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North American Lutheran Church (NALC)

North Texas/Oklahoma Mission District

*Bringing Joy to the
Heart of Rockwall*

We are a community of faith, formed in the grace and joy of Jesus Christ.

We are a people involved in God's sure and unfolding promise to mend His creation through the life, death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ, and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

We are a church under the cross of Christ, shaped by the ancient rhythms and Christian worship, fellowship and service to others.



COME SHARE THE JOY!

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I am the good shepherd (ich bin der gute hirt), and I know My own, and My own know Me just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.

John 10:14-15

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 11, 2025**

WELCOME TO OUR MEMBERS AND VISITORS

- It is a pleasure to worship together. If you are a newcomer, have a prayer request, or would like a call or visit from Pastor Martin, please fill out the card on the back of each pew. Information on our core beliefs, structure and mission is available at the Welcome Table and on our website.
- We practice open communion. All who are baptized and desire to share in the Body and Blood of our Lord are welcome.
- Young at Heart luncheon is set for Wednesday, May 14th at 11:45 am at Asadero House, 9401 Lakeview Pkwy, Rowlett.
- May 25th is the last day of Sunday School going into summer; we will celebrate Gabriel Manak's "Graduation" with a cake.
- Ladies next Bunco Night is Wednesday, May 28th at 6:30 p.m., bring a dish to share and \$5 to play; Chris Briggs is providing a dessert.
- Seven Week Small Group DVD and Discussion Study at 9:30 a.m. through June 15th; "When the Game is Over It All Goes Back in the Box" by John Ortberg.
- Children in worship are a blessing! A worship bag (filled with coloring pages and crayons, children's bulletin, etc.) is available at the back of the sanctuary to use during worship. Ask an usher if you need assistance.
- Volunteers needed to learn Facebook streaming and the program for playing hymns from the laptop. If you are interested in learning either and being a backup volunteer, please contact Sharon Johnson to find out more.
- Sign-up Sheets for May, June and July are on the Blessings Board in the Fellowship Hall. Please review these opportunities and consider where God may be leading you to serve our church family.

PRELUDE

*You may use this time for silent meditation
to prepare your heart for worship*

**"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth stand in awe of him."**

(Psalm 96:9)

Please stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN – “**COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING**” (LBW 522)

Come, Thou Almighty King

Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! Psalm 47:6

Text: Unknown, ca. 1757

Tune: Felice de Giardini 1716-1796



Come, thou al - might - ty King, Help us thy name ___ to sing;
Come, thou in - car - nate Word, Gird on thy might - y sword;
Come, ho - ly Com - for - ter, Thy sac - cred wit - ness bear
To thee, great One ___ in Three, E - ter - nal prais - es be

7 Help us to praise; Fa - ther all glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic -
Our prayer at - tend. Come and thy peo - ple bless, And give thy
In this glad hour! Thou, who al - might - y art. Now rule in
Hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign maj - es - ty May we in

12 to - ri - ous, Come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
Word suc - cess, And let thy righ - teous - ness On us de - scend.
ev - 'ry heart, And ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
glo - ry see, And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Pastor (P): “In the name of the Father,
and of the ☩ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation (C): Amen

(P): “Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

(C): Amen.

(P): "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Silence is kept for reflection and private confession.

(P): "Most merciful God,"

(C): We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

(P): "In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the \dagger Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

(C): Amen.

GREETING

(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.

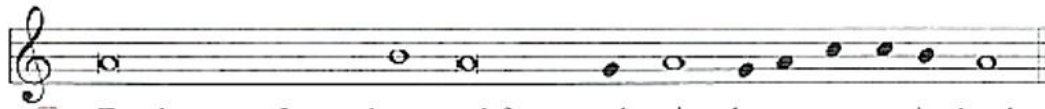
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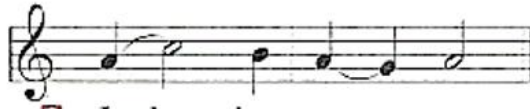
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



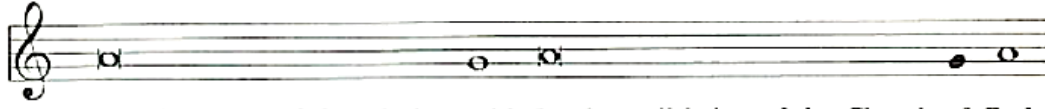
C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-va-tion, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni-ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.



