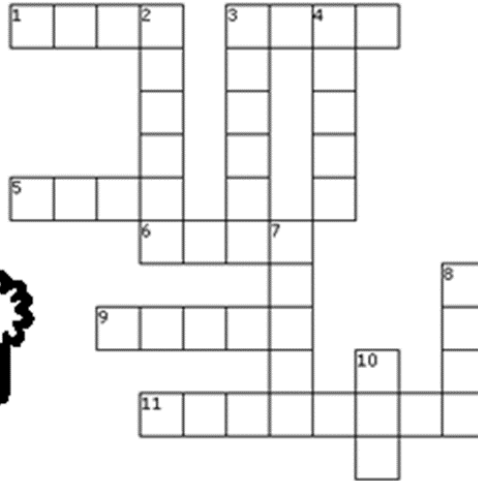


# The Good Shepherd

John 10:11-18 (NIV)



## ACROSS

1. Wild animal that looks like a dog and hunts in packs
3. The period from birth to death
5. A strong feeling of affection
6. Goes faster than walking
9. What we use to speak
11. One who takes care of the sheep

## DOWN

2. The male parent
3. To hear or pay attention to something
4. A group of sheep herded together
7. Woolly animals which are similar to goats
8. The opposite of bad
10. A small place where animals are kept

### Words Used

good	sheep	runs	listen
shepherd	wolf	father	pen
life	flock	voice	love



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April 21, 2024 ✝ The Fourth Sunday of Easter

*The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.*

## ✝ GATHERING ✝

### Prelude

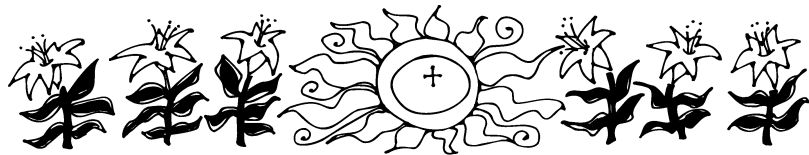
*(The prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for worship.)*

### Welcome

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church in Albion! We offer a warm welcome to all who are worshipping in person or by way of Vyve Cable Channel 21 and Facebook Live. We hope that you encounter a word of God's grace and love in this worship service.

**Holy Communion** will be celebrated today. At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. All who are baptized and believe in the real presence of Christ are welcome to share in the Lord's meal. Holy Communion will be distributed in person or by pre-packaged elements. If you are uncomfortable coming forward, please pick up the communion elements as you enter worship. We will partake of the sacrament as directed by the pastor within the worship service. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with an usher. Gluten Free wafers are available on request.





## Fourth Sunday Of Easter

### Confession & Forgiveness

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

When we were baptized, we died and were buried with Christ.

**We were baptized so that we might have a new life,  
as Christ was raised to life by the glory of God the Father.**

Therefore let us confess our sins to God  
so that, calling upon the name of the Lord, we may be saved.

*(Silence for confession and self-examination.)*

Almighty and all-merciful God,

**We are dead in trespasses and sin; we have no power to rise.  
We have offended your majesty and defied your divinity;  
we have brought death and darkness where you once said,  
“Let there be light.” We deserve the doom that you have decreed.  
We are dead in trespasses and sin; we have no power to rise.**

But Christ is risen.

**Risen indeed!**

Since we have been united with him in a death like his,  
**we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.  
For his sake we implore you, O God, forgive our sins,  
and lead us in the paths of righteousness for your name’s sake.  
Let us be raised with Christ.**

“Thus it is written, that the Messiah had to suffer  
and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that  
repentance and forgiveness of sins must be proclaimed in his name.”  
That word is now proclaimed to you.

