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**PRELUDE**

**Jesus Shall Reign arr. Patricia Sanders**

**Joy Ringers**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit Calls us together as the people of God.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

In celebration of our baptism, we worship

In the name of God: Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS**

**Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.**

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.*

**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.

KYRIE

The musical score is written in 2/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of three systems of music. The first system is for the Cantor and All/Todos, with lyrics: "Lord, have mer - cy. Se - ñor, ten pie - dad." The second system is for the Cantor and All/Todos, with lyrics: "Christ, have mer - cy. Cris-to, ten pie - dad." The third system is for the All/Todos, with lyrics: "Lord have mer - cy. ñor, ten pie - dad." The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables across notes. The Cantor parts are marked with "Cantor:" and the All/Todos parts are marked with "All / Todos:".

Cantor: All / Todos:  
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.  
Se - ñor, ten pie - dad. Se - ñor, ten pie - dad.

Cantor: All / Todos: Cantor:  
Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.  
Cris-to, ten pie - dad. Cris-to, ten pie - dad. Se -

All / Todos:  
Lord have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.  
ñor, ten pie - dad. Se - ñor, ten pie - dad.

CANTICAL OF PRAISE

Glo - ry to God in the  
Glo - ria a Dios en el

high - est, and on earth peace to peo - ple of good  
cie - lo, y en la tie - rra paz a los hom - bres que a - ma el Se -

will. We praise you, we bless you, we a -  
ñor. ¿ Por tu in - men - sa glo - ria te a - la -

dore you, we glo - ri - fy you, we give you  
ba - mos, te ben - de - ci - mos, te a - do - ra - mos,

thanks, we give you thanks for your great glo - ry,  
¿ te glo - ri - fi - ca - mos, ¿ te da - mos gra - cias, Se -

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, O God, al - might - y  
ñor Dios, Rey ce - les - tial, Dios Pa - dre to - do - po - de -

Fa - ther. Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son,  
ro - so. Se - ñor, Hi - jo ú - ni - co, Je - su - cris - to, Se -

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther,  
ñor Dios, Cor - de - ro de Dios, Hi - jo del Pa - dre; tú que

you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on  
qui - tas el pe - ca - do del mun - do, ten pie - dad de no -

us; you take a-way the sins of the world, re-  
so-tros; tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do, a-  
ceive our prayer; you are seat-ed at the  
tien-de nues-tra sú-pli-ca; tú que es-tás sen-ta-do a  
right hand of the Fa-ther, have mer-cy on  
la de-re-cha del Pa-dre, ten pie-dad de no-  
us. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One,  
so-tros. Por-que só-lo tú e-res San-to,  
you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High,  
só-lo tú Se-ñor, só-lo tú Al-tí-si-mo,  
Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the  
Je-su-cris-to, con el Es-pí-ri-tu San-to en la  
glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.  
glo-ria de Dios Pa-dre. A-men.

### APOSTOLIC 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 OF THE DAY

**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.**

## **WORD**

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

### **THE FIRST READING FROM 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.

**The Word of the Lord**  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**The Lord My Shepherd**

**Alleluia Singers**

### **THE SECOND READING FROM 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.

**The Word of the Lord**  
**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya,

al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
a - le - lu - ya. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.  
a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu, a - le - lu - ya.

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

Pastor Orin W. Cummings

**SERMON**

Pastor Orin W. Cummings

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 780

# Shepherd Me, O God

*Refrain*  
All



Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be - yond my fears, from



death in - to life. life.

Leader or All



1 God is my shep-herd, so noth - ing shall I want, I  
2 Gent - ly you raise me and heal my wea - ry soul, you  
3 Though I should wan - der the val - ley of death, I



rest in the mead-ows of faith - ful - ness and love, I  
lead me by path-ways of righ - teous-ness and truth, my  
fear no e - vil, for you are at my side, your



*Refrain*

walk by the qui - et wa - ters of peace.  
spir - it shall sing the mu - sic of your name.  
rod and your staff, my com - fort and my hope.

Leader or All




4 You have set me a ban-quet of love in the face of




*Refrain*

ha-tred, crown-ing me with love be-yond my pow'r to hold.

Leader or All




5 Sure-ly your kind-ness and mer-cy fol-low me all the days of my life;




I will dwell in the house of my God for-ev - er - more.

*Final refrain*

All



Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -



yond my fears, from death in - to life.