C A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE "THIS IS THE FEAST"



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



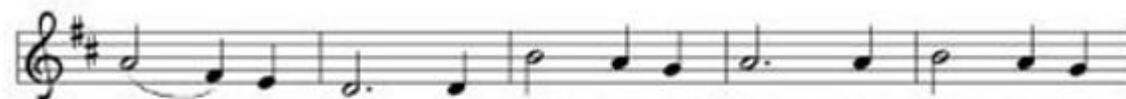
free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(P): "The Lord be with you."

(C): And also with you.

(P): "Let us pray."

(P): Almighty God, you show those in error the light of your truth, that they may return into the way of righteousness. Grant to all that are admitted into fellowship with Christ the power to avoid all things that are contrary to the faith and to follow you according to the will of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

(C): Amen.

Please be seated

HOLY WORD

(GOD SPEAKS TO US IN SCRIPTURE READING, PREACHING, AND SONG)

First Reading: Acts 20:17-35

¹⁷Now from Miletus {Paul} sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. ¹⁸And when they came to him, he said to them: "You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, ¹⁹serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, ²¹testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. ²²And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. ²⁴But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. ²⁵And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. ²⁶Therefore I testify to you this day

that I am innocent of the blood of all, ²⁷for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. ³²And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

L: The Word of the Lord.

(C): Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd;*
I shall not be in want.

**²He makes me lie down in green pastures*
and leads me beside still waters.**

³He revives my soul*
and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.

**⁴Though 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.**

⁵You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble
me;*

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

**⁶Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of
my life,***

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Second Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." ¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

L: The Word of the Lord.

(C): Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Reading of the Gospel

Gospel Canticle ~ "THE LORD IS IN HIS HOLY TEMPLE"

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with the lyrics "The Lord is in His ho - ly tem - ple: Let all the earth keep". The piano accompaniment provides a harmonic foundation. The second system continues the vocal line with the lyrics "si - lence be - fore Him: Keep si - lence, keep si - lence, Keep si - lence be - fore Him." The piano accompaniment includes dynamic markings such as *p* (piano) and *Rall.* (Ritardando), indicating a slower tempo for the final phrase.

(P): "The Holy Gospel according to St. John."

(C): Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 10:22-30

²²At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." ²⁵Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, ²⁶but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one."

(P): "The Gospel of the Lord"

(C): Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Fourth Sunday of Easter "JESUS, THE GOOD SHEPHERD"

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY – **"THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS"**
(LBW 456)(vs 1, 3, 6)

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. Psalm 23:1

Text: Henry Williams Baker, 1821-1877

Tune: Irish Traditional

The musical notation is written on a single staff in treble clef, 3/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). The melody consists of eight notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), and F4 (quarter). Above the staff, the notes Eb, Bb, and Eb are written above the first, fourth, and seventh notes respectively. Below the staff, the lyrics are aligned with the notes: 'The King of love my shepherd', 'Where streams of living water', 'Per - verse and foolish I', and 'In death's dark vale I fear no'.

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|-------------|---------|------|--------|-----------|--------|------|
| The _____ | King | of | love | my _____ | shep - | herd |
| Where _____ | streams | of | liv - | ing _____ | wa - | ter |
| Per - | verse | and | fool - | ish _____ | oft | I |
| In _____ | death's | dark | vale | I _____ | fear | no |

4 E^b E^b E^b E^b

is, flow, strayed, ill Whose My But With good ran yet thee, - ness somed in dear fail - soul love Lord, - eth he he be - nev lead sought side

8 E^b Cm E^b E^b B^b

er; eth me, me, I And, And Thy noth where on rod - ing the his and lack ver - shoul - der my if dant gent - com I pas - gent com am tures ly fort

12 Cm E^b E^b B^b E^b E^b

his grow, laid, still; And With And Thy he food home, cross is ce - re - be mine les - joic - fore for - tial feed - ing, brought to ev - er. eth. me. 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.

