

Welcome to Edison Lutheran Church

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Lutheran Church

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The Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2026
10:30 am

Welcome to worship!

Masks are welcome. If you are joining us from your car,
please tune your radio to 98.7 FM or join us for the
livestream via Facebook or our website, elcbow.org.

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Holy Communion

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If you are a visitor with us, thank you for being here. We invite you to sign our attendance book and the guest book in the Narthex. **Children are welcome** in worship. *Children's bulletins* are available from the ushers. Also, Children's Activity Bags, located in the back of the sanctuary on the right side to use during the service.

We celebrate Holy Communion every Sunday and extend the invitation to all who are baptized to receive Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sin.

◆ *indicates the congregation stands as able*

Prayer cards are available in the pews. If you have a prayer concern or a thanks that you would like included in the Prayers of the People, fill out the card and ushers will collect them from end of pews after Prayer of the Day.

Gathering

10:25 am Pre-Service Music for meditation and quiet gathering

BELL TOLL

WELCOME AND GREETING

PRELUDE

"Sheep May Safely Graze" (excerpt)

J.S. Bach, arr. Hal H. Hopson

◆ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

AM In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

AM 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.**

AM Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

AM Gracious God,
C **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**
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 unto you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**



◆ GATHERING HYMN "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" ELW 807

All Verses



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.

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



◆ 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.**

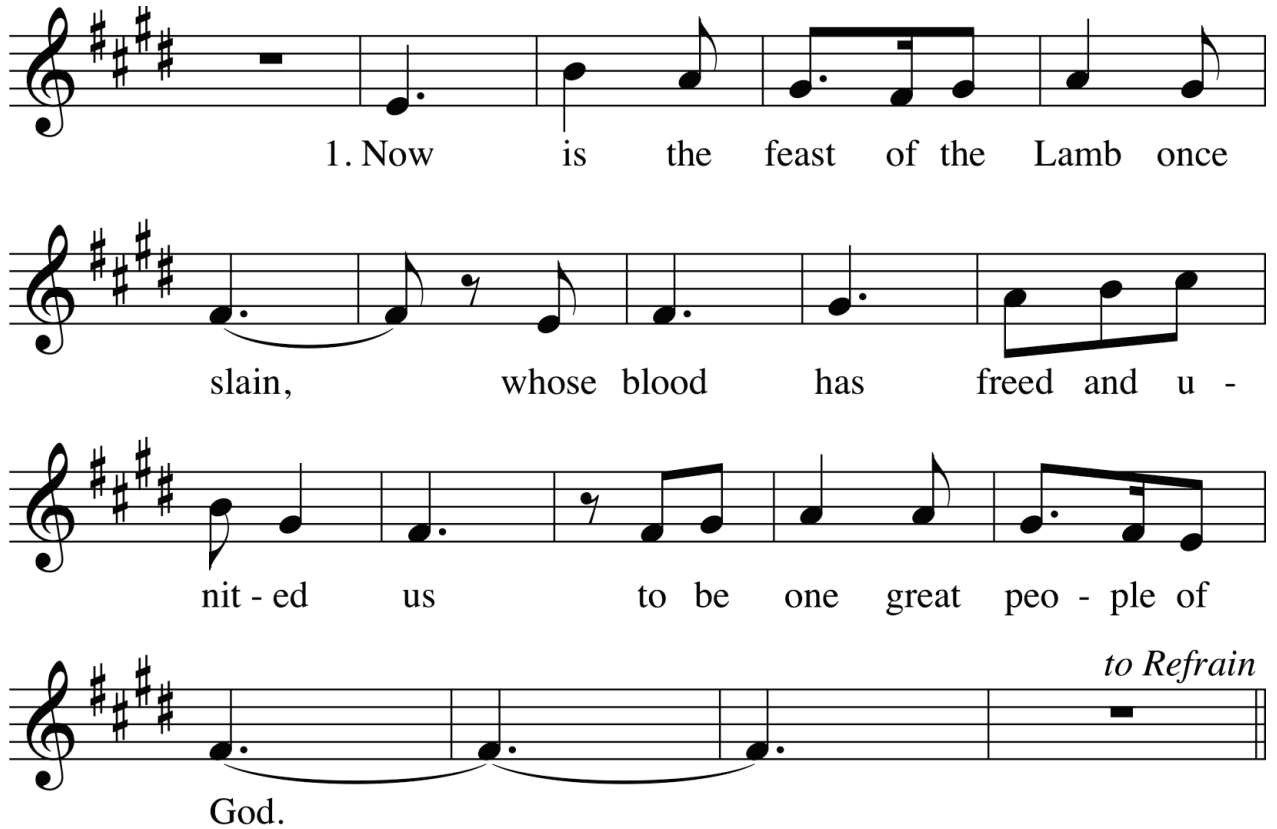
◆ HYMN OF PRAISE "Now the Feast and Celebration"
(Refrain-sung by all, Vs. 1 women only, Vs. 2 men only, Vs 3 All)