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Music: SHEPHERD ME, Marty Haugen  
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## APOSTLES' CREED

**With the whole church, let us affirm our faith with the Apostles' Creed:**

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

**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.**

**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.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

**The Peace of the Lord be with you always.**

**And also with you.**

**Please share a sign of God's peace with one another.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation, and open our hearts to God's will.**

*A brief silence.*

**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.**

**Creator God, by the resurrection of your Son, show us your steadfast love and instruct our hearts in your ways. Help us to revere and protect the wonders of your creation. Merciful God, receive our prayer.**

**Righteous Judge, strengthen and uphold those who work for justice, advocate for human rights, and peace, especially in the Middle East, Asia, Africa, Eastern Europe, and the Americas. Bring an end to oppression and save us from the temptation of violence or vengeance. Merciful God, receive our prayer.**

**Great Physician, walk with those who are grieving, and anoint those who are ill or injured, especially Billie Stewart, Lynda Minnick, Gahan Fallone, Hudson Greer, Matthew Peterson, Heather, David Adams, Allison Gregory, Edward Dykman, Tommy Brewer, Cathy Carleton, Sally McCarville, Terry Touhey, Mary Jane Auld, Linden Cummings, Juanita Steinbaugh, Andrew Langr, Mark Krueger, Bob White, and Beverly Carlson. Restore them to health of body, mind, and spirit if it be your will. Merciful God, receive our prayer.**

**Good Shepherd, seek us always as beloved members of your flock. Gather us into a community where each person is honored, known, and cared for. Set before us a table of abundance, and fill our cups to overflowing, that our hearts may be rooted in love for you and poured out in compassion for our neighbors. Merciful God, receive our prayer.**

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

Merciful God, grant protection and safety to service women and men deployed to the Middle East in this time of war, especially Kyle C. 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.**

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

### THE 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.**

### PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever living God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.  
*San - to, San - to, San - to es el Se - ñor, Dios de U - ni - ver - so.*

Heav - en and earth, heav - en and earth are full of your  
*Lle - nos es - tán el cie - lo y la tie - rra de tu*

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ben -  
*glo - ria. Ho - san - na en el cie - lo.*

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
*di - to el que vie - ne en nom - bre del Se - ñor. Ho -*

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
*san - na en el cie - lo. Ho - san - na en el cie - lo.*

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:**  
**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.**  
**men.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of new life.  
Receive the risen Lord.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*Cantor:* Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the  
*Cor - de - ro de Dios, que qui-tas el pe - ca - do del*

*Assembly / Asamblea:*

*To repeat* world, have mer - cy on us.  
*mun - do, ten pie - dad de no - so - tros. Cor -*

*Last time* us.  
*so - tros. Cor -*

*Cantor:*

*Assembly / Asamblea:* Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,  
*de - ro de Dios, que qui-tas el pe - ca - do del mun - do,*

grant us peace, grant us peace.  
*da - nos la paz, da - nos la paz.*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

TFF 89

## The Lamb



1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?  
2 The Lamb, the Lamb, one per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.  
3 The Lamb, the Lamb, as way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill.  
4 He sighs, he dies, he takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.  
5 He rose, he rose, my heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.



Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!  
The Lamb, the Lamb, let earth join heav'n his praise to sing.  
So still, his will on our be - half the Law to fill.  
He lives, for - gives, he gives me his own righ - teous - ness.  
His song pro - long till ev - 'ry heart to him be - long.

*Refrain*



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me his own!



The Lamb is reign - ing on his throne!

Text: Gerald Patrick Coleman  
Music: WINTER, Gerald Patrick Coleman

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN

ELW 484

## You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

*Gift of Finest Wheat*

*Refrain*



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



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,



*Refrain*

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.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997  
Music: BICENTENNIAL, Robert E. Kreutz, 1922–1996  
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### TABLE BLESSING

#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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,  
Amen.

## SENDING

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

### BLESSING

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.

**Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN

ELW 789

## Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us



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.



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.

Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779–1847  
Music: BRADBURY, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

**Guided by the Gospel, we:**  
Welcome all to worship;  
Make disciples;  
Hunger for ministry;  
Nurture youth;  
Gather resources for growing ministries;  
Offer healing and care to all in need.

## **DISMISSAL**

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

## **OFFERING**

*(Please place gifts in the plates as you leave)*

## **POSTLUDE**