**We have seen the Lord! Alleluia!**

# Baptism Word Search

Cal Olsen Rasmussen  
Amanda Rasmussen  
Philip Rasmussen  
Collins Rasmussen  
Baker Rasmussen  
Grant Rasmussen  
Taryn Friend  
Brandon Rasmussen  
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Tim Neyens  
Roger Olsen  
Deb Rasmussen  
Dale Rasmussen

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Family  
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Jesus Loves You  
Joy  
Lord  
New Life



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Pray  
Sacred

Son  
Zion Church



*The Sacrament of*  
**BAPTISM**



**TODAY** we celebrate  
the gift of God's grace as  
**Cal Olsen Rasmussen**  
is baptized in the name of  
the Father, **+** Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Cal** was born on  
Friday, February 16, 2024 at 3:30pm.  
He weighed 6lbs., 6 oz. and was 20" long.

Loving Parents:  
**Amanda & Philip Rasmussen**

Big Sisters & Big Brother:  
**Collins, Baker & Grant Rasmussen**

Godparents:  
**Taryn Friend**  
**Brandon Rasmussen**

Grandparents: **Brent & Tracy Lipker**  
**Michelle Rasmussen**  
**Melissa & Shawn Rasmussen**

Great-Grandparents: **Theresa Coplen**  
**Gary & Violet Lipker**  
**Tim & Connie Neyens**  
**Roger Olsen**  
**Deb & Dale Rasmussen**

May God continue  
to bless them all  
with His abundant  
love and grace.

**Gathering Song**      *The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing*      #531

1 The trum - pets sound, the an - gels sing, the feast is  
2 Ta - bles are la - den with good things; oh, taste the  
3 The hun - gry heart he sat - is - fies, of - fers the

read - y to be - gin. The gates of heav'n are o - pen wide,  
peace and joy he brings. He'll fill you up with love di - vine;  
poor his par - a - dise. Now hear all heav'n and earth ap - plaud

and Je - sus wel - comes you in - side.  
he'll turn your wa - ter in - to wine.  
the a - maz - ing good - ness of the Lord.

*Refrain*

Sing with thank - ful - ness songs of pure de - light.  
Come and rev - el in heav - en's love and light.  
Take your place at the ta - ble of the King.  
The feast is read - y to be - gin;  
the feast is read - y to be - gin.

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## Opening Litany

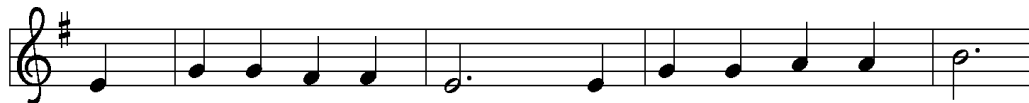
O Lord, our shepherd, you are good, **for you know us well.**  
O Lord, our shepherd, you are good, **for you bring us close to you.**  
O Lord, our shepherd, you are good, **for you love us like no other.**  
O Lord, our shepherd, you are good,  
**for you protect us from all danger.**  
O Lord, our shepherd, you are good,  
**for you listen to our cries for help.**  
O Lord, our shepherd, you are good,  
**for you lay down your life for us.**  
O Lord, our shepherd, you are good,  
**for you have a place of goodness and gladness  
prepared for us forever.**

## Apostolic Greeting

The Easter joy of our living Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,  
the expansive love of God the Father,  
and the unique peace of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## Kyrie

*ELW setting 10*



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.  
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.  
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## Sending Song

*God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

#536



1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun - sels guide, up - hold you,  
2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,  
3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con - found you,



with a shep - herd's care en - fold you;  
dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
put un - fail - ing arms a - round you;

*Refrain*



Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Je - sus' feet;



till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.

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## Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**



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Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

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### Table Blessing

May the body and blood of our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and preserve you unto eternal life. **Amen.**

### Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray... *(A brief silence is kept.)*

Shepherding God,

**you have prepared a table before us**

**and nourished us with your love.**

**Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness**

**and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.**

**Amen.**

✠ SENDING ✠

### Announcements

### Benediction

The blessing of the living God,

Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,

Surround and sustain you, keep you from harm,

and fill you with courage. **Amen.**

### Hymn of Praise

ELW setting 10



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.

2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.

3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:

Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;

Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.

on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.

Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.

For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

### Prayer of the Day

Let us pray... *(A brief silence is kept.)*

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep,

**you seek the lost and guide us into your fold.**

**Feed us, and we shall be satisfied;**

**heal us, and we shall be whole.**

**Make us one with you,**

**for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,**

**one God, now and forever. Amen.**





On that day when the shadow of death covers them,  
bring them to dwell in your house forever.  
Shepherd us with all your saints of every age into your glorious presence,  
where we shall behold your lamb in seated glory,  
most Holy Trinity, now and always. **Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

Let us pray together 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.**

### Agnus Dei

### Lamb of God

*ELW setting 10*



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

### Distribution

If you are joining us from home or are taking communion from your seat:

*The Body of Christ given for you. Amen.*

*The Blood of Christ shed for you. Amen.*

**thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.  
<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

### Second Reading

1 John 3:16-24

*Jesus' death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God's commandments.*

*A reading from First John:*

<sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us — and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

<sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

<sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

### Gospel Verse

*(Tune: #858)*



Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en! The earth has been shak - en!



Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en! The tomb is for-sak - en!

Death's reign is done, life ev - er - last - ing be - gun!  
We from our graves shall a - wak - en!

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### Holy Gospel

John 10:11-18

*In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.*

*The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10<sup>th</sup> Chapter.*

### Glory to you, O Risen Lord!

[Jesus said:] <sup>11</sup>“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away — and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

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



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### Eucharistic Prayer & Words of Institution

Sustaining God, as you lead your sheep to green pastures  
and guide them beside still waters,

so you have led us to this table

where in bread and wine you restore our soul.

Send down your Holy Spirit and restore your church  
through the abundance of this sacred meal.

As we remember the story of your Son's life laid down for us,  
sanctify this bread and cup and make them be for us

the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ;

who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks,  
broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying,

*“Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.*

After supper Jesus took the cup.

Again, he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying,

*Drink this all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.*

*Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.*

Great is the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Saving God, your rod and staff comfort all who look to you in faith.

Search out your sheep that are lost and bring them home.

When you find them in the valley of fear, gather them into your arms.

When they face evil in the presence of enemies,

follow them with your goodness and mercy all the days of their life.



✠ MEAL ✠

**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.**



**Proper Preface**

Shepherding God, we praise and thank you  
because you gathered your flock around Abraham,  
and through Moses and Joshua  
you brought your sheep to a place of safety.

In Jesus you came to us as a Passover Lamb  
to take away the sins of the world.

As our everlasting Good Shepherd  
you promise that those who hear your voice shall never be in want,  
for you know your sheep by name, and you call us your own  
and give to each of us a place in the sheepfold of your kingdom,  
where angels and archangels, and all the company of heaven,  
sing your unending praise.

**Sanctus**

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

*ELW setting 10*



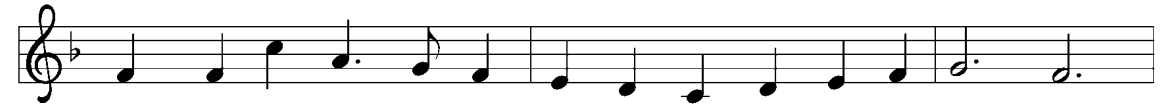
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

**Gospel Response**

*(Tune: #858)*



Christ is a - ris - en, Our shep-herd is faith-ful - ly lead - ing



To qui - et wat - ers and past - ures of prov - i - dent feed - ing.



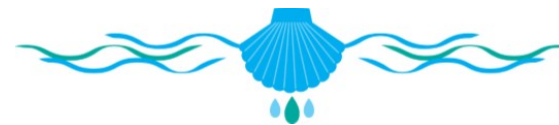
Death's reign is done, life ev - er - last - ing be - gun!



Fol - low, your shep - herd's voice heed - ing!