Please Remain standing.

APOSTLES' CREED

(P): "With the whole church, let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed."

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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(P): "Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs."

A brief silence.

(P): "... Lord in your mercy." **(C): hear our prayer.**

(P): "Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord."

(C): Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

(P): "The peace of the Lord be with you always."

(C): And also with you.

(P): "Let us share that peace with one another."

Please be seated [after sharing the peace - ushers will collect offering]

GATHERING & PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

As the gifts are brought forward to the altar,
we will sing the Offertory Response

[Motion ushers to come forward with the Offering plates]

Please stand.

"Let the Vineyards be Fruitful"

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and
dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble
with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

(P): "Let us pray,"

(C): Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE

(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.

PREFACE

(P): "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, through Christ our Lord; who, after his resurrection, appeared openly to his disciples and, in their sight, was taken up into heaven, that he might make us partakers of his divine nature. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:"

SANCTUS - HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Please remain standing.

HOLY MEAL

(God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(P): 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.*

(P): 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.*

(P): Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

(C): Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

(P): Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

(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

Please be seated.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

(P): "Come, for all has been prepared."

AGNUS DEI - LAMB OF GOD



The musical score for "Agnus Dei - Lamb of God" is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "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." The music is a simple, melodic line with a steady rhythm.

Please stand.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

(P): "May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace."

(C): Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

(P): Let us pray. "We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord."

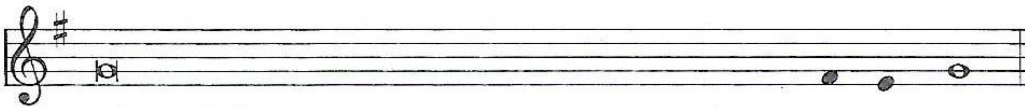
(C): Amen.

Please remain standing.

SENDING

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

BLESSING



P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



SENDING HYMN – "SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US" (LBW 481)

Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. Psalm 23:1

Text: Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779-1847

Tune: William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868



Sav - ior like a shep-herd lead us, — Much we need thy ten - der care;
We are thine; do thou be - friend us, — Be the guar-dian of our way;
Thou hast prom-ised to re - ceive us, — Poor and sin - ful though we be;
Ear - ly let us seek thy fav - vor, Ear - ly let us do thy will;



In thy pleas - ant pas-tures feed us; — For our use thy folds pre - pare Bless-ed
Keep thy flock, from sin de - fend us; — Seek us when we go a - stray. Bless-ed
Thou hast mer - cy to re - lieve us, — Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free. Bless-ed
Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, — With thy love our bos - oms fill. Bless-ed



Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Thou hast bought us, thine we are; Bless-ed
Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Hear thy chil - dren, when they pray; Bless-ed
Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to thee; Bless-ed
Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Thou hast loved us, love us still; Bless-ed



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Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Hear thy chil - dren, when they pray.
Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to thee
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DISMISSAL

(P): "We are called by Christ"

(C): To JOYfully share Jesus and ourselves with our neighbors.

(P): "Go in peace. Share the good news."

(C): Thanks be to God.

OUR WORSHIP SERVANTS THIS MORNING:

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| Greeter: | Volunteer |
| Ushers: | Sandra Lacroix |
| Altar Care: | Linda Manak |
| Lector & Communion Assistant: | Chris Briggs |
| Acolytes: | Jacob Hart & Reilly Mahoney |
| Music Monitor: | Rhonda White |
| Facebook Live: | Gabriel Manak |
| Hospitality: | Sandra Lacroix |
| Offering Count Team: | Rhonda White & Volunteer |
| Presiding Pastor: | Pr. Martin Moore |

The Altar flowers this morning are
provided by Rhona White

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