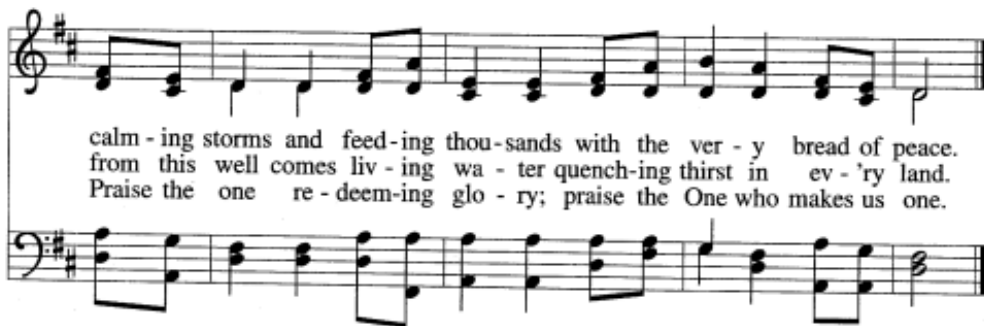
1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
 praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
 Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
 Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
 Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
 from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
 Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

TEXT: MUSTY EDWARDS, b. 1955

Music: J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

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Have No Fear, Little Flock



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle
 2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good cheer, lit - tle
 3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -
 4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to
 flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in
 bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -
 God, for he stays close be - side you, in



give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!
 his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!
 lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!
 all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jillson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4

Music: Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930

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LITTLE FLOCK

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Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

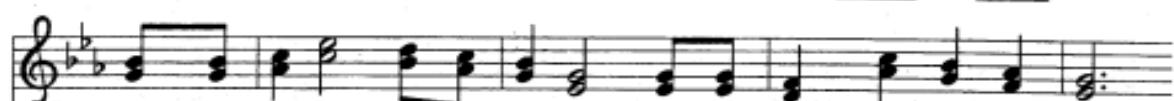
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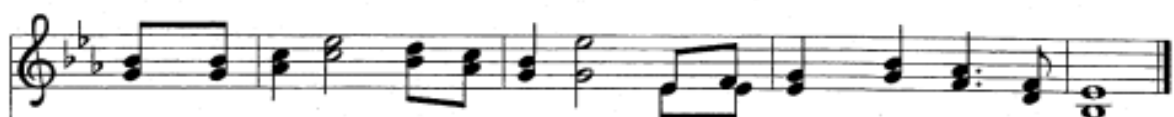
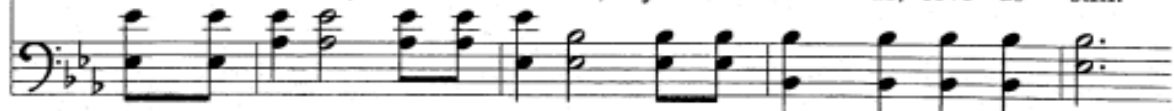
1 Sav-ior like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten-der care.
 2 We are yours; in love be-friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;
 3 You have prom-ised to re-ceive us, poor and sin-ful though we be;
 4 Ear-ly let us seek your fa-vor, ear-ly let us do your will;



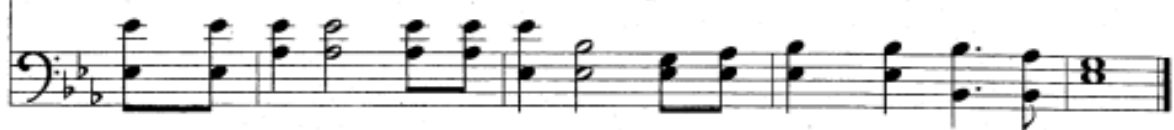
In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your fold pre-pare.
 keep your flock, from sin de-fend us, seek us when we go a-stray.
 you have mer-cy to re-lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
 bless-ed Lord and on-ly Sav-ior, with your love our spir-its fill.