Refrain

Congregation:

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
to the God of life and love and
free-dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -
er - more!

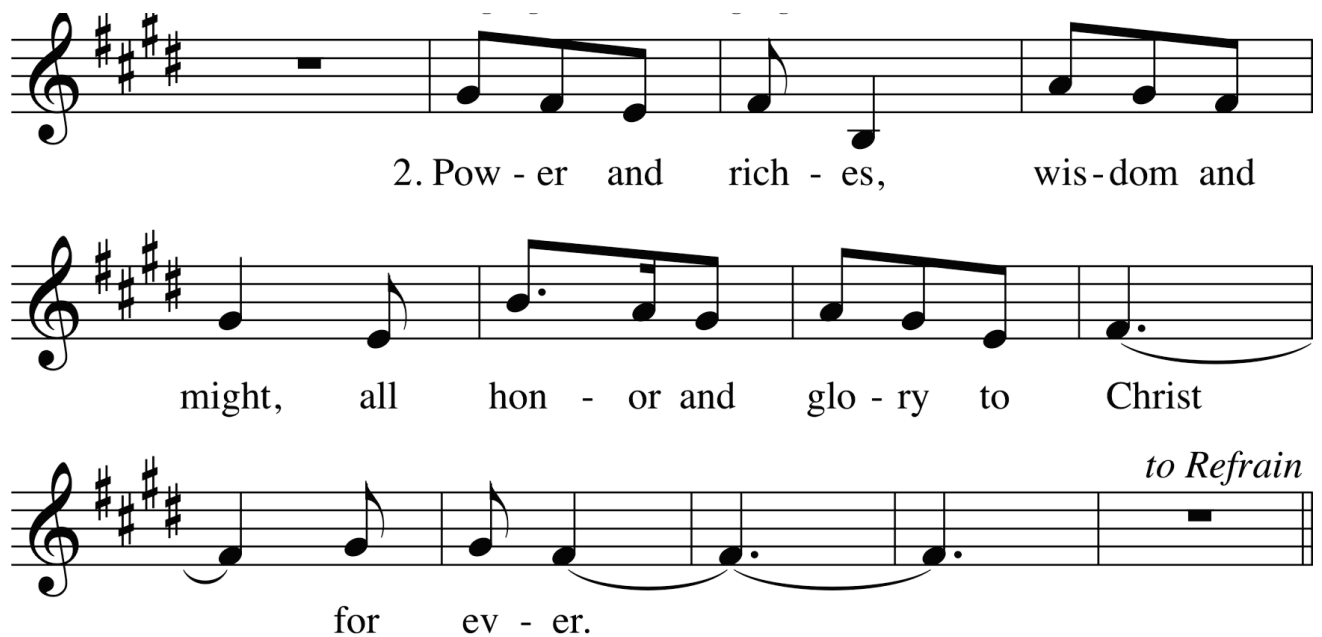
Verse 1 - Women



1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once
slain, whose blood has freed and u -
nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of
God. *to Refrain*

The musical notation for Verse 1 - Women consists of four staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The first staff begins with a whole rest followed by a dotted quarter note, then a quarter note, and a half note. The second staff continues with a dotted quarter note, a quarter note, a quarter note, and a half note. The third staff starts with a quarter note, a quarter note, a quarter note, and a half note. The fourth staff concludes with a dotted quarter note, a quarter note, and a half note, ending with a double bar line and the instruction 'to Refrain'.

