

# *House of Prayer Lutheran Church*



*"... my house shall be called a house of prayer  
for all peoples." Is. 56:7*

**House of Prayer Lutheran Church  
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## **Welcome to House of Prayer Lutheran Church!**

If you are a visitor, thank you for coming. We hope you will find a friendly community and a gracious God.

### **About the Worship Service**

- Assisted Hearing devices and LARGE print bulletins are available upon request.

Please respond in your preferred language when the Congregation is directed to speak.

### **About Communion:**

-Everyone who believes that Jesus is Lord, is welcome to come forward for communion.

-Grape juice and gluten free wafers are available upon request. Just mention it to the pastor.

-The center sections of the pews will be released to come forward for communion first. Then the usher will release the side sections.

Service recordings available each week on our website:

**[www.houseofprayerlutheranchurch.org](http://www.houseofprayerlutheranchurch.org)**

## **¡Bienvenidos a House of Prayer Lutheran Church!**

Si nos visitas, gracias por venir. Esperamos que encuentre una comunidad amigable y un Dios misericordioso.

### **Sobre el culto**

- Los dispositivos de asistencia auditiva y los boletines impresas con letra grandes están disponibles bajo petición

Por favor, responda en su idioma preferido cuando se le indique a la Congregación que hable/repita.

### **Acerca de la Comunión:**

-Todos los que creen que Jesús es el Señor, son bienvenidos a tomar la comunión.

-Zumo de uva y obleas sin gluten están disponibles bajo petición. Solo menciónelo a la pastora.

-Las secciones centrales de los bancos se liberarán para presentarse primero a la comunión. Luego, los ujieres liberarán las secciones laterales.

La grabación de el servicio esta disponible cada semana en nuestro sitio: **[www.houseofprayerlutheranchurch.org](http://www.houseofprayerlutheranchurch.org)**

**Sunday, April 28, 2024**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter: Service for the Young at Heart**

**Note to Parents with Young Children:** *We need your help today! We invite you and your family, as you feel comfortable, to sit right up front so your children may participate in the entire service. Show the bulletin to your children who read so they can participate. Invite your younger children to color the pages. At some points in the service, children will be invited to come up closer and participate. In all our worship services, and especially this one, all wiggles and noises are welcome. God delights in your children, and so do we!*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE:** Improvisation on "Jesus Loves Me." Henry Doktorski

*We center ourselves and mentally prepare for worship with music.*



**WELCOME, CHILD OF GOD**

*Rain drops, oceans, lakes, and rivers; welcome, child of God.  
Mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters; welcome, child of God.  
When the world feels wide around you, when the dark of night  
surrounds you, we are here to tend and guide you.  
Welcome, child of God.*

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*Children may gather around the font.*

We praise you, O God, for water.

**We praise you, O God, for water.**

We need water to drink.

**We need water to drink.**

We need water to wash.

**We need water to wash.**

We need water to grow.

**We need water to grow.**

We praise you, O God, for water.

**We praise you, O God, for water.**

We praise you, O God, for baptism.

**We praise you, O God, for baptism.**

We praise you, O God, for your Spirit.

**We praise you, O God, for your Spirit.**

*Children may stretch their hands out over the font.*

We praise you, O God, for water.

**We praise you, O God, for water.**

Amen, with water.

**Amen, with water.**

*The assembly may mark their own foreheads with the sign of the cross.*



*We remember our baptisms and thank God for promising to always be with us!*

# Jesus Loves Me!

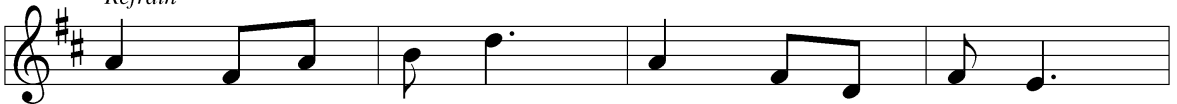


1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;  
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;  
3 Je - sus loves me! loves me still, though I'm ver - y weak and ill;  
4 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.  
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.  
from his shin - ing throne on high, comes to watch me where I lie.  
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

## *Refrain*



Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

## **GREETING**

The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*We welcome each other to worship with a reminder that the Holy Trinity (Jesus, God, and the Holy Spirit - the Three in One) is here with all of us today.*