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**Children's Time  
Sermon**



✠ LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

**Baptismal Hymn**

*Born-ing Cry*

#732



- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
- 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
- 3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold.  
 you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.  
 I'll be there to guide you through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
 If you find some - one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
 When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell."  
 I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."  
 I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold."

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### The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

In Baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death  
 by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
 We are born children of a fallen humanity;  
 by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God  
 and made members of the church, the body of Christ.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.  
**We welcome you into the body of Christ  
 and into the mission we share:  
 join us in giving thanks and praise to God  
 and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

### Jesus Loves You

#595

*Jesus loves YOU this we know for the Bible tells us so.  
 Little ones to him belong, they are weak but he is strong.  
 Yes, Jesus loves YOU. Yes, Jesus loves You.  
 Yes, Jesus loves YOU, the Bible tells us so.*

### Peace

The Peace of the Risen Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

✠ OFFERING ✠

### Offering Response

### Let the Vineyard Be Fruitful

#184



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.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family,  
and through the sea you led your people Israel  
from slavery into freedom.

At the river your Son was baptized by John  
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free  
from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word,  
that those who are washed in the waters of baptism  
may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
now and forever. **Amen.**

**Cal Olsen Rasmussen** is baptized in the name of the Father,  
and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen. Cal Olsen, you belong to Christ,  
in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.**

Let us pray... *(A brief silence is kept.)*

We give you thanks, O God,  
that through water and the Holy Spirit  
you give your daughters and sons new birth,  
cleansing them from sin and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain **Cal Olsen** with the gift of your Holy Spirit:  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,  
the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

**Cal Olsen**, child of God,  
you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit  
and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

Council Rep.: Jesus said, I am the light of the world.  
Whoever follows me will have the light of life.  
Let your light so shine before others  
that they may see your good works  
and glorify your Father in heaven.

Living with Christ and in the communion of saints,  
we grow in faith, love and obedience to the will of God.

**Parents & Godparents:**

We present **Cal Olsen Rasmussen** for Holy Baptism.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God,  
do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

**Parents:** We do.

As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism,  
you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,  
bring him to the word of God and the Holy Supper,  
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,  
place in his hands the Holy Scriptures,  
and nurture him in faith and prayer,  
so that your child may learn to trust God,  
proclaim Christ through word and deed,  
care for others and the world God made,  
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

**Parents:** We do.

Godparents, do you promise to nurture **Cal Olsen Rasmussen**  
in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit  
and to help him live in the covenant of baptism  
and in communion with the church?

**Godparents:** We do.

People of God, do you promise to support **Cal Olsen Rasmussen**  
and pray for him in his new life in Christ? **We do.**

**Profession of Faith**

I ask you all to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin,  
and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?  
**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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 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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

### Prayers of the People

P Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

*A brief silence.*

A Shepherding God,  
gather your church whenever we wander from you and one another.  
Empower our church in ministries around the world  
to worship and serve alongside global companions  
as equal partners and coworkers in the gospel.  
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P Nurturing God, preserve the health of biomes and ecosystems.  
Inspire scientists, researchers, conservation organizations,  
and all people entrusted with the task of caring for creation,  
that we may be better stewards of the world around us.  
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A Almighty God, lead nations and communities to share resources,  
cooperate in solving conflicts,  
and listen to the wisdom of Indigenous peoples.  
Help all those with power to share it and to use such power for good.  
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P Loving God, protect the very young and the very old,  
those living without housing, victims of domestic abuse, and all who  
live with chronic illness or compromised immune systems, *especially...*  
Guide communities to actively care for people who are vulnerable.  
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A Gracious God,  
help this and all communities of faith to listen for your voice.  
Call us away from things that distract us from following you.  
Invite us to more deeply love and serve people  
who are lonely, isolated, and on the margins.  
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P Here other intercessions may be offered either aloud or in silence.  
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A Living God, we give thanks for our ancestors in faith.  
Strengthen us to share the good news in our own day.  
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P Into your hands, most merciful God,  
we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love;  
through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**

### Thanksgiving at the Font

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning  
your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word  
you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.