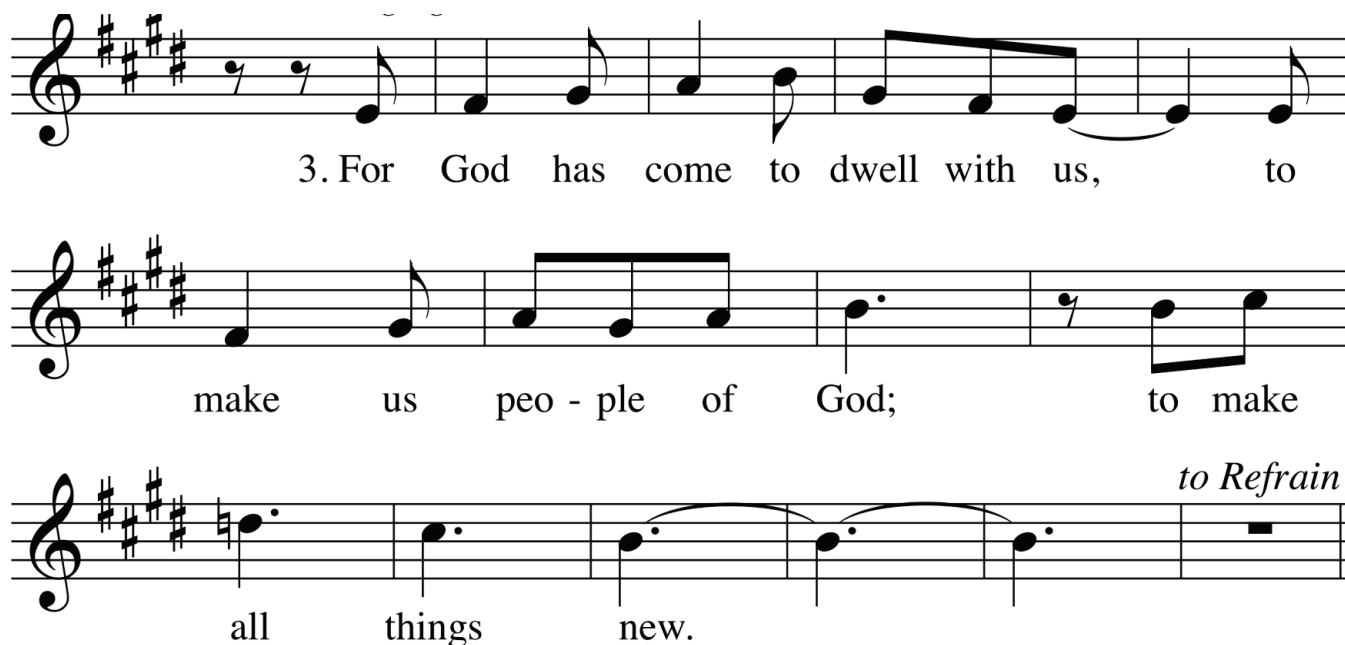
Verse 2 - Men



2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ
for ev - er. *to Refrain*

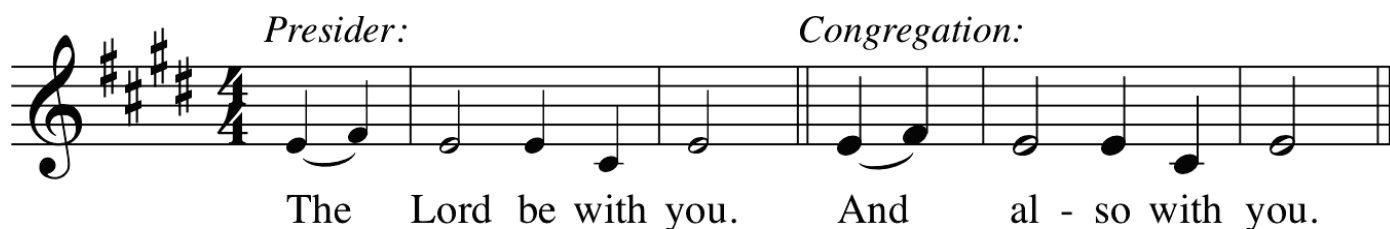
The musical notation for Verse 2 - Men consists of three staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The first staff begins with a whole rest followed by a quarter note, a quarter note, a quarter note, and a half note. The second staff continues with a quarter note, a quarter note, a quarter note, and a half note. The third staff starts with a quarter note, a quarter note, a quarter note, and a half note, ending with a double bar line and the instruction 'to Refrain'.