## **SONG OF PRAISE**

*Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah, Praise ye the Lord!*

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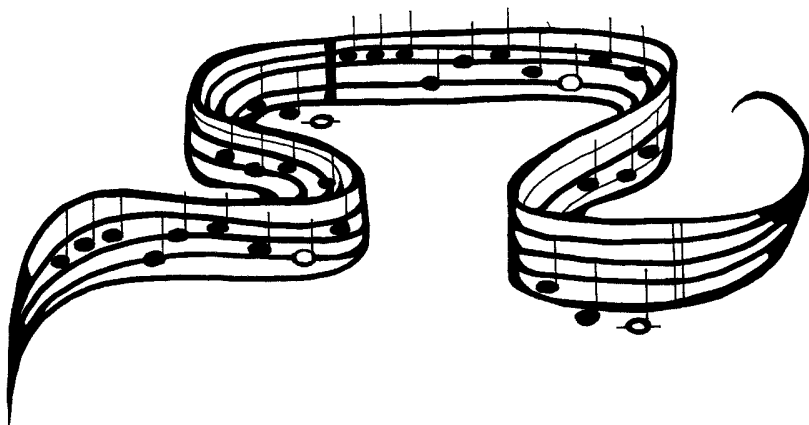
*Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah!*

*Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord!*

Text: traditional

Music: HALLELU, HALLELUJAH! traditional

*We sing a happy song to thank God and give praise!*



## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray

**O God, we give You thanks for the gift of your Son Jesus. Strengthen our faith, that we may know him in his redeeming work, in the name of the One who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*The word "Amen" means "Truly!" or "May it be so!" The Prayer of the Day is the transition between the Gathering part of service and the Word. It usually reflects the Readings of the day.*

**ANTHEM:** This Little Light of Mine  
Choir

John Helgen

**CHILDREN'S SERMON:**

**Kitty Wiebe**

## **DISMISSAL OF THE CHILDREN**

*Rejoice in the Lord always,  
And again I say rejoice! (repeat)  
Rejoice, rejoice, again I say rejoice (repeat)*

## WORD

### FIRST READING: Matthew 19:13-14

Maleny Contreras

A reading from Matthew:

<sup>13</sup>Then little children were being brought to him in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them; <sup>14</sup>but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs."

The word of the Lord;

**Thanks be to God.**

Choir

Psalm 118

Handbells: Tom Wiebe  
Cheri Kendall

Refrain



This is the day that the Lord has made; let us re-joice,



let us re-joice

and be glad in it.

Sing joyful songs of victory,  
Both now and through eternity,  
For God will leave us never,  
For God will leave us never. **R**

The gate that should unyielding be  
Is open wide to welcome me,  
Give thanks and adoration,  
Give thanks and adoration. **R**



**SECOND READING: 1 John 4:7-8, 11, 19-21**

**Kassia Rhoades**

A reading from First John

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen.

The word of the Lord;

**Thanks be to God.**



## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Halle, halle, halle - lujah.*