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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Announcements for May 4, 2025

Welcome! We are happy to have you worship with us today!

- **Large Print Bulletins and Hymns** are available in the narthex in a red binder. Ask the ushers!
- **Activity Bags for young children** are available in the narthex. Take one for use during the service.
- **Visitors:** Please fill out a visitor card located in the narthex. Pick up a visitor's bag!

Keep in prayer: Shirley Carlson, Judy Clark (sister-in-law of Bill Clark), Tammy Eckley (sister of Teresa Sommers), Owen Nelson, Brad Pfaff (son-in-law of Mary Jane Tracy), Lynn Tracy, and Mary Jane Tracy.

Welcome Pr. Denver Bitner, former Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) President/CEO and retired ELCA pastor, as our guest preacher and Cliff Johnson, LSSI Foster Home Licensing/Recruitment Supervisor, Rockford Children's office, who will give a temple talk.

Mission Partners for May are Lutheran Social Services of Illinois and LSS of Wisconsin & Upper Michigan. Special offerings will be divided between the two agencies. Giving envelopes are available in the narthex.

Thank you for your generous offerings to God's Global Barnyard. With an additional \$300 from Endowment, offering totaled \$733.14.

Flowers on the altar are given by Teresa and Gary Sommers.

Cleanup Day TODAY following worship. See connecting room board for lists of tasks that need attention!

Join us for a **Syttende Mai** Norwegian Dinner on Wednesday, May 21, 5:30-6:30pm. Invite neighbors and friends to enjoy meatballs, mashed potatoes, krumkake, and other tasty treats! Contact Carrie Morelock or Ginny Erickson if you have some Norwegian cooking skills to share at a couple of cooking days!

Altar Flowers are placed on the altar for two Sundays and may be taken home after that time. The cost is \$25. Sign up on the chart in the narthex and pay Linda Tolson directly (check or cash) and she will get the flowers.

Job Opportunity: Our church secretary will retire on May 30. If you or someone you know are interested, please contact Terry Pearson (608) 295-6051 or Pastor Linda. Position is 12 hours per week and requires computer skills.

Get ready to rummage! Support Family Promise and find some treasures at the \$5 Fill-a-Bag Rummage Sale. 9am-12pm, Saturday, May 10, 2025 @ the Family Worship Center, 1021 Cranston Rd, Beloit, WI

VBS at JPLC will be held June 16-20, 1:30pm-3:30pm. Join us "At the Table" to learn what life is like for people around the world. Invite your friends for a fun week of games, crafts, stories, songs, learning and growing in faith!

Clinton Community Historical Society Rummage Sale: May 16-17 at Cobblestone House in Clinton.

Sign-up sheets for **Livestreaming** and for **Readers** are on the connecting room board. Sign-up sheet is in the fellowship hall to provide food/coffee for **Fellowship**. Please consider serving in these ways!

Sharing Your Offering: Thank you for your generosity that supports our ministry here at Jefferson Prairie and our mission partners. There are multiple options for sharing your offering.

- **Offering plates** are located on stands by the entrance to the sanctuary.
- **Give online** at www.jplchurch.org . Click on the GIVE tab at the top to be directed to Tithe.ly.
- **Use the Tithe.ly App.** Click on GIVE on our website www.jplchurch.org, download the Tithe.ly App at the bottom of the screen. Once installed, search for Jefferson Prairie and start giving using the App.
- **Mail** your check to church: 23184 Bergen Rd. Poplar Grove, IL 61065

Online worship available at: <https://www.facebook.com/jeffersonprairie/live/> and www.jplchurch.org homepage. Click on Sermons on the website to watch previous worship services. The bulletin is under Sermon Notes.

NOTE: This worship service is being livestreamed.

This Week's Calendar

Tuesday, May 6	9am	Quilting
Wednesday, May 7	6:15pm	Confirmation
Thursday, May 8	6pm	Worship Team Meeting
Sunday, May 11	9:30am	Worship/First Communion/SS/Fellowship