Verse 3 - All



3. For God has come to dwell with us, to
make us peo - ple of God; to make
all things new. *to Refrain*

◆ SALUTATION



Presider: The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And al - so with you.

◆ PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM Let us pray ...

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.

C Amen.

(Please be seated)

(Please pass prayer cards to the aisle.)

Word

FIRST 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.

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

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

L Word of God. Word of Life.

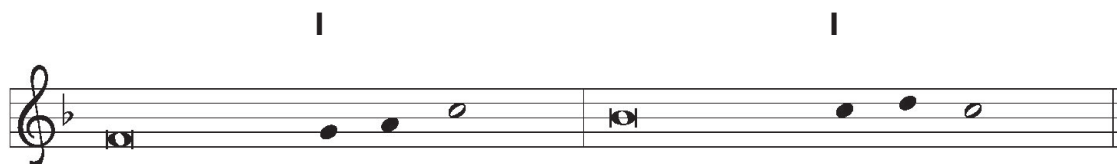
C Thanks be to God.



PSALM

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps. 23:1)



- ¹ The LORD [|] is my shepherd;
I shall not [|] be in want.
- ² **The LORD makes me lie down [|] in green pastures
and leads me be- [|] side still waters.**
- ³ You restore my [|] soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways [|] for your name's sake.
- ⁴ **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.**
- ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence [|] of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is [|] running over.
- ⁶ **Surely 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

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.

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

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

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

L Word of God. Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God.



◆ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Congregation:

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Optional Repeat*

◆ HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the tenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

After giving sight to the man born blind, Jesus shifts his attention to our ears. Just as a good shepherd knows each one of the sheep, so Jesus knows us and calls us each by name. When we hear his voice, we also recognize the voice of our Shepherd.

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

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

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Pastor John Guthridge

SERMON

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◆ **HYMN OF THE DAY** “Have No Fear, Little Flock”

ELW 764

All Verses



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: LITTLE FLOCK, Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930
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◆ 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.**

**Or, "who proceeds from the Father." The phrase "and the Son" is a later addition to the creed.*

◆ PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(after each petition the following response is read)

AM Merciful God, **C receive our prayer.**

Meal

◆ THE PEACE IS SHARED

AM The peace of the Lord be with you all. **C And also with you.**

*The peace is shared with one another with the words,
“The peace of the Lord,” or similar words.*

OFFERTORY: CHORAL ANTHEM

“The Twenty-Third Psalm” - arr. Jay Althouse
Words from the Scottish Psalter, 1650

Congregation remains seated while offering is collected.

TEXT:

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want. He makes me down to lie.
In pastures green; He leadeth me, The quiet waters by.
My soul He doth restore again and me to walk doth make-
within the paths of righteousness e'en for His own name's sake.

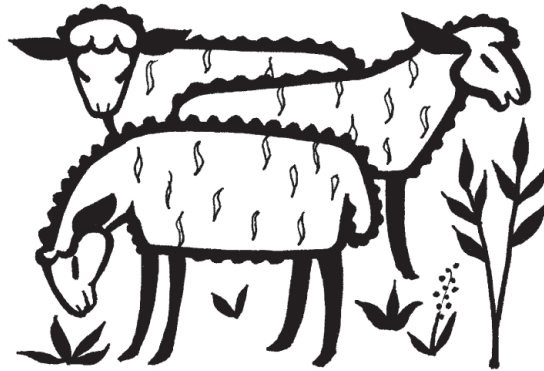
Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill.
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod and staff me comfort still.
My table Thou hast furnished in presence of my foes.
My head Thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me,
And in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.

◆ THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray.

C Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



THE OFFERING *The ministry of Edison Lutheran Church is financially supported entirely by the donations of members and visitors. Your gift furthers this congregation's ministry to those in need, helps foster fellowship, and promotes the spread of the life-giving gospel of Jesus Christ. Donations may be put in the offering plate, sent by mail, or given online by visiting our website or scanning the QR code to the right. We appreciate your generosity!*



P "It is our duty and delight
.... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:"

◆ Holy, Holy, Holy

Marty Haugen



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

P In the night in which he was betrayed

Do this for the remembrance of me.