*Halle, halle, halle - lujah.*

*Halle, halle, halle - lujah.*

*Hallelujah. Hallelujah*

*What do Hallelujah and Alleluia mean? “Praise the Lord!” or “Yay God!”*

## **GOSPEL: John 15:1-8**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

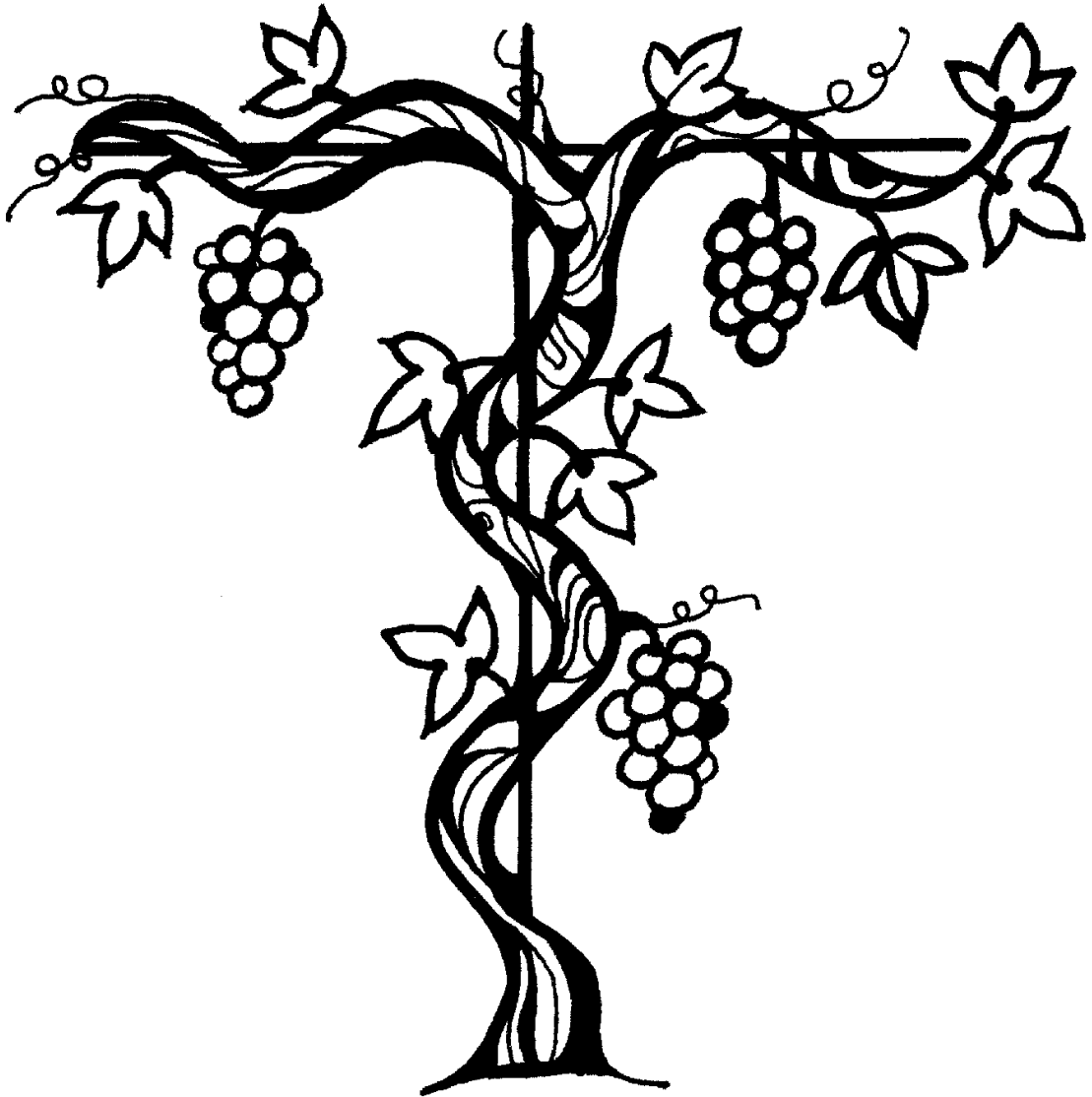
The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The word, “Gospel” means “Good News.” When we read scripture together, then we learn about God’s Good News for us.*

**SERMON: Pastor Christina De La Cruz**

*Together we reflect on the Word of God and God's work in our daily lives.*



## The Butterfly Song

**D** **G**

1 If I were a but-ter - fly, I'd thank you, Lord, for  
 2 If I were an el - e - phant, I'd thank you, Lord, by  
 3 If I were a wig-gly worm, I'd thank you, Lord, that

**D**

giv - ing me wings. And if I were a rob-in in a tree, I'd  
 rais - ing my trunk. And if I were a kan - ga - roo, you  
 I . . . could squirm. And if I were a croc - o - dile, I'd

**A** **A<sup>7</sup>** **D**

thank you, Lord, that I could sing. And if I were a  
 know I'd hop right up to you. And if I were an  
 thank you, Lord, for my big smile. And if I were a

**G**

fish in the sea, I'd wig-gle my tail and I'd gig-gle with glee. But  
 oc - to - pus, I'd thank you, Lord, for . . . my . . . fine looks. But  
 fuz - zy - wuz - zy bear, I'd thank you, Lord, for my fuz - zy - wuz - zy hair. But

A D G D

I just thank you, Fa-ther, for mak-ing me me.  
 I just thank you, Fa-ther, for mak-ing me me.  
 I just thank you, Fa-ther, for mak-ing me me.

*Refrain* D

For you gave me a heart and you gave me a smile. You

G A

gave me Je-sus and you made me your child. And I just thank you,

D G D

Fa-ther, for mak-ing me me.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*When we pray, we speak with God on behalf of the church, the world, and all who are in need.*

*Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.*



### **5 Finger Prayer**

<i>Thumb</i>	<i>For those closest to you (family, friends, pets)</i>
<i>Pointer</i>	<i>For those who point you in the right direction</i>
<i>Middle</i>	<i>For the Church and faith leaders</i>
<i>Fourth</i>	<i>For all who are sick or sad or need help</i>
<i>Pinky</i>	<i>For ourselves, that we know God is with us</i>

*Amen!*

*Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.*

## SHARING GOD'S PEACE

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

*When we say "Peace be with you" or even just "peace" we are also saying "Jesus is with you."*

## 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.**

### PREFACE

It is indeed right our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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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.  
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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff ends with a fermata over a whole note. The second staff ends with a quarter rest. The third staff ends with a quarter rest. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### 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.**

### PADRE NUESTRO

**Padre nuestro  
que estás en los cielos,  
santificado sea tu nombre;  
venga a nos tu reino;  
hágase tu voluntad,  
así en la tierra como en el cielo;  
el pan nuestro de cada día dánoslo  
hoy; y perdónanos nuestras deudas  
así como nosotros perdonamos  
a nuestros deudores;  
y no nos dejes caer en la tentación;  
mas líbranos del mal.  
Porque tuyo es el reino,  
el poder y la gloria  
por los siglos de los siglos. Amén**



## COMMUNION

*After intinction, the pastor will give the bread and wine to you. Please let the pastor know if you prefer a gluten free wafer, or grape juice instead of wine.*

*After receiving the bread and wine, folks may kneel at the altar rail briefly if they would like to do so.*

## LAMB OF GOD

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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.

*During Communion, we share a meal with Jesus and with all people throughout time and around the world. In this way, we are connected directly with God and with one another in an act of love. Jesus invited us to celebrate communion together so that we might experience God's love and grace in our own lives today.*

**COMMUNION MUSIC: Feed us, Jesus  
Choir**

**John Folkening**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**SENDING**

**BLESSING** *(Repeating after the Pastor)*

May the blessing of the Lord be upon you.

I bless you in the name of the Lord.

May the blessing of the Lord be upon you.

I bless you in the name of the Lord.

**Amen**

*We receive God's blessing here, and we are sent out into the world, in order to "be a blessing" to others.*

# Go, My Children, with My Blessing

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1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.

Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."  
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

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## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the Good news. **Thanks be to God.**

*God gives us a job: to share the Good News of Jesus' Resurrection and Love.*

## **POSTLUDE**

**Pastor Christina De La Cruz**  
**Kitty Wiebe, Community Support Minister**  
**Carolina Munoz, Office Administrator**  
**Cheri Kendall, Music Coordinator**  
**Henry Doktorski, Organist**

**Mark Worman, Custodian**  
**Clementina Lopez, Custodian**  
**Natalia Marquez, Camera**  
**Kyon Gonzalez, Sound**

## **TODAY'S STEWARDS**

Let everything you do be done in love. 1 Corinthians 16:14

<b>Acolyte:</b>	<b>Johnny Wiebe, Olivia Wiebe</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>Freddy Alvarado, Elijah Mora, Alfredo Alvarado</b>
<b>Reader:</b>	<b>Kassia Rhoades, Maleny Contreras</b>
<b>Communion Assistant:</b>	<b>Kassia Rhoades</b>
<b>Cantor:</b>	<b>Cheri Kendall</b>
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	<b>Patti Englebrecht</b>

***Today's Altar Flowers are given by***

***Janet Dopp***

***In loving memory of husband Bill Dopp***



### **Mission Statement**

**As the body of the risen Christ, nurtured by  
Word and Sacrament,**

**House of Prayer Evangelical Lutheran Church  
is called to proclaim the creative and redemptive work of God,  
in lives of loving service to its fellowship,  
to North San Diego County and, in cooperation with others  
to the ends of the earth.**