◆ LORD'S PRAYER

- ~ **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.**



COMMUNION *All who are baptized in the common faith of Jesus Christ crucified are welcome to receive communion. We believe that the body and blood of our Lord is truly present in the sharing of bread and wine. Children are welcome to commune at the discretion of their parents. Those who do not receive the bread and wine are welcome to receive a blessing. White grape juice is also available.*

If you desire to commune at the altar rail: Holy Communion at the altar is served in groups. To prevent crowding, please wait in your place until directed by the Ushers. Be sure to bring your cup with you. At the altar rail, you'll be served a small piece of bread and have wine or grape juice poured into your cup. After you have communed, wait for the pastor to dismiss you back to your place.

If coming forward is difficult: Please let an usher know that you would like to receive communion at your seat. After those coming to the altar have been served, Pastor will bring communion to you at your seat.

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

"Lamb of God"

Marty Haugen

Congregation: Lamb of God, *Congregation or assistant:* you take a-way the sin of the

Congregation: world: have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us,

Final time: *Cong. or assistant:* mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you

Congregation: take a-way the sin of the world: grant us peace,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

Additional invocations:

you break the chains of hatred and fear:
you are the way of justice and peace:
you are the way of mercy and love:



"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" - **ELW 789**

"O Christ, Our Hope" - **ELW 604**

"Touch That Soothes and Heals" - **ACS 939**



1 Touch that soothes and heals the hurt - ing, hands that
2 Feed the hun - gry, clothe the na - ked, vis - it
3 Love and serve with - out dis - tinc - tion all earth's
4 Hands that beck - on lit - tle chil - dren, bind a



break a loaf of bread; steps that walk be - side the
ones in need of care, give the home - less warmth and
peo - ple, first and least. Know with - in each act of
wound, pre - pare a meal, feet that rush to share good



wea - ry, bear - ing bur - dens in their stead:
shel - ter: Christ will find a wel - come there.
kind - ness hope and whole - ness are in - creased.
tid - ings, Christ a - ris - en, still re - veal.

Refrain



"See my hands and feet," said Je - sus, love a - ris - en from the



grave. "Be my hands and feet," said Je - sus, "live as



ones I died to save."

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953
Music: CIVILITY, Gregg DeMey, b. 1972
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- "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" - **ELW 484**
- "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" - **ELW 502**
- "Eat This Bread" - **ELW 472 REPEAT**

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Sending

ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ BENEDICTION

Presider: May God bless and keep us.
 May God's face shine on us and be gracious.
 May God look on us with favor and ☩ give us peace.

Presider: — give us peace.

Congregation: A - men.

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◆ SENDING HYMN

“Guide My Feet”

ACS 987

All Verses



1 Guide my feet
 2 Hold my hand
 3 Stand by me while I run this race.
 4 I'm your child
 5 Search my heart



Guide my feet
 Hold my hand
 Stand by me while I run this race.
 I'm your child
 Search my heart



Guide my feet
 Hold my hand
 Stand by me while I run this race,
 I'm your child
 Search my heart



for I don't want to run this race in vain.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: GUIDE MY FEET, African American spiritual

◆ SENDING

AM Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE: "Fugue in A Major" - Friedrich Zachau

Thank you to all who serve in worship!

	Serving Sunday April 26	Serving Next Sunday May 3
Presiding Minister	Pastor John Guthridge	Pastor John Guthridge
Music Ministers	Barbara Fredrickson Peter Blau Ormsby	Barbara Fredrickson Peter Blau Ormsby
Assisting Minister	Mandy Englund	Jerry Benson
Acolyte	Cameron Dahl	Brayden Kress
Lector	Laura Engebretsen	Susie Forsythe
Greeters	Jean Miller Cathy Smith	Linda Nilsen Linda Johnson
Ushers	Mike Miller Jim Zielinski	Bud & Bonnie Bowers
Altar Guild	Janet Wyman Judy Sheahan	Judy Sheahan Kay Zielinski
Fellowship Hosts	Gary & Jenifer Troxel Mark & Linda Johnson Kathy Shoop	Jenny & Jerry Nelson Linda Larson / Jerry Sells Don & Marilyn Zorn
Flowers	Ron & Gailyn Ploeg	Judy Sheahan
Council Member of the Day	Dennis Jensen	Jon Aarstad



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Scripture Readings for next Sunday, May 3rd, are:

Acts 7:55-60

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

1 Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14

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